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January Lecture

This month's lecture, which is on Wednesday 18th January, will be by Professor Kent Brooks, who is of course a member of the Society. He will be talking about "Ash falls of the North Atlantic", which provide valuable dating evidence and have a bearing on climate change and mass extinction in the Palaeogene.

This meeting will be held at the Castle Street Centre, Kendal, as the Abbot Hall SC will be closed because of building works.

As Audrey mentioned at the end of the last lecture, we shall be booking a table for a meal at a local restaurant before each of the winter lectures, and everyone is welcome. It will be a good occasion for members to meet for a chat in a convivial environment and we hope that most members will be able to come along at least once during the winter season, even if you aren't able to come regularly. The speaker for the evening will be invited too, and we hope that usually they will be able to join us. This time, we are going to meet at the Wakefield Arms which is at the bottom of the Windermere Road at 6 pm. Chris Anderson will be making the booking, so if you are able to come, please contact her know either by phone (0750 5527154) or by email marychrisanderson@hotmail.co.uk - before Tuesday if possible. More details of the restaurant are here <https://www.tabletable.co.uk/pub-restaurants/Cumbria/Wakefield-Arms-Kendal.html>

February and March meetings

The March meeting will also be held at Castle Street Centre but the February meeting is still scheduled to be held at Abbot Hall SC if the work proceeds as planned.

Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions are now due. Members who do not have a standing order in place are asked to pay by cheque. Cheques, or cash, may be presented at the next lecture or sent to J. Fairhurst, Treasurer WGS, Park Head, Oxenholme Lane, Natland, Kendal LA9 7QH. The subscription remains at £16 for a single member, £21 for a couple.

Herdman Symposium

This year's Herdman Symposium will be held at the University of Liverpool on Saturday 25th February. The theme this year will be contemporary advances in Earth Sciences. The price of £15 includes lunch. For full details and booking arrangements see the website (<http://tinyurl.com/h9osh62>)

The Old Red Conference

The Friends of Hugh Millar, a society whose aim is to preserve the pioneering geologist's legacy, is holding a 2 day conference in his home town of Cromarty on 9th and 10th September. This will be followed up by three days of field excursions including a visit to the famous fish bed discovered by Millar and other locations in Caithness. For full details and booking arrangements follow the link <http://www.thefriendsofhughmiller.org.uk/news.asp?intent=viewstory&newsid=85983>

Committee Member

There will be a vacancy for an ordinary member of the Committee when the present incumbent's term ends at the AGM in February. The duties are not onerous – there are three meetings a year at which there is the opportunity to put forward your views on how the Society should be run. If you would like to put your name forward please let me know.