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## PROGRAMME FOR 42<sup>nd</sup> YEAR, JANUARY – DECEMBER 2016

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January: Talk by **Matthew Saker-Clark** (PhD student) (Open University): **Early Jurassic Palaeoenvironmental Change: A North African Perspective.**  
7:30 pm, Verulamium Museum, St Michaels, St Albans.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February: Talk by **Prof. (Emeritus) Peter Friend**, (University of Cambridge): **Mapping the spectacular Valley Patterns of Hertfordshire.**  
7:30 pm, Verulamium Museum, St Michaels, St Albans.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February: **Field Trip: Westminster Abbey**, Leader: **Ruth Siddall**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March: **Annual General Meeting & Members evening.** Please contact Lesley Exton if you wish to make a short presentation. The AGM will be followed by cheese and biscuits with wine/fruit juice (cost £1)  
7:30 pm, Verulamium Museum, St Michaels, St Albans.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March: **Field Trip: Industrial geology around the Ridge, Hertfordshire.**  
Leader: **Mike Howgate**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April: Percy Evans Lecture: **Prof. Alastair Fraser** (Imperial College, London): **Shale Gas from the Carboniferous of Northern England.**  
7.30 pm, Verulamium Museum, St Michaels, St Albans.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May: Talk by **Dr. Colin Summerhayes** (Scott Polar Institute, University of Cambridge): **Earth's climate evolution, from Greenhouse to Icehouse.**  
7:30 pm, Verulamium Museum, St Michaels, St Albans.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May: **Field Trip: Denbies Wine Estate, Dorking.**  
Leader **Prof. Dick Selley.**  
Includes a talk on 'The impact of geology & climate change on 2 millennia of English viticulture'; a tour of the Winery and the Vinyard, plus wine tasting.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June: Talk by **Dr. Bill McGuire** (UCL [Retired]): **The Tambora eruption of 1815**  
7:30 pm, Verulamium Museum, St Michaels, St Albans.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June: **Field Trip** (joint with Reading Geological Society): **Goring-Sulham Gaps.**  
Leader **Peter Worsley**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July: Talk by **Dr. Susannah Maidment** (Imperial College, London): **Dinosaur biodiversity gradients in deep time.**  
7:30 pm, Verulamium Museum, St Michaels, St Albans.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July: **Annual Summer Event: The Water Table – A series of talks and a round table discussion about Water.**  
Talks by Ilias Karapanos (Affinity Water), David Johnson (H & MWT) & Haydon Bailey (HGS).  
10:00 am – 12:30 pm, Verulamium Museum, St Michaels, St Albans.  
This will be followed by a picnic in Verulamium Park (please bring food to share) and an afternoon walk down the Ver Valley (Redbournbury Mill – St. Albans). River guides from the Ver Valley Society.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September: Talk by **Dr. James Lawrence** (BGS): **The Current Status of Geological Screening for Disposal of Radioactive Waste.**  
7:30 pm, Verulamium Museum, St Michaels, St Albans

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September (evening) – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October: **Field trip: North Norfolk Coast.**  
Leader: **Dr Charlie Bristow**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October: Talk by **Prof. Douglas Robinson** (University of Bristol): **Geological evolution of the North American cordillera.**  
7:30 pm, Verulamium Museum, St. Michaels, St. Albans

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November: Talk by **Dr. Steve Banham** (Imperial College, London): **Martian Geology** (title to be confirmed).  
7:30 pm, Verulamium Museum, St Michaels, St Albans.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Talk by **Dr Chris Stringer** (Natural History Museum): **Britain: One million years of the human story.**  
7:30 pm, Verulamium Museum, St. Michaels, St. Albans.

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**THE PROGRAMME FOR 2017** will be distributed at the December meeting and subscriptions will be collected at the December 2016 and January 2017 meetings. If you are unable to attend either meeting, please send your subscription for 2017 and a stamped addressed A5 envelope to the Treasurer, Margaret Selby before the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

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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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