

# Bucks Geology Group 2026 events programme

**Cost:** Unless otherwise stated, all events are FREE to members. Non-members may be asked to pay a fee of £6.00 to attend field meetings and indoor events (contact the BGG secretary at [mpalmer@discoverbucksmuseum.org](mailto:mpalmer@discoverbucksmuseum.org) for more information).

**Booking:** Booking is required for all field meetings and indoor workshops. This avoids meetings from becoming oversubscribed and allows the organiser to contact attendees with any last-minute changes.

**Clothing:** Some trips, especially quarry visits, may require protective clothing including helmets and high-vis clothing. Please check event details below and any follow-on communications relating to specific events.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 7.30pm: The geologist and his museum** – a Zoom talk by Mick Oates charting how a childhood hobby collecting fossils in Buckinghamshire led to a professional career in geology and a museum to house his extensive collection. A link will be sent out to members a few days before the talk. Non-members should contact Ian Hudson at [membersbucksgeology@gmail.com](mailto:membersbucksgeology@gmail.com) several days before the talk to request a link

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm: Dinosaur Discoveries of England, a Palaeontological Perspective** – Zoom talk by Simon Penn, Dinosaur Isle Museum, Isle of Wight. A link will be sent out to members a few days before the talk. Non-members should contact Ian Hudson [membersbucksgeology@gmail.com](mailto:membersbucksgeology@gmail.com) several days before the talk to request a link

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 10am – 12 noon: Trilobites – a hands-on workshop** with Jill Evers. PLACES LIMITED – EARLY BOOKING ESSENTIAL. For more information and to book your place, please contact Mike Palmer at [mpalmer@discoverbucksmuseum.org](mailto:mpalmer@discoverbucksmuseum.org)

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 10am – 12 noon: College Lake Ice Age section clean-up** led by Nick Pierpoint. PLACES LIMITED – BOOKING ESSENTIAL. . For more information and to book your place, please contact Mike Palmer at [mpalmer@discoverbucksmuseum.org](mailto:mpalmer@discoverbucksmuseum.org)

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 10am – 12 noon: Downley Common landscape walk** – a joint meeting with the Downley Common Preservation Society led by Jill Evers. PLACES LIMITED – BOOKING ESSENTIAL. For more information and to book your place, please contact Mike Palmer at [mpalmer@discoverbucksmuseum.org](mailto:mpalmer@discoverbucksmuseum.org)

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 10am – 3pm (date and times tbc): Oxford gravestones walk** Explore the varied geology of headstones and other grave monuments with Nina Morgan & Philip Powell, Oxford University Museum of Natural History, visiting Headington Municipal Cemetery and nearby St Andrew's churchyard. PLACES LIMITED – EARLY BOOKING ESSENTIAL. For more information and to book your place, please contact Mike Palmer at [mpalmer@discoverbucksmuseum.org](mailto:mpalmer@discoverbucksmuseum.org)

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 12 noon – 3pm:** The Bucks Geology Group and Rockwatch, the UK's nationwide geology club for children present **Rock & Fossil Day at Discover Bucks Museum**. Explore a range of hands-on displays, meet experts from the Bucks geology Group and bring in your own mystery items for identification. Plus crafts and hands-on activities for children courtesy of **Rockwatch** and the **Discover Bucks Museum Learning Team**. Museum entry - Adults £8.00, Children (3-15 years old) £3.00. Admission provides access to the event plus Museum's permanent displays including Discover Bucks Geology gallery plus **Saxons** - a major new exhibition exploring Buckinghamshire's Saxon past.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 11am – 2pm: A visit to Coombs Quarry**, one of Bucks' primary local geology sites with Jill Evers. PLACES LIMITED – BOOKING ESSENTIAL. For more information and to book your place, please contact Mike Palmer at [mpalmer@discoverbucksmuseum.org](mailto:mpalmer@discoverbucksmuseum.org)

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 11am – 3pm:** Back by popular demand **Micro Fossils for Beginners – a talk and hands-on workshop** with professional micropalaeontologist, Steve Packer. The event will comprise a one-hour introductory talk followed by hands-on sessions using a range of microscopes. The session will also include a short lunch break so please bring a packed lunch (tea and coffee will be available. This event is limited to 12 people and so EARLY BOOKING IS ADVISED. For more information and to book you place, please contact Mike Palmer at [mpalmer@discoverbucksmuseum.org](mailto:mpalmer@discoverbucksmuseum.org)

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 4 – 5.30pm:** **AGM and post-meeting Zoom talk** – subject and speaker to be announced nearer the time. A link will be sent out to members a few days before the AGM and talk. Non-members should contact Ian Hudson at [membersbucksgeology@gmail.com](mailto:membersbucksgeology@gmail.com) several days before the talk to request a link

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 10am – 4pm:** **St Albans building stones walk** with Haydon Bailey, geological advisor to the Chiltern Society. This is a joint event with the Hertfordshire Geological Society. PLACES LIMITED – BOOKING ESSENTIAL. For more information and to book you place, please contact Mike Palmer at [mpalmer@discoverbucksmuseum.org](mailto:mpalmer@discoverbucksmuseum.org)

**August: A geological excursion to the Mendips** – a joint trip with the Bath Geological Society with Graham Hickman. This will be a weekday event. Currently awaiting confirmation of dates and locations – watch this space.

**September: Great Tew Quarry visit and Hook Norton building stones walk:** Please note that due to uncertainties regarding the level of quarrying in 2026 we are currently unable to say whether the quarry will be available to visit in September. The quarry manager will get back to us in July. Watch this space.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 10am to 4pm:** **Chalk, Flint and Puddingstones: A Visit exploring the geology of the grounds of Ashridge House** with Haydon Bailey and Mike Palmer followed by a walk through Ashridge woods to the puddingstone icehouse and Bridgwater Monument. PLACES LIMITED – BOOKING ESSENTIAL. For more information and to book you place, please contact Mike Palmer at [mpalmer@discoverbucksmuseum.org](mailto:mpalmer@discoverbucksmuseum.org)

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30am – 4.30pm:** **Geologists' Association's Festival of Geology** at the Geological Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London. Come along for a series of free lectures plus exhibits by local groups, museums, universities, mineral and fossil dealers, second-hand book sales and hands-n activities courtesy of **Rockwatch**, the UK's nationwide geology club for children. Admission free

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November:** Following on from Saturday's Festival of Geology, choose one of three **London-based guided geological walks**. A small charge is made for these walks. Further details nearer the time.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 10am – 12 noon:** **Igneous and Metamorphic Rocks – a hands-on workshop** with Jill Eys. PLACES LIMITED – EARLY BOOKING ESSENTIAL. For more information and to book you place, please contact Mike Palmer at [mpalmer@discoverbucksmuseum.org](mailto:mpalmer@discoverbucksmuseum.org)

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm:** **Chalk stratigraphy** (full title and speaker tbc) Zoom talk.

**December:** Zoom talk. Speaker, title and date to be announced – watch this space.