



# THE BLACK COUNTRY GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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## Next Meeting - 16th February, 1978

Mr Bill Gaskarth of the Department of Geological Sciences, Aston University, will lecture to The Society on "The Geology of the Black Hills of South Dakota". The Society is indeed fortunate to be able to welcome such an experienced geologist. Furthermore our thanks are due to Professor Hawkes for the use of facilities at Aston University for this lecture. Meet at the Teaching Extension to the Department of Geological Sciences Aston University for tea and biscuits at 7.15 p.m. Lecture at 7.45 p.m. Main entrance by Masshouse carpark. Directions from gate security officer.

Deposit of £5 (including tuition fee of £1 - £1.50 for non-members) to Hon Secretary (J Gollidge, M.A. 62 Red Hill, Stourbridge) immediately.

June 15th. Discussion and interpretation of geological maps for the Mendips area. Dudley Library 7.45 p.m. Tea and biscuits 7.15 p.m.

June 18th. Field trip to Cheddar and surrounding areas. Meet Dudley Library 8.45 a.m. Bring packed lunch. If sufficient support a coach will be booked. Please indicate your intentions immediately.

July 16th. The Geology of the Black Country. Field trip. Meet Dudley Library 9.00 a.m. Bring packed lunch.

September 21st. 'The Geological Re-Survey of Telford New Town' by R Hamblin of Institute of Geological Sciences.

October 15th. Field trip to Welsh Borders. Leader Dr P Toghill of Birmingham University.

November 17th. Social

December 7th or 14th. Friends of The Black Country Museum Mining Group.

## Programme for 1978

March 16th. Film Night and A.G.M.

April 13th. Informal discussion about the geology of the Charnwood Area. Dudley Library 7.45 p.m. Tea and biscuits 7.15 p.m.

April 16th. Field trip to Charnwood Forest. Leader Dr R King of University of Leicester. Hammers not to be used and be prepared to walk. Meet Dudley Library at 8.45 a.m. return by 7.00 p.m. Bring packed lunch.

May 11th. Members Night. 'The Hydrogeology of South Shropshire' by G Davies, B.Sc., M.Sc., F.G.S. Dudley Library 7.45 p.m. Tea and biscuits 7.15 p.m.

May 12th and 13th. The Geology of the Llangollen District. Weekend field trip. Leaders P G Oliver and G Davies. Hotel accommodation is being booked and participants will be informed which one. Arrive by 8.30 p.m. on the Friday for evening meal. Course ends mid-afternoon on Sunday. Cost approx £15 (for bed, breakfast and evening meal - two nights).

## Sherry Evening/A.G.M./Film Night - March 16th.

Two excellent films to follow the Annual General Meeting and the sherry.

The Secret Mendips: Cheddar Gorge  
(30 mins)

Living Sediments: Prelude to Palaeoecology (23 mins)

Dudley Library 7.45 p.m. Sherry 7.15 p.m.  
Tea and biscuits later.

### Associate Membership

Sutton Coldfield College of Further Education has joined the Society. The number of Associate Members is now 7.

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### Sites of Geological Importance

The Committee would like to hear from all members who know of exposures which appear to be of interest. The Society is about to compile a list of sites. Let us know about localities; field trips to them can then be arranged at a later date. This is a particularly important development especially in light of the other items included in this Newsletter.

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### Nature Conservancy Council - West Midlands County Council Structure Plans

The Society attended a meeting on 3rd December, 1977, called by N.C.C., to discuss the best ways of approaching the West Midlands County Council now that structure plans were being decided, and of coordinating natural history work in the County. A copy of the meeting report is attached. If you have any comments please contact one of the Committee.

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### November Social

The Old Mill again proved to be successful as the location for the annual social. Attendance was extremely good, as was the food yet again. It seems likely that the Committee will book the same place for next year, although any ideas members may have for a different type of November meeting would be gladly received.

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### Dudley Arts Council

The Society has been elected as a member of the above.

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### Church Stretton Field Trip

Dr P Toghill and Dr C Sands are taking a residential weekend course; 12th, 13th, and 14th May, 1978, entitled 'The Geology of the Church Stretton Area'. The cost is £18 including hotel accommodation. Anyone interested should contact Birmingham University Extra Mural Department.

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### Geological Site Documentation

As stated in earlier correspondence, the Geological Curators' Group have been working for a long time on a 'National Scheme for Geological Site Documentation'. The Group is now in the process of setting up and designating Record Centres and Recording Units. B.C.G.S. has applied to G.C.G. for designation as a Recording Unit

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### Membership

Subscriptions are now due. Please complete and return attached form as soon as possible.

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### Helmets and Hammers

Both items are for sale; helmets £1.50 and hammers £2.75. Anyone interested please contact the Hon Secretary - Stourbridge 6907.

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### Pouk Hill

The small, but important, exposure against the tunnel at the southern end of the site is to be covered up by the West Midlands County Council. This is despite strong representations from the Committee. There is a stability problem with the tunnel and the cheapest solution involves covering the exposure of weathered dolerite.

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION - Renewal due 1st. January.

Individual Membership	£3. per annum.
Family Membership	£4.50 per annum.
<i>student</i> Junior Membership	£1. per annum.
( <del>under 18 years</del> )	
Associate Membership (schools; companies; etc.)	£10. per annum.

Subscriptions should be sent to the Honorary Secretary,  
62, Red Hill,  
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or paid at the next Society meeting.

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£..... enclosed as my/our subscription,

Name

Tel. No.

Address

Signed

Date