



**Circular 412
March 2015**

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SPRING LECTURE/OUTINGS PROGRAMME - 2015

Saturday, 18th April 2015 – 2.30 pm
Phil Harding – Confessions of a Flint Napper

LECTURE VENUE

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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Phil Harding – Confessions of a Flint Napper

Most of us enjoy a good story. This presentation will aim to recreate a series of good stories using the evidence of short term knapping events through time to allow close contact with prehistoric individuals by their skills and thoughts. It will also argue that these events can be brought together, that the skills of individual stone workers can be shared and still be appreciated by those who learn them to the present day.

SUMMER 2015 FIELD PROGRAMME

Sunday, 24th May – 2.15 pm

**Slawston Railway Cutting
Leader: Keith Ambrose**

Wednesday, 17th June – 6.30 pm

Nottingham Building Stones

Leaders: Steve Parry and Graham Lott (both BGS)

Thursday, 25th June – 6.30 pm

Holwell Reserve near Melton Mowbray

Leader: Keith Ambrose

Thursday, 2nd July – 6.00 pm

Masson Hill

Leader: Colin Bagshaw

Saturday, 18th July

Brassington area.

Leader: Jim Ridings (BGS)

Sunday, 23rd August

Intra Anglian-Devensian event of Fenland and the Wolds.

Leaders: Allan Straw and Peter Worsley.

Saturday, 10th October/Sunday 11th October

Field weekend Flamborough area and North York Moors

Leader: Ian Sutton

(Full details in the next circular)

It is hoped to arrange a further day trip to the Castleton Area. The leader will be Peter Guttridge – joint trip with North Staffs.

Insurance and Safety

Members are reminded that the Society has only public liability insurance and that personal accident insurance is a matter for individual members to arrange as they consider necessary. Up to date hard hats are obligatory for all field excursions involving quarries or cliff faces and strongly recommended for all trips. High visibility clothing is sometimes required in working quarries. High visibility tabards can be obtained from GA Enterprises, 126 Fleetside, W. Molesey, Surrey KT8 2NQ at £4.70 incl. pp. Members without suitable hard hats may be refused access to certain sites! Hard hats can be obtained from many Builders' Merchants, Wickes, B&Q Warehouse etc. for about £4.

Any non-members attending field excursions will have to pay a temporary membership fee of £2.00 and all participants are reminded that they must comply with any instructions from excursion leaders or, for example, quarry managers or their employees on Health & Safety issues.

Sunday, 24th May 2015 - Slawston Railway Cutting

Leader: Keith Ambrose

Meeting time: 2.15 pm

Meeting place: Innaria Caravan Park, Hallaton Road, Market Harborough (LE16 8DR)

This will be a Sunday afternoon trip to Slawston railway cutting (SP 789941) in highly fossiliferous Lower Jurassic strata.

Wednesday, 17th June, 2015 – Nottingham Building Stones

Leaders: Steve Parry and Graham Lott (both BGS)

Meeting time: 6.30 pm

Meeting place in the next Circular.

Thursday, 25th June, 2015 – Holwell Reserve, near Melton Mowbray

Leader: Keith Ambrose

Meeting time: 6.30 pm

Disused quarries in Liassic strata made famous by Sir Richard Attenborough.

Meeting place in the next Circular.

Thursday, 2nd July, 2015 – Masson Hill

Leader: Colin Bagshaw

Meeting time: 6.00 pm

Meeting place: Ember Lane, immediately north of Bonsall Church (Grid. Ref. 280582).

Evening excursion to Masson Hill to investigate the Carboniferous Limestone and igneous rocks of Masson Hill and remnants of the lead mining industry.

Joint meeting with North Staffs Geological Society.

Saturday, 18th July, 2015 – Brassington Area.

Leader: Jim Ridings (BGS)

This visit will be to an interesting area in the Carboniferous Limestone outcrop with dolomitisation and silica sand pockets.

Full details in the next Circular.

**Sunday, 23rd August, 2015 –
Intra Anglian-Devensian event of Fenland and the Wolds**

Leaders: Allan Straw and Peter Worsley

Day trip starting near Stamford and finishing at Welton le Wold.

Full details in the next Circular.

**Saturday, 10th October/Sunday, 11th October, 2015 -
Field Weekend Flamborough Area and North York Moors**

Leader: Ian Sutton

Full details in the next Circular.

EMGS Council

At the AGM on the 21st March 2015 the following members were elected to serve on Council for the coming year:

President - Vanessa Banks
Vice-President - Brian Jones
Secretary - Janet Slatter
Treasurer - Colin Bagshaw
Editor - Tony Waltham

Ordinary members of Council: Mike Allan, Keith Ambrose, David Bate, Tim Colman, Ian Sutton and Geoff Warrington.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

A reminder that these were due on 1st February

Subscription rates remain unchanged and are as follows:

Ordinary members - £18.00

Joint members - £22.00

Please send your subscriptions to the Treasurer as soon as possible and if you pay by standing order please ensure this is for the correct amount.

We are also trying to ensure that as many of our subscriptions as possible are gift aided. This costs you absolutely nothing but means that the Society will receive much needed extra funds by way of tax rebates, so if you haven't already completed a Gift Aid declaration, please contact the Treasurer and request one.

New Members

Mrs Sheila Brunt, East Bridgford, Nottingham.

Society Publications

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

Copies available by contacting the Secretary or at Indoor Meetings.

Mercian Geologist – Back numbers

Do you need any back numbers of the Mercian to fill a gap in your collection?

The scanning of every single issue of the Mercian Geologist that the Society has published is now complete. As soon as they are all accessible through the Society's website the stocks of back numbers that the Secretary currently holds will be disposed of although a complete set of hard copies will of course be kept for archive purposes. So please contact the Secretary Janet Slatter at secretary@emgs.org.uk or on 01509 843297 if you have any gaps that you want to fill

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 the huge task of diligently scanning and preparing copies of all the back issues has now been completed thanks to the hard work of David Bate. These will soon, if they are not already, all be accessible through the Society's website.

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. Files will be extracted and posted, working backwards as far as 1992, and this all takes time. Files for 2010 onwards are already prepared and will go online on their second birthday.

Costs of the Circular

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@freeths.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 May 2015.

The next Council Meeting will be held on 14th May 2015.

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EAST MIDLANDS GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

BOOKING FORM - FIELD EXCURSIONS 2015

Please book me/us for the following excursions:

Sunday, 24 th May	Afternoon excursion – Slawston Railway Cutting
Wednesday, 17 th June	Evening walk – Nottingham Building Stones
Thursday, 25 th June	Evening walk – Holwell Reserve
Thursday, 2 nd July	Evening excursion – Masson Hill
Saturday, 18 th July	Brassington Area
Sunday, 23 rd August	Day excursion – Fenland and the Wolds.
Saturday, 10 th October/ Sunday, 11 th October	Weekend visit –Flamborough & North York Moors

(Please delete those you will NOT be attending)

Name(s):

Address:

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Tel:

e-mail address:

I/we do/do not have a car available.

I/we would be prepared to offer transport.

Please send completed booking forms to the Field Secretary,
Ian Sutton, at 30 Alford Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 6GJ
Tel. No: 0115 923 2360 e-mail – ian.sutton035@btinternet.com
