

Southampton Mineral & Fossil Society – 2019 Programme

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| Tuesday 15 th January | <i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “Annual General Meeting” plus Members’ Specimen Display | <i>Members’ Display Table</i> As per meeting |
| Tuesday 19 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 3 rd March | Oxford Mineral & Fossil Show Exeter Hall, Kidlington (OX5 1AB) 10.00am to 4pm. Free Entry http://mineralandfossilevents.co.uk | Combine with a visit to Oxford Museum of Natural History http://www.oum.ox.ac.uk/ |
| Saturday 16 th March | <i>Dorset visit to see the fabulous fossil collections of Wolfgang Grulke & Dr John Whicher</i> | Further details from Phil James, Chairman |
| Tuesday 19 th March | <i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “European Jurassic to Early Cretaceous non-marine molluscs and palaeoenvironments” - presentation by Dr Martin Munt, Curator & General Manager, Dinosaur Isle http://www.dinosaurisle.com/newhomepage.aspx | <i>Members’ Display Table</i> Isle of Wight Minerals & Fossils |
| Sunday 24 th March | <i>Field Trip – Worbarrow Bay, Dorset. Minerals & fossils. Meet at 10am Tyneham village Car Park. Directions: http://www.tynehamopc.org.uk/visiting-tyneham/directions Geology: http://www.southampton.ac.uk/~imw/worbar.htm</i> | Further details from Barry Pitt, Field Trip Secretary (Low tide 13.50) |
| Tuesday 16 th April | <i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “The Virtuous Lady” – presentation by our Field Trip Secretary, Barry Pitt | <i>Members’ Display Table</i> Minerals & Fossils from Devon |
| Sunday 27 th April | <i>Field Trip</i> – Herne Bay, Kent – fossils & minerals. Joint trip with Sussex Mineral & Lapidary Society https://ukfossils.co.uk/2012/01/24/herne-bay/ | Further details from Barry Pitt, Field Trip Secretary (Low tide 12.30) |
| Sat/Sun 4 th /5 th May | Lyme Regis Fossil Festival See programme & exhibitors https://www.fossilfestival.co.uk | Brilliant event in Mary Anning’s home town! |
| Sunday 12 th May | Oxford Mineral & Fossil Show Exeter Hall, Kidlington (OX5 1AB) 10.00am to 4pm. Free Entry http://mineralandfossilevents.co.uk | A great show – plenty of minerals and fossils |
| Thursday 16 th to Tuesday 21 st May | <i>Field Trip</i> – six-day mineral collecting field trip to South Devon – planning to visit at least 7 locations | Further details including confirmation of sites from Barry Pitt, Field Trip Secretary |
| Tuesday 21 st May | <i>Monthly Meeting</i> – Collecting Fluorescent Minerals in Langban, Sweden – presentation by Michael Doel, Russell Society | <i>Members’ Display Table</i> Fluorescent Minerals |
| Tuesday 18 th June | <i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “Where did the Sauropods Roam?” - presentation by Megan Jacobs, postgraduate student, MRes, Portsmouth University | <i>Members’ Display Table</i> Anything Dinosaur! |
| Tuesday 16 th July | <i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “A green Man and fossil adventures in Brittany’ – presentation by Dr Bob Chandler, Natural History Museum & Wessex Cephalopod Club | <i>Members’ Display Table</i> French fossils & minerals |
| Sunday 28 th July | Oxford Mineral & Fossil Show Exeter Hall, Kidlington (OX5 1AB) 10.00am to 4pm. Free Entry http://mineralandfossilevents.co.uk | Combine with a visit to Oxford Museum of Natural History http://www.oum.ox.ac.uk/ |

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| Tuesday 20 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 7 th 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 30 th year – tell everyone you know, to get them all to come! |
| Tuesday 17 th September | <i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “How does nature make good mineral specimens? Insights into mineral formation” – presentation by Dr Nic Holland, Taranis Minerals https://www.taranisminerals.com/index.php | <i>Members’ Display Table</i> Crystallised minerals |
| Sat/Sun 12 th /13 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 15 th October | <i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “The wonderful world of Pseudomorphs” – presentation by our Secretary, Gary Morse | <i>Members’ Display Table</i> Pseudomorphs |
| Saturday 2 nd November Date TBC | 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 - Date in November TBC | “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 16 th November | Sussex Mineral Show Clair Hall, Haywards Heath (RH16 3DN) 10am to 4.30pm https://www.smls.online/show | Fantastic show with talks, and emphasis on minerals. |
| Tuesday 19 th November | <i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “The Skye Meteorite” – presentation by Dr Simon Drake & Dr Andy Beard, Birkbeck, University of London http://www.bbk.ac.uk/geology/our-staff/simon-drake http://www.bbk.ac.uk/geology/our-staff/andy-beard | <i>Members’ Display Table</i> Minerals and rocks from outer space! |
| Sunday 24 th November | Oxford Mineral & Fossil Show Exeter Hall, Kidlington (OX5 1AB) 10.00am to 4pm. Free Entry http://mineralandfossilevents.co.uk | A great show – plenty of minerals and fossils |
| Tuesday 17 th December | <i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “Geological Cartoons; historical & modern” – presentation by our Chairman Phil James | <i>Members’ Display Table</i> Geological Funnies! |

Other field trips arranged will be announced during the year.

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 via meters, 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. Please submit stories, photos, and events to Gary for inclusion.

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

Field Trips to the coast - tide times - Google “Tides4fishing” <https://tides4fishing.com/uk> or WillyWeather <https://tides.willyweather.co.uk>

MORE MEMBERS WELCOME - do you have any family, friends or neighbours interested in our subject? If you are out in the field or at Shows do mention our club when chatting to other collectors. If so bring them along to a meeting, and encourage them to join the Society.

Our own **Hampshire Mineral & Fossil Show** is extremely important to the club and we welcome help from members both on the day, and with the organization. In particular we are looking for help with advance publicity, especially via the internet. Please contact Phil James.