

Home Counties North Regional Group

Programme of Meetings 2016



Date and Time	Topic	Speaker	Venue/Location
Tuesday 19 th January 2016	AGM and short lecture: The Lusi mud volcano, Indonesia	David Shilston, Atkins and Past-President, The Geological Society of London	Sir Robert McAlpine, Eaton Court, Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead HP2 7TR
Late February 2016	Schools Geology Challenge Sponsored by Soil Consultants and RSK	Competition	
Thursday 17 th March 2016	Lecture: Brief history of life in ten fossils	Paul Taylor, Natural History Museum	Sir Robert McAlpine, Eaton Court, Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead HP2 7TR
Friday 18 th March 2016 10am to 5.30pm	Hertfordshire Field Trip: Geology, stratigraphy, Roman geoarchaeology, Medieval building stones, geomorphology and hydrology of River Ver in St Albans City	John Wong, HCNRG	Verulamium Park, city centre, Sopwell Nunnery, Watercress Nature Reserve, Hertfordshire.
Sunday 10 th April 2016 10am to 4pm	London Field Trip: River Thames foreshore geology and archaeology walks at South Bank foreshore in London Borough of Southwark and Fulham Palace foreshore in London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham	John Wong, HCNRG	South Bank foreshore, Fulham Palace foreshore, London.
Sunday 22 nd May 2016 10am to 5.30pm	Bedfordshire Field Trip: Gault Clay Vale in mid-Bedfordshire, stratigraphy, periglacial geomorphology, building stones of Norman and Medieval churches, geoarchaeology of Iron Age hill fort and Norman motte. Economic geology of glacial erratics. Greensand Ridge in northwest Bedfordshire - stratigraphy, paleogeography and sedimentology of the Lower Greensand, also fluvio-glacial deposits and periglacial landforms.	John Wong, HCNRG	Hockliffe, Tilsworth, Stanbridge, Eggington, Tebworth, Battlesden, Rushmere, Stockgrove, Bedfordshire.

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Thursday 22nd September – Curry night. Please register at our email address for catering purposes stating any dietary requirements.

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Thursday 2 nd June 2016	Lecture: From Polar Bears to deep-sea seeps, a Mesozoic palaeontologist's view of Greenland	Simon Kelly, CASP	Affinity Water, Tamblin Way, Hatfield Business Park, Hatfield, Herts AL10 9EZ
Friday 15 th July 2016 10am to 5.30pm	Lab visit: Soil Consultants followed by Buckinghamshire Field Trip: tour of Hell Fire Caves – Stratigraphy of the local chalk and talk on the Chalk Provinces in the U.K. May also see local sarsen and Buckinghamshire Puddingstone.	Stuart Wagstaff, Soil Consultants John Wong, HCNRG	Soil Consultants, Chiltern House, Earl Howe Road, Holmer Green, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, HP15 6QT. Hell Fire Caves, Buckhamshire.
Thursday 22 nd September 2016	Lecture: Colouring the landscape: the extraordinary life of William Smith and the birth of a science Curry (free!) Lecture: The ripple effect: geological adventures underground in Java	Owen Green, Oxford University Tim Atkinson, University College London	Sir Robert McAlpine, Eaton Court, Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead HP2 7TR
Thursday 27 th October 2016	Lecture: How will minerals feed the world in 2050?	David Manning, Newcastle University	<u>Gass Lecture Theatre</u> , Open University, Walton Hall Campus, Milton Keynes

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