



The Liverpool Geological Society

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Dear Member,

Our last Ordinary Meeting of the Session is a lecture by **Professor David Siveter** on the Sensational Soft Bodied Fossils from the Silurian of Herefordshire — see below for details. This lecture will be preceded by an **Extraordinary General Meeting**, at which several important changes to the Constitution will be proposed by Council, and by the **Election of Officers & Members of Council** for next Session.

However, before that we are to be led by Joe Crossley on a Field Meeting to Derbyshire. See below for details.

**** NB NO TEA/COFFEE before Prof Siveter's Lecture ****

Sat 9th April 2016 @ 11 am

Field Meeting to Derbyshire with Joe Crossley

Meet in the Tegg's Nose Country Park Car Park — Grid Ref: Si 950 733. Post Code: SK11 OAP sign posted on the outskirts of Macclesfield on the A537 Buxton Road. Toilets & Tea Room available adjacent to the car park. PARKING IS £1.70 for 3 hours.

The aim of this Field Meeting is to appreciate the fascinating variety of The Millstone Grit and its effect on the scenery. From Tegg's Nose we will go along the Buxton Road to Peak View Tea Rooms, Post Code SK11 OAR where members may take lunch. After which the nearby Shining Tor Grit is classically exposed. The majority of the afternoon will be spent around Mam Tor, near Castleton, where the rocks will certainly convince members that all Millstone Grit is NOT the same! **For some exposures HARD HATS are essential.**

Tuesday 19th April 2016 @ 7:30 pm @ UMU Rm 137

Sensational Silurian Soft Bodied Fossils

By Professor David Siveter

Our understanding of the history of life on Earth relies heavily on the fossil record, and especially on rare cases of exceptional preservation, where soft parts of animals and entire soft-bodied animals are preserved. Such exceptionally preserved fossils provide an unparalleled view of animal palaeobiology and the true nature of animal biodiversity.

On-going research has recovered spectacular fossils from Wenlock Series Silurian rocks (~425 million years) of Herefordshire in the Welsh Borderland. Representing one of the rare Silurian exceptionally preserved fossil deposits, this biota of global importance contains representatives of many major groups of animals, including molluscs, echinoderms, brachiopods, polychaetes, and most especially a range of arthropods.

Extraordinary General Meeting 19th Apr @ 7:30 pm @ LJMU Rm 137

Council propose the following modifications to the LGS Constitution 8.1 Officers

Add a Programme Secretary and a Website Manager. **10.5**

Programme Secretary.

The Programme Secretary shall organize and co-ordinate the Programme.

10.5 becomes **10.6**, **10.7** becomes **10.8** and so on.

10.15 Website Manager.

The Website Manager shall be responsible for the development and management of the LGS website and communication with the Members.

Full details of the proposed modifications are shown on page 3 of this newsletter.

Election of Officers and Members of Council 2016/2017 Tues 19th Apr

The following are proposed by Council to be elected for the 2016/2017 Session.
President: ME Williams, Vice-President JD Marshall, Hon Programme Secretary NC Hunt, Hon Sec J D Crossley, Hon Asst Sec G R Tresise, Hon Treas GT Billington, Hon Asst Treas N C Hunt, Hon Excursion Sec.' Hey, Hon Ed (NW Geol) G Sherwood, Hon Librarian MJ Collins, Hon Archivist A Morgan, Hon Publicity Officer S Hurrell, Hon Website Manager TJP Williams

Ordinary Members of Council – A Clague, R Leong, J Braithwaite, R Humphreys, C Gregson, J Brinkley, K Shaw and P Firth

Details of the proposed modifications to the Constitution of the Liverpool Geological Society

8. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL

8.1 Officers

8.1.1 The Officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, the Immediate Past President, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, an Excursions Secretary, a Librarian, an Editor of The Geological Journal, an Editor of The North West Geologist, an Archivist, a Publicity Officer and a Web Manager.

10. FUNCTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS

10.4 Secretary

10.4.1 Unless the Council determines otherwise in a particular respect the Secretary shall be responsible for the Society's nonfinancial administration, in accordance with this Constitution and decisions made by the Council.

10.4.2 The Council shall adopt and periodically review an itemised schedule of the Secretary's responsibilities.

10.5 Programme Secretary

The Programme Secretary shall be responsible for the organisation and coordination of the programme.

10.6 Assistant Secretary

The Assistant Secretary shall where necessary to the efficient administration of the Society, carry out functions of the Secretary in his or her absence and shall otherwise assist the Secretary as requested.

10.7 Treasurer

10.7.1 Unless the Council determines otherwise in any particular respect, the Treasurer shall be responsible for the Society's financial administration, in accordance with this Constitution and decisions made by the Council.

10.7.2 The Council shall adopt and periodically review an itemised schedule of the Treasurer's responsibilities.

10.8 Assistant Treasurer

The Assistant Treasurer shall, where necessary to the efficient administration of the Society, carry out functions of the Treasurer in his or her absence, and shall otherwise assist the Treasurer as requested.

10.9 Excursion Secretary

The Excursion Secretary shall (i) be responsible for the organisation and smooth running of Field Meetings in accordance with the Council's Programme for the Session; and (ii) ensure that leaders of Field Meetings are briefed to ensure that all participants are aware of the appropriate sections of the Code for Geological Fieldwork (or the equivalent).

10.10 Librarian

The Librarian shall be responsible for the Society's library, for providing access to Members and for relations with any other library or libraries offering special access to Members, in accordance with decisions of the Council.

10.11 Editor of The Geological Journal

The Society's Editor of The Geological Journal shall assist the Editor in Chief on behalf of the Society.

10.12 Editor of The North West Geologist

The Society's Editor of The North West Geologist shall (together with any other such editors) be responsible for (i) receiving, selecting and editing papers submitted for publication, and (ii) for each issue: agreeing with the Council (which shall consult with any other interested bodies) a specification, the print run and printing arrangements, an availability date, and a budget; ensuring the printing of the required number of copies to an appropriate standard; and submitting an account to the Treasurer as soon as reasonably practicable after completion.

10.13 Archivist

The Archivist shall be responsible for the selection of items to be included in the Society's archive and for the preservation of such items.

10.14 Publicity Officer

The Publicity Officer shall be responsible for publicising the Society's activities and publications.

10.15 Website Manager

The Website Manager shall be responsible for the development and maintenance of the website and communication with the Members.