

**MWGG Annual General Meeting
On Wednesday 4th December 2013**

At the Bridge Inn Hotel, Walshford, Wetherby

Over thirty members with their guests came to the annual lecture and luncheon.

Anne was appointed to be chairman for the AGM.

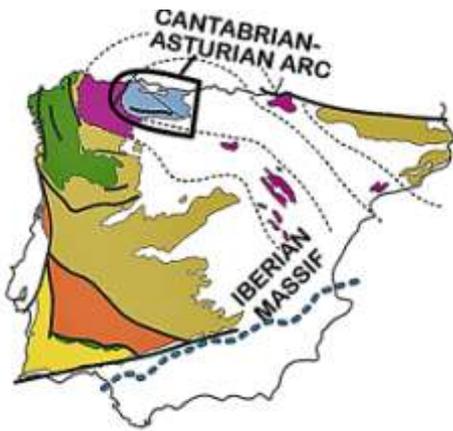
She welcomed everyone to the gathering and went straight on to introduce one of our members, David, and invited him to present his illustrated lecture for this year entitled,

'The Cantabrian Cordillera' in northern Spain.

He took us to the Cantabrian Mountains of northern Spain where enormous folds leave much of the strata vertical, with some stunning landscapes. Many of the mountains rise to 6,000m, limestone being the most common rock type. At the end of Carboniferous time there was a double whammy fold event, when two lots of folding (at right angles to each) other took place within a few million years. Fossils included Devonian beautifully preserved corals, crinoids and bryozoans. David showed some amazing Coal Measure fossils from the Carboniferous coalfields north of Leon. Along Spain's Jurassic coast we had a taste of the many dinosaur footprints exposed on the shore there.

Illustrations:

1. Map showing position of the Cantabrian fold belt
2. Vertical strata in the Cantabrian Mountains
3. *Sphenophyllum* from La Magdalena coalfield
4. *Stamnocrinus*, a Devonian crinoid
5. Footprints of *Stegosaurus* on the coast



The talk was very well received and the meeting gave their enthusiastic thanks for the talk after a session of questions and answers.



The chairman then introduced the formal part of the **Annual General Meeting**.

Anne, our chairman, gave her annual report covering membership and the activities, Annual mid-week break in Anglesey, and monthly meetings held in 2013. Anne was gratefully thanked for her continued work and enthusiasm as chairman of the "Management Team" for yet another year.

The meeting then took a break to enjoy their usual buffet lunch and drinks.

Anne invited Margaret, the treasurer, to present the **annual accounts to the 30th November 2013** which showed there was still a reasonable surplus of moneys in the bank account.

It was confirmed we have 51 members and it was decided the Annual Subscription for 2014 should stay unchanged at £10 and the contribution levels towards the Fieldtrip Leaders' Expenses would stay at the same levels.

Alan gave a report on the MWGG Website and the processing of the Newsletter via e-mails and confirmed the TEAM of Anne, Terry, Alan and Tony producing and distributing the Newsletter was working well and that new members had used the website to find out how to join the MWGG. The website needed to be brought up to date to include all of the 2013 monthly field trips and Alan confirmed he wanted to revise the format of the ESCAPADES page.

Anne reported that the mid-week break to Arran in May 2014 was fully booked and that David and Ian were progressing well in setting out the itinerary plans.

Anne reported that the monthly trips programme for the early part of 2014 was progressing but suggestions, ideas and volunteers' offers to lead some trips would be very welcome.

Anne also reported that she was representing the MWGG in the discussions being organised by the Yorkshire Geological Society for the May 2014 Geology Month and that our trip Marsden in June 2014 would be included in that programme.

It was agreed that the 2014 AGM and Annual Lecture would again be held at the Bridge Inn Hotel in December.

Members gave grateful thanks for all the continued hard work and very many hours THE TEAM of Anne, Margaret, Terry, Alan & Tony had put in for 2013 in the usual way and the meeting was then closed.