

Mid-Week Geology Group

May 2019 Newsletter

Hi Everyone,

May 19th – 24th was our residential trip to Northern Ireland, with our excellent guide, Ian Enlander. Everyone who came along seemed to think the trip was very successful and some described it as superb others said it was fantastic. We learnt a lot about the impressive local geology and we were very lucky to have good weather throughout. Here are a few photos to give you an idea of what it was like on the North Coast of N.I.



A full write up of the trip will appear on the escapades section of our website, along with details of most of our previous trips. Do take the time to look at these.

We are starting to plan next year's residential trip, and are currently researching a field course based in Stranraer. We would like more of our members to experience the variety of Geology and landscapes that are revealed on our annual field courses and we are trying to discover what factors influence their decision as to whether or not to attend these annual field courses. We would welcome comments and suggestions from everyone, particularly on

- Are you interested in coming along to future residential field trips?

- Length - Would you prefer shorter trips say 3 days plus travel time?
- Timing - Would you prefer weekends or mid week residential trips?
- Location - Is the distance from Yorkshire a deciding factor?
- Content - The diversity of local geology, or particularly unusual features that we cannot easily experience on our day trips?

Feedback would be really useful to help in planning future trips. Please send any comments or suggestions to Sheila.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

Following the resignation of our previous programme coordinator, our interim programme planning team have put together the following programme for the rest of this year

Wednesday 19th June, Castleton Derbyshire, leader Tony Felski

We shall look at Mam Tor landslide, evidence of hydrocarbon (e.g. oil) formation at Windy Knoll and, if time, evidence of igneous activity close to Speedwell Cavern.

Please meet at 10:30 at the rock outcrop by the road at Treak Cavern parking area (SK13686 83079). Free parking is available by the roadside on the North (right hand) side just before Treak Cavern and on the South (left hand) side just after Treak Cavern. Do not park in the Treak Cavern parking area.

Tuesday 16th July, Wensleydale, leader Jeremy Freeman

This trip will involve travelling one way on the Wensleydale railway from Leeming Bar to Redmire, and then walking back to catch the return train at Leyburn. If we can get a party of 12, or more, the group train fare will be £13.50 each. Otherwise everyone will have to book individually and pay normal fares of adult £17.50, senior £15.80.

Please email Sheila by 20th June, if you are interested in coming, so we can get an idea of numbers

Please meet at Leeming Bar Railway Station at 10.15, ready to catch the 10.30 train. Parking at the station is free.

On the outward journey, the train leaves Leeming Bar [close to the A1] at 10.30 am, arriving at Redmire at 12.06 pm. N.B. Possibly toilet at facilities Redmire station, no other shops or facilities in Redmire. Return train to Leeming Bar leaves Leyburn 16.13 arriving at Leeming.Bar at 17.00.

We will walk from Redmire to Leyburn, traversing most of the Wensleydale Series, many beds of which are exposed. The walk is mostly uphill, steepish in places, though the final section is fairly level then down through Leyburn to the station.

Tuesday 20th August Filey Brigg, leader Rodger Connell

Please note the date is 20th, not 28th

Please meet at 10.30, in front of the Country Park Café in Filey Brigg Country Park where there is ample car parking. We should return to the car park by 3.00pm.

Wednesday, 18th September. Baslow Derbyshire, leader Tony Felski

We are planning a further visit to Derbyshire to complement our June trip,

In the morning, we shall visit Birchen Edge, Baslow Derbyshire to look at an outcrop of the typical reservoir rocks of the East Midlands and Lincolnshire oil fields. After Birchen Edge, we shall pass through Baslow, where lunch and facilities are available. In the afternoon, we shall travel to Curbar Edge, only a few minutes drive away, Baslow to look at the gritstones and cross bedding. Then on to Arkwright New Town, Derbyshire to look at the boundary of the lower (Westphalian A) and middle (Westphalian B) coal measures, and the Vanderbeckei (Clay Cross) marine band and associated fossils.

Wednesday 16th October, The Halifax District, led by David Parkin

We shall be looking at the area around the junction of the Lower Coal Measures with the Upper Millstone Grit also seeing the effect of faulting on local routes.

Tuesday 5th November, Indoor Meeting at Cliffe Castle Museum, Keighley

Meet at the Museum at 10.30. In the morning the curator, Gerard McGowan, will give a talk about the history of the museum and its geology collection. We are planning to invite another speaker to complete the morning. Hot drinks will be available, and the Victorian café will be open at lunchtime. In the afternoon we can walk around the museum, to view the geology displays, including the outstanding mineral collection. Entry to the Museum is free.

Thursday 5th December AGM at the Bridge Hotel, Walshford

Please arrive by the slightly earlier time of 10.00am for coffee. Our speaker for the morning will be Richard Williams, on the subject of Weathering and Erosion Processes. This will be followed by lunch and the AGM in the afternoon

Thursday 16th January Members Day at Deepdale

Please be thinking of possible topics you may wish to present on the day

Thursday 20th February Study Day at Deepdale

Speakers and Topics yet to be agreed

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