



**Circular 404
November 2013**

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President: Brian Jones

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WINTER 2014
LECTURE PROGRAMME

Saturday, 7th 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, 18th January 2014 – 6.00 pm

Shale Gas

Speaker: Nick Riley

Saturday, 15th February 2014 – 6.00 pm

The EMGS 50th Anniversary Special Lecture

Speaker: Professor Iain Stewart

Iain Stewart will be known to many of you for the wide range of inspiring geological programmes he has presented on television bringing his enthusiasm for the science of geology to a wide audience.

His theme will be the amazing developments that have taken place in geology over the 50 years that The Society has been in existence.

*The meeting will be an **all ticket** event due to the anticipated interest in the speaker. Once we have established the demand from members for tickets (free to members and £3.00 to non-members) they will be advertised to the general public.*

So as to ensure a seat on the night, **please book your tickets** by contacting the Secretary, Janet Slatter, by 10th January 2014 at meetings, or at:

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secretary@emgs.org

The talk will be followed by a special **50th Anniversary Dinner** – menu and booking form in the next Circular.

Saturday, 15th March 2014 – 6.00 pm

AGM to be followed by:

Quaternary Glaciations of the Midlands and East Anglia

Speaker: Jim Rose

Saturday, 12th April 2014

Sinking Cities

Speaker: Tony Waltham

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.

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How landslides have made waves in 2012-2013

This talk will focus on the work of the British Geological Survey's (BGS) Landslide Response Team. Between June 2012 and June 2013 there was a dramatic five-fold increase in the number of landslide events reported, in both the media and social media, across Great Britain. During this period an unprecedented increase in the number of landslides outside the generally accepted 'landslide season' (October to March) in Great Britain was also observed, especially during the summer months. The impact of these events have been felt across the country with damage to roads (Rest and Be Thankful, Rothbury & A614 Ollerton), railways (Hatfield Colliery, Barrow upon Soar), canals (Grand Union Canal, Foxton) and properties (Whitby). Tragically, 2012 also saw the highest number of fatalities due to landslides for many years, including those at Burton Bradstock and Looe. Currently the BGS Landslide Response Team are now analysing the event data held in the BGS's National Landslide Database, and using it to improve the understanding of landslides in Great Britain.

New Members

Mrs Patricia Pick, Wingerworth, Chesterfield.

Nottingham Geotours Programme for 2014

1st – 7th June 2014 – The Geology and Scenery of South West Ireland.

23rd – 27th September 2014 – The North York Moors and adjacent coast.

Please contact **Jan Sutton** for further details at 30 Alford Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 6GJ. Tel. No. 0115 923 2360. e-mail: ian.sutton035@btinternet.com

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) 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

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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 December 2013.

The next Council Meeting will be held on 17th January 2014.

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