

Southampton Mineral & Fossil Society – 2017 Programme

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Tuesday 17 th January	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “Annual General Meeting” with “Members’ Mini-Display” Competition (<i>max size A3</i>)	<i>Members’ Display Table</i> Competition
Tuesday 21 st February	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> – Annual Photographic Competition Categories – Close up study, Geological Feature UK & Worldwide, Members engaged in hobby, Geological Buildings	<i>Members’ Display Table</i> Photographic Competition
Tuesday 21 st March	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “My 10 favourite fossils from the Booth Museum” Presentation by John Cooper - retired Keeper of Natural Sciences, Booth Museum of Natural History, Brighton http://brightonmuseums.org.uk/booth/	<i>Members’ Display Table</i> “Favourite fossil”
Sunday 9 th April	<i>Field Trip</i> – Group visit to “The Etches Collection, Museum of Jurassic Marine Life”, Kimmeridge, Dorset followed by guided “Kimmeridge Bay Tour”	Further details from Barry Pitt, Field Trip Secretary
Tuesday 18 th April	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> - ‘Solnhofen’ Presentation by Chris Duffin – retired senior teacher, Ph.D. in Vertebrate Palaeontology and extensive author. See PDF leaflet on http://www.solnhofen.de/welcome	<i>Members’ Display Table</i> “Vertebrate fossils”
Saturday 22 nd April	<i>Field Trip</i> – “Newhaven” – fossil & mineral collecting Joint trip with Sussex Mineral & Lapidary Society	Further details from Barry Pitt, Field Trip Secretary
Tuesday 16 th May	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> - “The Nautilus and the Ammonite” Presentation by Wolfgang Grulke – author and businessman – recent publications “Heteromorph” http://www.heteromorph.com/home and “Nautilus” http://www.nautilus-thebook.com/home	<i>Members’ Display Table</i> “Ammonite & Nautilus fossils”
Friday 19 th to Mon 22 nd May	<i>Field Trip</i> - Isle of Wight – visit to “Dinosaur Isle” and guided tour of dinosaur footprint sites, plus fossil & mineral collecting	Further details from Barry Pitt, Field Trip Secretary
Tuesday 20 th June	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> - “Strontian Mines and Minerals” Presentation by Steve King, Russell Society http://russellsoc.org	<i>Members’ Display Table</i> Scottish Minerals & Fossils
Tuesday 18 th July	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> - “Ammonites – What use are they?” Presentation by Bob Chandler - consultant to the Natural History Museum London and Natural England, and international expert on the ammonites of the Jurassic Inferior Oolite formation. Twice winner of the Mary Anning Award.	<i>Members’ Display Table</i> Inferior Oolite Ammonites
Sunday 6 th August	<i>Field Trip</i> – Mendips Mines & Industrial Archaeology Led by our Secretary Gary Morse	Further details from Barry Pitt, Field Trip Secretary
Tuesday 15 th August	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “Annual Swap & Sale Evening” Please bring along unwanted minerals, fossils, rocks, books, anything of geological interest, to exchange or sell.	A good chance to have a clear-out!
Saturday 2 nd September	Hampshire Mineral & Fossil Show Lyndhurst Community Centre (SO43 7NY) 10am to 4.30pm We need help on the day from club members.	Our own great show now in its 28 th year – tell everyone you know, to get them all to come!

	http://www.sotonminfoss.org.uk/smfsshow.htm	
Tuesday 19 th September	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “Dinosaurs and Sex: A romp through the beds of the Cretaceous” (PG) Presentation by Dr Jeremy Lockwood, Chair of The Friends of Dinosaur Isle, and Research Associate with Southampton University	<i>Members’ Display Table</i> Dinosaur Fossils & Memorabilia
Tuesday 17 th October	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “Heavy Spar” Presentation by our Secretary Gary Morse	<i>Members’ Display Table</i> Baryte
Sat 18 th & Sun 19 th November	“Blast from the Past” at Dinosaur Isle, Sandown, Isle of Wight. SMFS will have a display http://www.dinosaurisle.com/newhomepage.aspx	Great opportunity to view the museum exhibits plus many event displays. Likely to be FREE ENTRY again this year.
Tuesday 21 st November	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “Mining Emeralds – where to go and how to find them” Presentation by Rob Bowell, Geochemist & Russell Society Member	<i>Members’ Display Table</i> Precious and semi-precious minerals
Tuesday 19 th December	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> – Gary Morse – “What we got up to in 2017” review of the year in pictures, words, and a few laughs! Please send photographs, field trip reports & other news to Gary during the year - secretary@sotonminfoss.org.uk	<i>Members’ Display Table</i> Minerals & Fossils you have received as presents!

Monthly evening meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at the Friends’ Meeting House, Ordnance Road, Southampton, SO15 2AZ and start promptly at 7.30pm. Take care where you park – check whether charges apply – for example some spaces in Ordnance Road incur charges, some don’t.

Monthly newsletter will be emailed to members a week before our monthly meeting – this will include details of any changes to the meetings programme, plus field trip updates.

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