

Southampton Mineral & Fossil Society – 2018 Programme

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Tuesday 16 th January	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “Annual General Meeting” plus presentation “ <i>Recenseo Annus 2017</i> ” by Gary Morse, Secretary of Southampton Mineral & Fossil Society	<i>Members’ Display Table</i> 2017 finds & acquisitions
Saturday 17 th February	Essex Gem & Mineral Show North Romford Community Centre, Clockhouse Lane, Collar Row, Romford, RM5 3QJ 10am to 4pm http://www.erms.org/erms-show.html	A two-hour drive but a great show; well worth a visit – excellent range of minerals and fossils
Tuesday 20 th 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
Sunday 4 th March	Oxford Mineral & Fossil Show Exeter Hall, Kidlington (OX5 1AB) 10.30am to 4pm. Free Entry http://www.oxfordshow.co.uk/	Combine with a visit to Oxford Museum of Natural History http://www.oum.ox.ac.uk/
Tuesday 20 th March	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “Minerals of the Bible” Presentation by Nick Hawes, Chairman of Sussex Mineral & Lapidary Society https://www.smls.online	<i>Members’ Display Table</i> Minerals of the Bible (<i>Get online and search!</i>)
Tuesday 17 th April	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “Rocks & Radiation” Presentation by Dr Mike Fowler, Reader in Geochemistry, University of Portsmouth http://www.port.ac.uk/school-of-earth-and-environmental-sciences/staff/mike-fowler.html	<i>Members’ Display Table</i> <i>Rock samples; but not radioactive!</i>
Sunday 29 th April	<i>Field Trip</i> – “Eype, Dorset” – fossil & mineral collecting – low tide 12.35, meet at Eype Mouth 9.30 to 10am Fossils - https://ukfossils.co.uk/2008/01/26/eype/ Minerals - https://www.mindat.org/loc-288589.html	Further details from Barry Pitt, Field Trip Secretary
Sat/Sun 5 th / 6 th May	Lyme Regis Fossil Festival See programme & exhibitors https://www.fossilfestival.co.uk	Brilliant event in Mary Anning’s home town!
Sunday 13 th May	Oxford Mineral & Fossil Show Exeter Hall, Kidlington (OX5 1AB) 10.30am to 4pm. Free Entry http://www.oxfordshow.co.uk/	A great show – plenty of minerals and fossils
Tuesday 15 th May	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “Geological History of the South West of England” - Presentation by Alan Holiday, Chairman Dorset Geologists’ Association Group http://www.dorsetgeologistsassociation.com	<i>Members’ Display Table</i> Dorset Minerals, Rocks and Fossils
Thursday 17 th to Mon 21 st May	<i>Field Trip</i> – Cornwall; based in Liskeard area. Mineral sites should include Restormel Iron Mine, Herodsfoot Mine, Holmbush Mine. Fossils Maer Cliff, Bude	Further details including confirmation of sites from Barry Pitt, Field Trip Secretary
Tuesday 19 th June	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “Sophie the Stegosaurus” Presentation by Dr Susannah Maidment, Department of Earth Sciences, Natural History Museum, London	<i>Members’ Display Table</i> Minerals & Fossils from North America
Tuesday 17 th July	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “Dinosaurs and their Bowels!” Presentation by Dr Jeremy Lockwood, Chair of The Friends of Dinosaur Isle, and researcher at the School of Earth & Environmental Sciences, Portsmouth University FoDI - http://www.dinosaurisle.com/fodi.aspx	<i>Members’ Display Table</i> Fossils & Minerals from the Isle of Wight

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Sunday 5 th August	<i>Field Trip – Mendips Mines & Industrial Archaeology – Part TWO – Smitham Chimney & East Harptree</i> Led by our Secretary Gary Morse	Further details from Gary Morse, Secretary
Tuesday 21 st August	<i>Monthly Meeting – “Annual Swap & Sale Evening”</i> 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 1 st September	Hampshire Mineral & Fossil Show Lyndhurst Community Centre (SO43 7NY) 10am to 4.30pm We need help on the day from club members. http://www.sotonminfoss.org.uk/smfsshow.htm	Our own great show now in its 29 th year – tell everyone you know, to get them all to come!
Tuesday 18 th September	<i>Monthly Meeting – “The Dinosaurs of Crystal Palace, and a world of spin-off illustrations”</i> Presentation by our Chairman, Phil James	<i>Members’ Display Table</i> Dinosaur Fossils & Memorabilia
Late Sept / Oct Date TBC	<i>Field Trip – The Prehistoric Animals of Waterhouse Hawkins in the Crystal Palace Park, south London, plus another surprise venue!</i>	Further details from Phil James, Chairman
Sat/Sun 13 th /14 th October	The Rock Exchange – Mineral & Fossil Fair Bakewell, Derbyshire (DE45 1JA) 10am to 5pm http://www.rockexchange.org.uk/	The largest mineral & fossil fair in the UK – excellent event with more than 70 different stalls
Tuesday 16 th October	<i>Monthly Meeting – “Quartz”</i> Presentation by our Secretary, Gary Morse	<i>Members’ Display Table</i> Quartz varieties
Saturday 3 rd November	Festival of Geology University of London, Gower Street 10.30am to 4.30pm http://www.geologistsassociation.org.uk/festival.html	Covers a wide range of geological interests
Sat & Sun November	“Blast from the Past” at Dinosaur Isle, Sandown, Isle of Wight. SMFS will have a display on one of the days. 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.
Saturday 17 th November	Sussex Mineral Show Clair Hall, Haywards Heath (RH16 3DN) 10am to 4.30pm http://www.sussexmineralandlapidarysociety.org.uk/home/show	Fantastic show with talks, and emphasis on minerals.
Tuesday 20 th November	<i>Monthly Meeting – “On the Origin of Species in Forty-Five Minutes!”</i> Presentation by Dr Neil Gostling, Senior Teaching Fellow in Evolutionary-developmental Biology at Southampton University https://www.southampton.ac.uk/biosci/about/staff/njg1d15.page	<i>Members’ Display Table</i> Minerals & Fossils from South America
Sunday 25 th November	Oxford Mineral & Fossil Show Exeter Hall, Kidlington (OX5 1AB) 10.30am to 4pm. Free Entry http://www.oxfordshow.co.uk/	A great show – plenty of minerals and fossils
Tuesday 18 th December	<i>Monthly Meeting – Fun Quiz & Christmas nibbles</i>	<i>Members’ Display Table</i> Your favourite Minerals & Fossils from 2018

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. There is also large car park, entrance on left under height barrier - £2 for the evening.

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.

Don’t forget to follow us on **Facebook** – open Facebook and type **Southampton Mineral & Fossil Society** in the search box.

Field Trips to the coast - tide times <https://www.planetseafishing.com/tide-tables/>

MORE MEMBERS WELCOME - do you have any family, friends or neighbours interested in our subject? If so bring them along to a meeting and encourage them to join the Society.