



40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 9<sup>th</sup> January 1975-2015

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**PROGRAMME FOR 41<sup>st</sup> YEAR, JANUARY – DECEMBER 2015**  
**William Smith bicentenary: 1815-2015**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January: Talk by **Dr Tim Yates** (Technical Director, Building Technology Group, BRE, Garston): **Change and decay – Studies of the weathering of natural stone at the Building Research Establishment 1920-2015.**  
7:30 pm, Verulamium Museum, St Michaels, St Albans.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February: Talk by **Dr Rob Sage** (Affinity Water): **Bromate and other challenges to water supplies from the Chalk of Hertfordshire.**  
7:30 pm, Verulamium Museum, St Michaels, St Albans.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March: **Annual General Meeting & Members evening, including the celebration of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** Please contact Lesley Exton if you wish to make a short presentation or have any old photographs/slides of HGS field trips. Micrafter cake baking competition. The AGM will be followed by cheese and wine/fruit juice and cake sampling (cost £1)  
7:30 pm, Verulamium Museum, St Michaels, St Albans.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March: **Field trip: Monken Hadley Church and the geology around Water End (Potters Bar).** Leader: **Mike Howgate.**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April: Percy Evans Lecture: **Dr John Catt** (UCL/HGS – Presidential Address): **What has happened on the Chilterns since London Clay times?**  
7.30 pm, Verulamium Museum, St Michaels, St Albans.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April: **Field trip: Sarsen stones and Jurassic sites in Wiltshire.**  
Leader: **Isobel Geddes.**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Talk by **Prof. David Nash** (University of Brighton): **Puddingstones.**  
7:30 pm, Verulamium Museum, St Michaels, St Albans.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: **Field Trip: Tour of Oxford Museum.** Leader: **Prof. Paul Smith.**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June: Talk by **Dr Tom Argles** (The Open University): **Earth Science teaching: firm foundations or shifting sands.**  
7:30 pm, Verulamium Museum, St Michaels, St Albans.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June: **Field trip** (joint with Reading Geological Society): **Kensworth Quarry, Little Heath & Berkhamsted Puddingstone.**  
Leaders: **Dr Haydon Bailey, Dr John Catt & Clive Maton.**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July: **Field trip** (joint with Farnham Geological Society): **Kensworth Quarry.**  
Leader: **Dr Haydon Bailey.**  
1.30 pm, Dunstable Downs car park.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July: Talk by **Dr Peter Banham** (University of Cheddington): **William Smith in the Three Counties.**  
7:30 pm, Verulamium Museum, St Michaels, St Albans.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August: **Annual Evening Summer Event: Fossils from the Jurassic Coast, Dorset.** A charge of £2 is made to cover wine and the hire of the hall. Please bring food to share, specimens and photos to exhibit and on a USB stick to show on the screen.  
6:30 pm, (exhibitors); 7:00-10:00 pm, Verulamium Museum, St Michaels, St Albans.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September: Talk by **Dr Simon Day** (Institute for Risk & Disaster Reduction, UCL): **Lateral collapses and other landslides at island volcanoes: precursors, mechanisms and tsunamis.**  
7:30 pm, Verulamium Museum, St Michaels, St Albans

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October: Talk by **Dr Laurance Donnelly** (Worley Parsons Consulting): **Forensic geology.**  
7:30 pm, Verulamium Museum, St. Michaels, St. Albans

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> (evening) - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October: **Field trip: Geology of Tor Bay, Devon.**  
Leader: **Malcolm Hart.**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November: Talk by **Dr Clive Edmonds** (Peter Brett Associates): **The geology of the Chiltern section of HS2.**  
7:30 pm, Verulamium Museum, St Michaels, St Albans.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December: Talk by **Dr Peter Falkingham** (Royal Veterinary College): **Dinosaur trackways.**  
7:30 pm, Verulamium Museum, St. Michaels, St. Albans.

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**THE SOCIETY'S WEBSITE ADDRESS IS: [www.hertsgeolsoc.org.uk](http://www.hertsgeolsoc.org.uk)**

#### **COMMITTEE**

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**The goals of Hertfordshire Geological Society are:**

- to develop the knowledge and enjoyment of its members in Earth Sciences
- to be a focal point in the county for all matters relating to its geology

**The aims to achieve these goals are:**

- Schedule monthly lectures on a broad range of geological or related subjects
- Organise regular field trips both within and outside Hertfordshire
- Maintain and seek opportunities to increase society membership
- Seek opportunities to promote Earth Sciences to a wider audience
- Encourage and assist with geo-conservation and accessibility of SSSIs and RIGS sites in Hertfordshire
- Partner with similar organisations (and when appropriate lobby local and/or national entities) to further public awareness of geology, geomorphology, resource sustainability etc.
- Develop and maintain 2 - 3 local geological projects which should be initiated as funds permit

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