

WEGA

NEWSLETTER



Geology in the Bristol Area

No 49

Diary Dates

AGM

10 May 2011

Annual General Meeting

Your Committee report on a challenging year in office. Also election of a new Committee. See Agenda on page 2.

Excursions

Further details of our excursions are available on the WEGA web page (www.wega.org.uk). To book in for the excursions, please register via the web page or email to gldr@bristol.ac.uk.

Sunday 24 April

A geological traverse across North Wiltshire.
Dave Green, Geostudies

Sunday June 12

Glamorgan Coast and the Barry Island area.
Dave Green, Geostudies

WEGA Members have reciprocal arrangements to attend field trips organised by Bath Geological Society – (<http://www.bathgeolsoc.org.uk>)

Saturday May 14th

Saltford - a geological ramble.
Simon Carpenter

Saturday July 16th

Circular Geological Walk near Symonds Yat.
Dr. Nicholas Chidlaw

Saturday September 10th

Exploring Bradford on Avon.
Isobel Geddes, Wiltshire Geology Group

Saturday October 1st

Wick Quarry and Golden Valley.
Mark Mitchelmore

Saturday October 29th

Landscape features of the Gault and Upper Greensand in the vicinity of the Warminster Fault.
Isabel Buckingham, Bath Geological Society

West of England group of the Geologists' Association

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Agenda for Annual General Meeting of Tuesday 10 May 2011 at the Earth Sciences Department, University of Bristol at 19:30

1. Apologies for absence
2. Adoption of minutes of last meeting
3. Chairman's report
4. Secretary's report - position vacant, covered in the Chairman's report.
5. Field Secretary's report – no one has volunteered for this position for the past several years, and therefore the report will be covered in the Chairman's report.
6. Treasurer's report
7. Membership Secretary's report
8. Treasurer's report
9. Election of new Committee – see p. 3

The following members are available for re-election:

Doug Robinson	Chair
Roy McIntyre	Vice-chair
Vacancy	Secretary
Vacancy	Field secretary
Judith Hibble	Treasurer
Gloria Castle	Membership secretary
Phil McHenry	Webmaster member
Vacancy	Newsletter editor
Ian Donaldson	Member
Elizabeth McIntyre	Member
Fflyff McLaren	Member

10. Any other business

Naxos - the missing half of the talk given as a stand-in at the 8th March meeting
Cheese and Wine

WEGA Committee – the present perilous situation

As in the No 48, Spring 2010, Newsletter the then Secretary, Graeme Churchard, drew attention to a crisis in that the group had been without a field secretary for a number of years and that he was resigning his positions of Secretary and Newsletter editor. There had been no nominations or volunteers to take on those roles. Although at the last minute Alan Insole volunteered to be Secretary, it has not been possible for him to continue in that role. Thus we once again have a repeat of the situation in that the group finds itself with some of the main committee positions being unfilled.

The constitution requires that notification of nominations for Committee officers must be with the Secretary by the end of February, if they are to be included in the AGM agenda. Once again there have been no nominations for any committee member. However, it is possible for Ordinary members of the committee to be nominated from the floor at the AGM, and subsequently co-opted a officer position. *New office members are essential through this route if WEGA is to remain a viable organisation.*

If anyone has an interest in filling any of the vacancies, then please contact the Chair (gldr@bristol.ac.uk) for information etc.

THE POSITION OF WEGA IN THE ABSENCE OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

In the absence of the position of Secretary being filled after the AGM, then I feel it appropriate to resign from the Chair as from the end of my third year of office in April 2012. Without the two main officer positions being filled, then WEGA as a group is unfortunately not viable. Accordingly the one business of the AGM in April 2012 will be to dissolve the group.

News of our former Secretary Graeme Churchard. As people will no doubt recall, Graeme and Chris started their retirement journey last year. So far they have trekked across Europe to Greece, Italy and Switzerland. In October they set off on a round the world trip, so far taking in Singapore, Bali, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and are presently in Hawaii. In Hawaii they had to evacuate to higher ground in anticipation of the tsunami from the Japanese earthquake, which fortunately didn't arrive. Follow their exploits at: (<http://graemechurchard.wordpress.com/>)

