

Bucks Earth Heritage Group

2012 Programme

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Further trips and talks will be scheduled as the year progresses. Please check the BEHG website or email the organisers before any event for the latest update.

Sunday January 15th 2012, 10am-12.30pm 'Saxons and stones' Reading town centre walk.

A look at the fascinating history of this town from it's Saxon beginnings through the Abbey to the modern day - there is so much more of interest than just shops! For details and to reserve a place contact Jill Eyers: at (j.eyers@btopenworld.com) or call 01494 881325

Saturday February 18th 2012: 1pm-4pm Burnham Beeches Geology Walk. Leader Graham

Hickman. For details and to book a place: contact Burnham Beeches Office at (burnham.beeches@cityoflondon.gov.uk) or call 01753 647358 for more information.

Saturday March 17th 2012, 10am to 4pm: Coombs Quarry - nature survey day. Followed by a light

clean up of the section. Suitable for all. For details and to reserve a place contact Jill Eyers: at (j.eyers@btopenworld.com) or call 01494 881325

Sunday March 18th 2011, 10am - 12.30pm: Winter Hill - a story of past climate change. Walk led

by Jill Eyers followed by lunch in the Jolly Farmer in Cookham Dean. For details and to reserve a place contact Jill Eyers: at (j.eyers@btopenworld.com) or call 01494 881325

Saturday April 7th 2012, 10am - 4pm: Buckingham Sand Pit. Nature survey and quarry clean up

day with a lunch time BBQ. For details and to reserve a place contact Jill Eyers: at (j.eyers@btopenworld.com) or call 01494 881325

Sunday April 15th 2012, 10am: College lake geology and wildlife walk, co-led by Jill Eyers and

Rodney Sims. Lunch in cafe at end of trip. Walk will be just under 2 miles, mostly on the flat. Essential to book with Jill as places are limited. For details and to reserve a place contact Jill Eyers: at (j.eyers@btopenworld.com) or call 01494 881325

Saturday April 21st 2012. AGM, combined with a geological walk. The venue this year will be the

Old Gaol, Buckingham. Following the AGM we will take a geological tour around Buckingham and down to the sand pit. For details and to reserve a place contact Jill Eyers: At (j.eyers@btopenworld.com) or call 01494 881325

Saturday May 5th 2012, time tbd: Churchyard geology. Hurley, Berkshire. This is a half day

workshop with an indoor session (talk) followed by a walk around the village churchyard. Graveyards are full of different rock types and fashions in memorials have changed over the years. This workshop will enable you to identify the main ornamental stones used and how to map out changes and styles in a churchyard. This will allow you to look at and assess your own local churchyard. To book contact Jill Eyers at (j.eyers@btopenworld.com) or call 01494 881325

May 18th to 20th 2012. Weekend field trip. The Ice Age in Norfolk. Leader: Jill Eyers. Some of the

UK's finest ice age geology (Happisburgh, Overstrand, Cromer, Blakeney Quay and esker, plus West Runton and an elephant! Friday to Sunday with a nice hotel based in Mundesley. 3-course dinner, B&B. The price looks like being £190 for a single room, and between £230 to £260 for two people sharing twin or double room for the weekend. To book contact Jill Eyers at (j.eyers@btopenworld.com) or call 01494 881325

Friday June 1st 2012, 10am to 4pm. Whiteleaf Cross NNR. Two activities; light clean-up of quarry at

Whiteleaf Cross Nature reserve, followed by a nature survey of quarry, woodland and grassland. The survey will include trees identification and age estimation, lichens identification, flowers and main invert groups. ID guides supplied to assist. Suitable for all. To Book contact Jill Eyers at (j.eyers@btopenworld.com) or call 01494 881325

Rescheduled event: Sunday 1st July 2012, 1pm to 3.30pm. Ivinghoe Beacon to Incombe Hole.

A walk in stunning scenery with geology, archaeology and nature. Circular walk, one steep hill. To Book contact Jill Eyers at (j.eyers@btopenworld.com) or call 01494 881325

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Saturday July 28th 2012, - 10.30am to 3.30pm Rock Art - a drop in event in Buckingham Sand Pit. Anyone can paint and we show you how. Come and have a go there will be two themes: rocks and trees. Suitable for all ages and all abilities. Stay as little or as long as you like. We also have geologists and biologists to take you round the site, including the 'bug man'. Just turn up. SP 699 344.

August 13th to 18th 2012, time tbd. Geology week at Stowe. In partnership with the National Trust. The BEHG will be setting up activities such as hands on fossils, minerals, rock ID at the New Inn visitor centre. Plus guided walks down into the Home Farm Quarry. More details or to volunteer contact Jill Eyers at (j.eyers@btopenworld.com) or call 01494 881325

Sunday September 30th 2012, time 10am: Geology training day 1 at Dry Sandford Pit, Oxfordshire. Learn how to log geological sections, how to keep a good geology notebook and how to interpret what you see. 10 am to c. 4 pm Packed lunch or pub if wet. It's on whatever the weather. Jurassic sequence. To book contact Jill Eyers at (j.eyers@btopenworld.com) or call 01494 881325

Sunday October 21st 2012. 10am-12:30am. Clean up day at Coombs Quarry, near Buckingham. A little light housework cleaning the faces, sweeping the walkways and trimming back the brambles and hawthorn seedlings. If this is the first time you have seen the quarry then you will be told all about the wonderful Jurassic story of 175 million years ago. A message will go out on how to find it and what to bring, just turn up on the day when it is confirmed. Heavy rain will call it off. For more information contact Jill Eyers at (j.eyers@btopenworld.com) or call 01494 881325

Saturday November 10th 2012, 10am to 3.30pm. Visit to Bugle Pit, Hartwell. Buckinghamshire. This pit has just been re-opened and is available to view the small section of Portland limestone to Purbeck for the first time in many years. Full story given on site by the BEHG 'clean up team'. Full details on where to park and where it find it will follow by e-mail message. Pub lunch to follow in the Bugle Horn next door (lovely menu!). To Book contact Jill Eyers at(j.eyers@btopenworld.com) or call 01494 881325

Saturday November 24th 2012, 10am to 3.30pm. Rocks and Soils Workshop. Leaders: Alison Richards and Jill Eyers. A day workshop covering: Rock and mineral identification, how to use geological maps, all about soils and how all relate to the landscape of Bucks. Venue: The Village Hall, Hambleden. To Book contact Jill Eyers at (j.eyers@btopenworld.com) or call 01494 881325

Nature surveys - On-going through the year. Each of our sites needs to have an on-going nature survey as different species come out at different times. I hope that some of you may have an interest in one or more aspects e.g. butterflies, birds, fungus, trees, flowers, or many others. We need to put out 'sand traps' to see who visits our sites at night - footprints are very useful! Stowe now has a camera to film night visitors. Please let Jill know if you want to survey any of the sites - I have a list of sites and it need only be a very simple survey, nothing fancy, not even Latin names! Contact Jill for more information at (j.eyers@btopenworld.com) or call 01494 881325

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