

# Southampton Mineral & Fossil Society – 2020 Programme

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Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “Annual General Meeting” plus Members’ Specimen Display	<i>Members’ Display Table</i> As per meeting
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	<i>Evening Presentation</i> - Portsmouth Museum Wolfgang Grulke - “Beyond Extinction”	In conjunction with new “D is for Dodo, E is for Extinct” exhibition
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March Postponed - new date TBA	<i>Society Display</i> - Southampton University “Science & Engineering Day” - Fossils & Minerals <a href="https://www.sotsef.co.uk/science&amp;engineeringday/?zone=biology">https://www.sotsef.co.uk/ science &amp; engineering day/?zone=biology</a>	With Phil, Barry & Steve - find us in the Centenary Building (100), Salisbury Road, off University Road
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Oxford Mineral & Fossil Show Exeter Hall, Kidlington (OX5 1AB) 10.00am to 4pm. Free Entry	Combine with a visit to Oxford Museum of Natural History
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March POSTPONED	Meeting CANCELLED due to Coronavirus - Neil Gostling’s talk postponed until November	N/A
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Dealer Visit</i> - Crystal Classics Fine Minerals The Old Coach Yard, East Coker, Somerset, BA22 9HY 10am to 2pm POSTPONED	Further details from Barry Pitt, Field Trips
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Field Trip - Worbarrow Bay. Minerals & Fossils. Meet at Tyneham village car park. Directions: <a href="http://www.tynehamopc.org.uk/visiting-tyneham/directions">http://www.tynehamopc.org.uk/visiting- tyneham/directions</a> Geology: <a href="http://www.southampton.ac.uk/~imw/worbar.htm">http:// www.southampton.ac.uk/~imw/worbar.htm</a>	Meeting time 10.30am. Low Tide time 1.41pm. Further details from Barry Pitt, Field Trip Secretary
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “Mineral Collecting in the Wider Mendips” - presentation by Chris Finch, Russell Society & SMFS member	<i>Members’ Display Table</i> Mendip Minerals & Fossils
Sat/Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Lyme Regis Fossil Festival POSTPONED See programme & exhibitors <a href="https://www.fossilfestival.co.uk">https://www.fossilfestival.co.uk</a>	Brilliant event in Mary Anning’s home town!
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Oxford Mineral & Fossil Show Exeter Hall, Kidlington (OX5 1AB) 10.00am to 4pm. Free Entry	A great show – plenty of minerals and fossils
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> to Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>Field Trip</i> – Five day mineral collecting field trip to Cornwall - site planning underway	Further details including confirmation of sites from Barry Pitt, Field Trip Secretary
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “Processing a Neglected Collection” - presentation by Mike Brooke, Russell Society and retired mineral dealer	<i>Members’ Display Table</i> Your first collected specimens
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<i>Society Display</i> - Open Day at Batts Combe Quarry, near Cheddar BS27 3LR	Mineral display Chris Finch Fossil display Phil James
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “The condensed history of the Universe - the Big Bang to now, in next to no time” presentation by Ian Dunne, SMFS member & science presenter known as the “The Professor” <a href="https://www.doscience.co.uk">https://www.doscience.co.uk</a>	<i>Members’ Display Table</i> Large minerals & fossils to make a Big Bang going on the table!

Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Oxford Mineral & Fossil Show Exeter Hall, Kidlington (OX5 1AB) 10.00am to 4pm. Free Entry <a href="http://mineralandfossilevents.co.uk">http://mineralandfossilevents.co.uk</a>	Combine with a visit to Oxford Museum of Natural History <a href="http://www.oum.ox.ac.uk/">http://www.oum.ox.ac.uk/</a>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “The Dodo, an enigma of Extinction” - presentation by Julian Hume, Palaeontological Artist and Avian Palaeontologist <a href="http://julianhume.co.uk">http://julianhume.co.uk</a>	<i>Members' Display Table</i> Extinct Bird & Animal art, models and ephemera
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 5 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Hampshire Mineral &amp; Fossil Show</b> Lyndhurst Community Centre (SO43 7NY) 10am to 4.30pm We need help on the day from club members. <a href="http://www.sotonminfoss.org.uk/smfsshow.htm">http://www.sotonminfoss.org.uk/smfsshow.htm</a>	Our own great show now in its 31 <sup>st</sup> year – tell everyone you know, to get them all to come!
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “British Fluorite” - presentation by SMFS Secretary Gary Morse	<i>Members' Display Table</i> British Fluorites
Sat/Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> October	The Rock Exchange – Mineral & Fossil Fair Bakewell, Derbyshire (DE45 1JA) 10am to 5pm <a href="http://www.rockexchange.org.uk/">http://www.rockexchange.org.uk/</a>	The largest mineral & fossil fair in the UK – excellent event with more than 70 different stalls
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “Ashford Black Marble; Derbyshire's Pietra Dura” - presentation by our Chairman Phil James	<i>Members' Display Table</i> Derbyshire minerals
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> November Date TBC	Festival of Geology University of London, Gower Street 10.30am to 4.30pm <a href="https://geologistsassociation.org.uk/calendar/">https://geologistsassociation.org.uk/calendar/</a>	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. <a href="http://www.dinosaurisle.com/events.aspx">http://www.dinosaurisle.com/events.aspx</a>	Great opportunity to view the museum exhibits plus many event displays. Likely to be FREE ENTRY again this year.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “The Curious Case of the Eggs in the Abdomen, or what we can infer about the behaviour of Dinosaurs” Presentation by Dr Neil Gostling, Senior Teaching Fellow in Evolutionary-developmental Biology at Southampton University <a href="https://www.southampton.ac.uk/biosci/about/staff/njg1d15.page">https://www.southampton.ac.uk/biosci/about/staff/njg1d15.page</a>	<i>Members' Display Table</i> Vertebrate Fossils & anything Dinosaur!
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Sussex Mineral Show Clair Hall, Haywards Heath (RH16 3DN) 10am to 4.30pm <a href="https://www.smls.online/show">https://www.smls.online/show</a>	Fantastic show with talks, and emphasis on minerals.
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Oxford Mineral & Fossil Show Exeter Hall, Kidlington (OX5 1AB) 10.00am to 4pm. Free Entry <a href="http://mineralandfossilevents.co.uk">http://mineralandfossilevents.co.uk</a>	A great show – plenty of minerals and fossils
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>Monthly Meeting</i> – “More Geological Cartoons; historical & modern - The Sequel” – presentation by our Chairman Phil James	<i>Members' Display Table</i> Anything you want!

<sup>5</sup> **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.

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