



**Circular 403  
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**AUTUMN/WINTER 2013/2014**  
**LECTURE PROGRAMME**

**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2013 – 6.00 pm**

**The Geology and Palaeontology of the Black Country in the late Silurian Period**

**Speaker: Graham Worton**

**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2013 – 6.00 pm**

**The Geology of Svalbard and Jan Mayen**

**Speaker: James Creswell**

**Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2013 – 6.00 pm**

***To be followed by the Christmas Buffet – please remember to bring a glass!***

**Landslides**

**Speakers: Helen Reeves and Claire Dashwood**

**Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2014 – 6.00 pm**

**Shale Gas**

**Speaker: Nick Riley**

**Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2014 – 6.00 pm**

**Professor Iain Stewart of Plymouth University has kindly agreed to give the Foundation Lecture on this the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Society - the title of his talk will be confirmed as soon as possible.**

**The talk will be followed by a special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner which it is hoped that as many members as possible will attend.**

**Details and a booking form for the Dinner will appear in the next Circular.**

## LECTURE VENUE

***The Southern and Eastern access roads to the University have been closed due to the tram works on University Boulevard and within the University Park. There is an alternative access signed 'University Only' from Clifton Boulevard, otherwise please use the Northern or Western access roads.***

Indoor meetings will take place in lecture theatre B3 of the Biology building at the University of Nottingham. If you require to use the lift to B3, please speak to the security attendant who will assist you. B3 is equipped with induction loop hearing assistance. If you are attending meetings or joining a coach at the University of Nottingham, enter from the South Entrance on University Boulevard. Cars should be parked in the car park on the bend in the road just beyond the security point after Science Road. The entrance to the Biology building is at the right hand side of the rear of this car park.

**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2013 – 6.00 pm**

### **The Geology and Palaeontology of the Black Country in the late Silurian Period**

This richly illustrated talk will look at the geology and tectonic setting of this classic area of British geology during the middle to late Silurian Period when the area lay in a shallow coastal margin ocean setting in the closing Iapetus Ocean arm. The stratigraphy, exceptional palaeontology and micropalaeontology and volcanology of this margin will be described. Plans for geotourism and Earth Science education will be explained and future aspirations for establishing the area as a Global Geopark will be described.

**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2013 – 6.00 pm**

### **The Geology of Svalbard and Jan Mayen**

Svalbard and Jan Mayen are both Arctic territories and are administered by Norway. However they are geologically very different. Jan Mayen is the world's most northerly active volcano and lies on the Mid Atlantic ridge 370 miles north of Iceland. It is in fact the northern tip of its own micro continent which was once attached to Greenland but is now on the European plate. Svalbard in contrast is an archipelago of islands on the European plate half way between the top of Norway and the North Pole. Svalbard is a real Mecca for geologists. It shares many of the same geological stories as the UK and like the UK it has rocks that represent most periods of earth history. However unlike the UK there is much more rock exposure; this is due to the sparse vegetation cover, so the geology is very spectacular and easy to see. Svalbard and Jan Mayen are also both heavily glaciated.

## **THE MERCIAN GEOLOGIST**

The latest edition of the Journal **will be available for collection at the meeting this Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> October** so please remember to pick up your copy and take any others which you can deliver in your local area.

## **SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR 2012/13**

### **Subscriptions are now due:**

**Please note** the subscription rates are now as follows:

Ordinary member - £18.00

Joint member - £22.00

*If you have not yet done so, please let the Treasurer have your subscription as soon as possible. If you pay by standing order please can you check the amount which was paid from your account as a number of payments at the old rate are still being received. If your subscription is one of those, please can you let the Treasurer have a cheque for the difference and ensure your standing order instruction is amended for next year.*

## **New Members**

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## **Nottingham Geotours Programme for 2013**

21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> November – Lanzarote and Fuerteventura

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## **Society Publications**

- (1) **Leicester Building Stones Guide;**
- (2) **East Midlands Field Guide;**
- (3) **Sandstone Caves of Nottingham** (new full colour edition)

Copies available by contacting the Secretary or at Indoor Meetings.

## **Information for Other Societies**

We hold information of lectures and field meetings for other local societies such as the NSSGA, Black Country Geological Society and Leicester Lit & Phil Society. If you would like details of any of these, please contact the Secretary.

## **EMGS Website**

The publications page on the Society website ([www.emgs.org.uk](http://www.emgs.org.uk)) has been tidied up and updated. It now includes links to two archives:

One is the archive of the early Mercian Geologists where scanned copies of complete issues are being diligently prepared thanks to the hard work of David Bate. This is still being added to (with successive volumes) and will eventually reach volume 12 for 1991.

The other is the archive of papers and reports in the more recent issues. These will go onto the webpage two years after they appear in the paper issues of the Mercian. Currently only the 2009 material is online, but files will be extracted and posted, working backwards as far as 1992, and this takes time. Files for 2010 onwards are already prepared and will go online on their second birthday.

## **e-mail addresses**

To minimise postal costs and photocopying charges which amount to approximately £4.00 each year for every member who still receives their Circular by post, we would very much like to send you your Circular by e-mail. If you have not already done so, please send your e-mail address to the Circular Editor, [sue.miles@freethcartwright.co.uk](mailto:sue.miles@freethcartwright.co.uk).

**Please can you also confirm your name and address when sending your e-mail** so we can correlate these details with our membership listing.

**The next Circular will be published in November 2013.**

**The next Council Meeting will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013.**

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