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Newsletter

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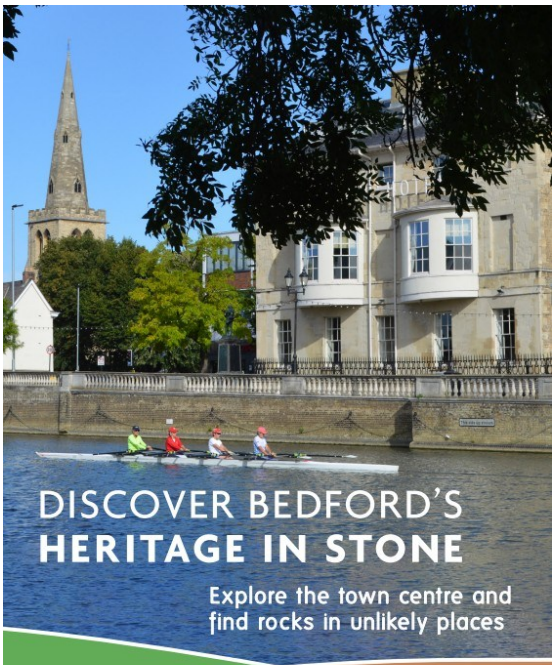

Our brand new Bedford Geotrail booklet.

Members with their geotrail booklets outside The Higgins, Bedford

Photo: Laurence Key

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by Derek Turner

After a 35 year wait, Bedford has a new geotrail. "Discover Bedford's Heritage in Stone" came out at the end of June and it is now available for you to purchase. We could not have done it without generous financial support from the Geologists' Association's Curry Fund and Bedfordshire Natural History Society's Theed Pearse Award with Bedfordshire Geology Group providing the balance.

The geotrail introduces readers to 15 places where stone has been used in buildings, the town bridge, a statue, shop fronts and features both inside and outside a church. The full colour, professionally-designed, 36-page booklet shows a route that has been carefully thought out to replace the earlier one which students and staff from the Rothsay Education Centre produced and set a high standard. Some of the information in that had become out of-date and the new geotrail is shorter (about 1.4km/1 mile) and will be quicker to complete (1 to 2 hours depending on how long you linger). It explains geological terms simply and should appeal to a wide audience. Nevertheless,

Marble attracts the attention of Paul and Bev during a survey in February 2024.

88 Allhallows did not make it into this geotrail but will be a contender if we do another one.

Photo: Derek Turner

the detail should be sufficient to satisfy experienced geologists who would like to know more about the use of natural stone in this area and where it came from. With this in mind, the guide begins with a summary of Bedfordshire's geological history with emphasis on the formations that contained useful building materials.

Oxford and other clays lie beneath much of Bedfordshire which was renowned for its brickmaking industry until 2008. However, the Ouse valley margin and the county's two ranges of hills have supplied usable building stone since Roman times. Blisworth Limestone was quarried in villages upstream from Bedford. The Greensand Ridge crossing Bedfordshire has provided an often gritty sandstone while the chalk of the Chilterns contained Totternhoe Stone. Its impurities gave it strength and made it more durable than the rest of the chalk. It could be sawn to make ashlar or chiseled to show fine detail suitable for decorative features. All of these occur in St Paul's church.

The booklet has been two and a half years in the making with the first reconnaissance of the town taking place on a bitter winter day late in 2023. Many taking part in this and subsequent surveys live outside Bedford and were delighted to discover places that they had never seen before, and uncover the fascinating stories behind many of them. The last one we found was a semi-derelict and much-altered Blisworth Limestone building tucked away in the delivery area behind shops. Research revealed that it had been part of a medieval friary but survived the dissolution. It became part of an ancient inn and then a storage area and workshop. The combined knowledge and experience of the group's members was not enough though to identify all of the rocks that we saw. We greatly appreciate the help that members of the Curry Fund gave us to make the booklet as accurate as possible. In all, we found over 40 places where geology is readily visible in the town and if this booklet sells well, there are enough left over to compile a second geotrail later.

A satisfactory proportion of Bedfordshire Geology Group members have been involved in various ways up to the launch on a pleasant summer day in June. It was gratifying to have around a dozen members attend along with partners and children. After brandishing our booklets for photographs in front of the Higgins, Bedford, where the route starts and finishes, we set off to walk a different route taking in the War Memorial on the Embankment (Carrara Marble and Portland Stone), buildings that are now part of Bedford Girl's School (Totternhoe Stone) and the former St Mary's Church (Blisworth Limestone with some Greensand).

Derek Turner points out the Greensand at the redundant St Mary's church, now home to Albion Archaeology.

Photo: Nicky Nicholls

The challenge for us now is to recoup the remainder of our costs by selling copies of the booklet. Members can buy them at BGG meetings for just £2. Otherwise, they are available from the Higgins Museum and Art Gallery Bedford, the What's On Bedford Borough Visitor Information Centre, Rothsay Education Centre and the Eagle Bookshop for £3.99 each.

Members cluster around the Carrara Marble war memorial on the Embankment

Photo: Bev Fowlston

If you'd like us to post you a copy, please contact secretary@bedfordshiregeologygroup.org.uk

LGS Update

Article by Bev Fowlston

Updates on our 3 sites under threat:

Munday's Hill Quarry

Sadly, I have had no response to numerous contact attempts with Arnold White Group, the landowners. Due to the interesting features being worked out and with future plans to build on this site, it is with deep sadness that we will be de-designating this site at the next LGS Panel meeting due in 2027.

Potton Scout Hut Quarry

Committee member, Paul Hawkes, has agreed to take over the progress of this site with the Scout Association. This is our premium education site, and we do not want to lose it completely, but we are aware that some changes will have to be made to ensure safety at the site, which remains closed due to the recent landslips experienced there.

Sandy Warren Lodge Quarry

Further meetings are planned with the RSPB to discuss a way forward with this site, which has become unstable this year. This is a popular site with groups that we take out, especially as it is one of the key points of interest on the Eastern Geotrail. We will work to get this site in better condition this year.

News on other sites ...

On more positive news, we are working with the landowners of both Kensworth Nature Reserve Quarry and St James' Church in Husborne Crawley to enhance both these sites. The projects are both work in progress but please do look out for events at these sites and support them if you can.

I will be going to Landpark Wood Quarry (Image 1) on Sunday 18th October (weather-permitting!) to carry out a condition monitoring visit. Please join me and you can find out more about being an LGS Ranger. If you wish to help at one of our sites near you, then please consider becoming an LGS Ranger. Contact me for further details info@bedfordshiregeologygroup.org.uk

Image 1: Landpark Wood Quarry February 2022.

Photo: Bev Fowlston

What an LGS Ranger does ...

- ⇨ Visits their designated site once every two years.
- ⇨ Takes photos at key features using a grid reference or What3Words.
- ⇨ Completes a simple templated report.
- ⇨ Assists with events held at the site.
- ⇨ Help promote the site's care and maintenance.

Education News!

Another Home Ed session at The Higgins

By Bev Fowlston

In June at, I ran another educational workshop for a group of Home Educated children and their parents and guardians. We explored the geological rock cycle with specimens from my own collection. Some of the children were very interested in the subject and asked some probing questions, but as usual it was the adults who asked the most!

We also did a short exercise on geological time to help them visualise how long geological time is. I did have to persuade the children to participate and had to encourage the adults to fill in the gaps, but it was well-received, in the end.

A huge thank you as always to The Higgins staff for facilitating the event.

The Higgins, Bedford Drop-in Sessions

Article and images by Bev Fowlston

April, May and June were 3 months of quieter sessions at The Higgins Bedford. Good and bad weather kept visitors outside or at home!

April: Thea and her family brought in her collection of fossils from West Runton including a very large boulder of chert covered with fossil bivalves, belemnites and calcite veining.

There were also some visitors who were interested in the rocks on display on my table. Newish member, Laurence, and his wife also came along to find out more about the group and what we do. Lovely to meet you in person, Laurence.

May: I had three visitors this month and they brought in some very varied rocks and fossils for me to identify.

Image 1: Wendy's fossil bivalve, *Pholadomya fidicula*.

Wendy had been to Svalbard and found a fossil, which I think is *Pholadomya fidicula* (Image 1), a type of burrowing bivalve. This bivalve lived in soft marine sediments during the Jurassic. These molluscs played a crucial role in filtering seawater and contributed to the biodiversity of ancient shallow marine environments.

Dave arrived with a varied collection of rocks and fossils, mostly found locally (Image 2). They included: Hertfordshire puddingstone; a partial belemnite; a schist pebble with large quartz vein, probably left behind by a glacier; flint with what looks to be a gryphaea or other marine mollusc embedded in it; an iron-rich knobbly nodule, probably marcasite; and a bored limestone pebble, again probably from glacial deposits.

An unusual collection of different items was brought in by David. These included two very exotic rocks or gems as well as another iron-rich nodule.

Image 2: Dave's collection of locally found rocks and fossils.

Image 3 shows the gemstones of turquoise carved into a tiny little pot with lid and a polished piece of Lapis Lazuli.

The iron-rich nodule is shown in Image 4. This nodule is probably made from haematite or pyrite. However, I have not seen this pattern of crystallisation before. Perhaps you recognise it?

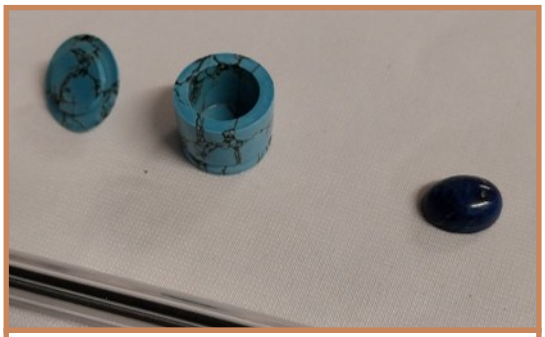


Image 3: David's beautiful gemstone items.

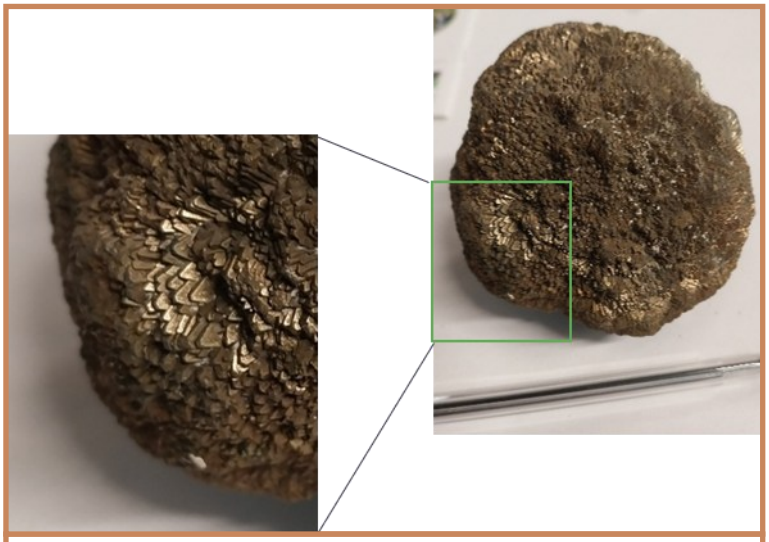


Image 4: David's unusual iron-rich nodule.

Image 5: Dave's second collection of interesting rocks.

June: I only had one visitor in June, and it was a returning one, Dave, who came in May. This time he brought along further finds found locally. Some of these pieces were worked stone. There was a very large granite block that had been worked, possibly as part of a window or door frame. There was an unusually shaped piece of sandstone that had used a natural fracture to create the clog-shape. It was very easy to hold, so could have been some form of small polishing or grinding stone. There was a lovely, shaped piece of black flint, maybe a hand axe that was discarded as the tip had broken off. The smaller black piece in image 5 was a small piece of lignite (coal). The final striped piece in the image is a limestone and pegmatite pebble.

If you have any opinions on these identifications, then please do get in touch with me on info@bedfordshiregeologygroup.org.uk

These are drop-in sessions so no need to book and we will be available from 2pm until 4pm every 2nd Wednesday in the month.

Please do come along and bring your specimens to show us.

The next events are on 8th July, 12th August, and 9th September. We look forward to seeing you there.

BGG Members at The Higgins Bedford

Geological Collection Workshop

Article and images by Paul Hawkes

On Wednesday 20th May, BGG members had exclusive access to view a small selection of geological specimens from The Higgins Bedford's extensive collection.

The workshop was free for BGG members - exclusive access made possible by Bev Fowlston's valuable volunteer work at The Higgins, where she runs the regular Wednesday geology walk-in sessions.

The Higgins Museum has more than four thousand geological specimens, donated over many decades by private collectors and local institutions.

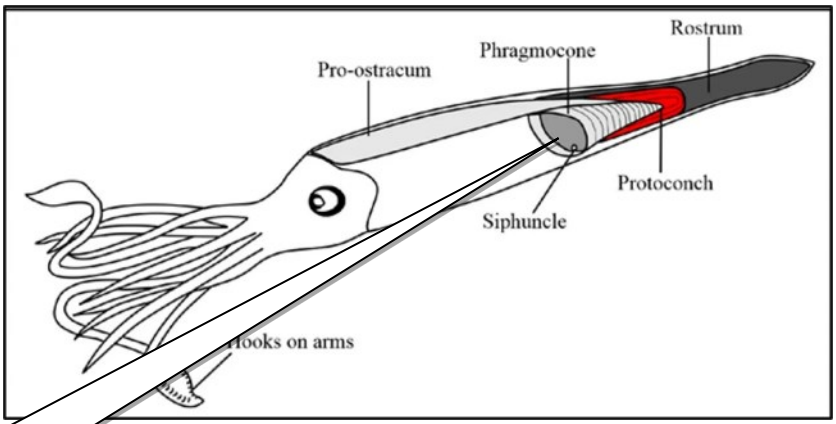
The specimens displayed at this workshop were comprised of local rocks, fossil bivalves and belemnites, Jurassic marine reptiles, - and a large ammonite impression! Also, a collection of diverse rock types from local glacial gravels were representative of many different UK lithologies, transported into the local area during the Ice Age.

Bev introduced the session with a short tour of the display galleries, pointing out the beautifully preserved fossils on display in the cabinets, but also in the boxes along the walls in the gallery.

Following a brief introduction to the collection by Bev, our Group were free to examine the specimens – only touching them while wearing rubber gloves!

My personal favourites were the huge ammonite impression and the belemnites with preserved phragmocones – the chambered part of the original animal which acted as it's 'buoyancy chamber'.

We were so lucky to have been able to examine these specimens – thanks to Bev and the staff at The Higgins Museum for facilitating such an excellent workshop.



Phragmocone

Ongoing and Future Projects ...

By Bev Fowlston

Projects in progress ...

Kensworth Nature Reserve LGS renovation - call for help

CEMEX are still working on this project but it has been delayed due to workload at the working quarry. Don't forget you can help, if you have any stories about the site please do email me a short paragraph or any old images, which we could include in a potential relaunch exhibition.

Landpark Wood Quarry LGS – call for help

The Wildlife Trust, who manages Landpark Wood, are looking to help with clearance of this site. We are hoping it will be on a larger scale than previous site maintenance but that will only happen if we have more people to come out and help. Once we have a date we will advise in the usual monthly email from Derek and we hope that many hands will make light of the work required to turn this site into an easily accessible educational site. Some interpretation would be of benefit, but this requires funding and may have to be moved to a future project.

St James' Church, Husborne Crawley – call for help

A positive meeting with the Church Warden has led to this project now in the first draft phase. It will include a new information board, and a bench as well as talks to local parishioners. The first of which is this September. The next stage is to apply for funding, if you can help with applications, please do get in contact.

Bev at the Archaeology in Dunstable event, July 2023.

Photo: Derek Turner

Promotional events – call for help

We are still looking for local events to hold a promotional stand. Perhaps there's a village fete or town community event we could attend near you? Do get in touch with contacts.

Future Projects ...

Rushmere and Rammamere Heath LGS interpretation – call for help

This project is still in its early phase so I will update once I have more details on this interpretive project. There will be several ways you can get involved. These include clearance of the two exposure sites in the LGS; fundraising for interpretation boards; waymarking of the site; and leading walks for visitors in the Spring or Summer months.

Leaflet and publication review – call for help

This project would be good for someone who doesn't want to endure the weather and the mud on site clearances but still wants to have a hand in maintaining our group's educational role across all areas. If you have the time and want a relatively small project to pass hot days or weekends, then please consider putting yourself forward to take this on. Contact me for the details.

Social media presence – call for help

Video project about our LGS is still on the back burner whilst we carry out other projects. Again, if this is of interest to you, then please do get in touch and we can work together to bring this idea to fruition.

Inventory and classification of BGG stocks – call for help

We have a lot of rocks, fossils, and minerals that need identifying and classifying that have been donated to us in recent years. We also have education materials and books etc. that require an inventory check. If you could spare a couple of hours at my house helping me to sort it all out that would be great. I will provide refreshments. Please get in touch via the email address below.

So ... feeling inspired to help?

Can you bring some energy and support to these projects, even it's just helping with refreshments? Do you know of any funding sources we could tap into? Could you spare a few hours a month to help with the running of any of these projects? Would you be willing to help us promote BGG to the wider public by sharing your enthusiasm for the subject of geology?

Let us know by contacting info@bedfordshiregeologygroup.org.uk

Tour of the Building Stones of Cambridge

Article and images by Bev Fowlston

Image 1: Entrance to Sedgwick Museum

On a lovely sunny day in April myself and BGG member, Karin, joined Cambridgeshire Geological Society for a guided tour of the building stones of Cambridge with Penny as our tour guide. This event was organised as a joint event between Cambridge and Bedfordshire.

Clipsham Limestone

Quarried northwest of Stamford, the cream-coloured shelly oolitic limestone was specifically chosen for its structural strength and decorative properties.

We met at the Sedgwick Museum on Downing Place where Penny gave us a brief overview of the day ahead and a short history of the museum building. The building was opened in 1904 and specifically designed to house the museum's collections. The decorative balustrade on the stairs leading to the entrance are built from Clipsham Limestone (Image 1). The stone showcases the building's prominent exterior decorations, including the famous front-staircase carvings of bears, buffalos, mammoths, and an iguanodon.

Another interesting stop was tucked away at back of the University of Cambridge's New Museums Site. A striking public artwork that doubles as an urban habitat (Image 2). Guarding the entrance to the David Attenborough Building, Slate Work South was created in 2016 by the renowned British artist duo Heather Ackroyd and Dan Harvey. The massive relief mimics the organic form of a historic black walnut tree from the university's original botanical garden, meticulously built from thousands of stacked layers of natural Welsh slate. Beyond its beauty, the artwork hides a brilliant ecological secret. Tiny crevices deliberately engineered between the slate layers serve a vital environmental purpose, offering safe nesting spaces for local bats, solitary bees, and other insects. It is a stunning example of public art actively giving back to the local ecosystem.

Image 2: The striking Welsh Slate public artwork at the New Museums Site.

Image 3: The Senate building and adjacent Old Court of King's College.

Located in The Old Schools courtyard at the University of Cambridge, situated just off Trinity Lane in the historic heart of the city is an example of the juxtaposition of relatively new buildings and the older one. Image 3 captures the architectural transition between two distinct historical buildings. The white stone structure (Left) is the neoclassical eastern facade of the Senate House, built in the 18th century by architect James Gibbs of Late Jurassic Portland Whitbed Stone. It stands as the administrative heart of the university and hosts official degree ceremonies. The adjacent stone structure (Centre) is the part of the medieval Old Court of King's College, which dates to the 15th century and is constructed from a combination of clunch and limestone. The primary structural walls are constructed using clunch, a traditional local building material. Clunch is a dense, chalky, white limestone sourced from nearby Cambridgeshire quarries like those in Haslingfield and Cherry Hinton. Because clunch is relatively soft and vulnerable to weathering, the exterior facing, structural buttresses, and gothic window arches are dressed in much hardier, high-quality Jurassic Lincolnshire Limestone. This includes varieties like Clipsham and Ancaster stone, which give the building its distinct yellowish-brown, rough-hewn texture. This mix was a common architectural strategy in 15th-century Cambridge. Using local clunch for the mass of the

building kept costs manageable, while expensive imported limestone was reserved to protect the exterior and frame the intricate stonework.

Clunch

Better known to us in Bedfordshire as Totternhoe Stone. A hardened chalk which is a distinct variety of Lower Chalk that contains tiny fossil fragments; fish teeth, and phosphates. Unlike standard crumbly chalk, it is tightly compacted and solid enough to be used as a "freestone" (stone that can be cut freely in any direction). It is named after the village of Totternhoe in Bedfordshire, where a 5-metre-thick geological seam of this hardened chalk reaches the surface.

Image 4: Peter Randall-Page's granite boulder sculpture.

Towards the end of the tour Penny took us to see another fascinating sculpture (Image 4). Nestled in Fisher Square, the outdoor courtyard between Lion Yard and the Cambridge Guildhall, is a curious public sculpture that always turns heads. Officially titled Between the Lines, this striking artwork by Peter Randall-Page was installed in 2007 as part of the square's redevelopment. The sculpture has a remarkable backstory, having been carved from a massive glacial granite boulder sourced in Finland that travelled over 1,500 miles across Europe to its final home. Its deep, geometric channels form a continuous maze-like pattern around the stone. Because of these organic grooves and its rounded shape, locals affectionately refer to the artwork as the giant "human brain." The installation extends to the entire square, with the pavement patterns, benches, and tree grills custom-designed by the artist to perfectly match the boulder's unique contours.

Our final stop was the driveway to Trinity College (Image 5). The building, although impressive, was not the main reason for ending the tour here. The cobbled driveway itself was the most interesting feature of the tour due to some unusual cobbles used in its construction. One of these is the reddish cobblestone outside Trinity College's Great Gate (Image 6), which is engraved with "TCN" to honour Tressilian Charles Nicholas, a long-serving Fellow, geologist, and Senior Bursar who lived to be 101. Late in life, he requested his initials be carved into this specific stone, which was his favourite in the courtyard. The stone itself is rhomb porphyry, a rare volcanic rock native to Norway. Hundreds of thousands of years ago, it was carried across the North Sea to England inside a moving glacier. In 1547, 16th-century builders gathered these glacial fieldstones to pave Trinity Street, accidentally creating a historic geological exhibit right at the college doorstep. If you wish to learn more about this unusual driveway, please click on this link to view a YouTube video explaining more.

Image 5: The final stop at Trinity College.

Image 6: The "TCN" cobblestone at Trinity College.

These were just the highlights of a very interesting tour which also included buildings of different limestones including Barnack, King's Cliffe, and Ketton amongst many others. There was a lovely example of Ancaster Striped Freestone that we see in our own buildings in Bedford town centre such as the Harpur Centre and the Old Town Hall.

A huge thank you to Penny and Cambridgeshire Geological Society for a wonderful and informative tour of Cambridge.

Greensand Field Trip

Article and images by Bev Fowlston

On a beautiful sunny June day, we joined Paul Hawkes as he led a field trip through the Greensand countryside. Cambridgeshire Geological Society, members of the U3A and others joined us on this guided tour.

Image 1: Paul explaining the geology of the area. Near Katherine's Cross, Ampthill Park

We met in the car park of Ampthill great Park, which was surprisingly full at 10am. Walking up the hill to Katherine's Cross, Paul explained, with the use of some fabulous posters he'd created, the lay of the land (Image 1). Looking out over the clay vale towards Stewartby and Bedford, Paul described the different lithologies and the environments in which the bedrock was deposited.

There was time for a little fossil hunting in the loose sands brought to the surface by rabbits and maybe badgers (Image 2). However, only one lucky person discovered anything. A small fragment of a bivalve shell. Maybe once some of us had got our eye in we would have been lucky.

Image 2: Trying to find fossils!

Returning to the cars, we made our way to Silsoe Quarry near Clophill. Once we had donned our hi-vis and hard hats there was a short walk to the quarry. As usual, Silsoe never lets us down and the exposures are always magnificent. Large cross-bedding and varying grain sizes of the sand make for a spectacular cliff face in this working quarry (Image 3). The quarry itself is quarried for brick-facing sands and is still in use. A good half an hour was spent here with Paul using his posters to describe the Woburn Sands Formation in a little more detail.

Image 3: Members investigating the Woburn Sands Formation in Silsoe Quarry.

Once, we had returned to the cars and removed the PPE, we then made our way to Husborne Crawley, our final stop. Peter George, the church warden, met us with a warm welcome to explore the interior of the church. The most outstanding feature is the striking 17th-century alabaster monument dedicated to John Thompson and his wife, Dorothy (Image 4). John Thompson (an Auditor of the Exchequer and founder of the local Thompson family's fortunes) and his wife Dorothy (née Gilbert). John purchased the manor of Husborne Crawley in 1579.

Image 4: Discovering the tomb of John Thompson inside St James' Church.

We then explored the exterior of the church and the churchyard. Of course, the main interest was the 'green' greensand, which Paul explained retains its green colouration due to a rim of chlorite. If you wish to find out more, then do come along to Paul's talk on 15th September (see events list or the website for more details).

After our interesting tour of the ancient building of St James' church in Husborne Crawley, we once again headed back to the cars and met up for a late lunch at The Anchor in Aspley Guise. A lovely lunch attended by almost all attendees was enjoyed before we all went our separate ways.

A huge thank you to Paul for his wonderful organisation and knowledge of the area. Also, thanks must go to everyone who attended and finally to Peter George for his time and insight about the church.

Committee update

By Bev Fowlston

This quarter's committee meeting was held via Zoom in May. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 25th August, if you have anything to bring up, please send any questions or points of matter to the attention of the secretary.

Membership Secretary, Em Fowlston, reported that 28 people had rejoined for this financial year and we still have our 3 life members. One corporate member had rejoined but we are still awaiting payment from 2 corporate members.

Treasurer, Bev Fowlston, advised that we continue to hold a healthy balance of £1572 in the current account. Some of this balance will be used to publish the new Bedford Geotrail. Payments made this quarter has included renewing our Public Liability İnsurance and our membership of The Geology Trusts.

An update on our LGS conditions was given by Bev Fowlston, LGS coordinator. Please see the article in this newsletter for details.

Reviews of previous events were discussed, and as usual attendance is an issue.

East-West Rail and Universal are still being monitored.

A discussion about ISBN for the new Bedford Geotrail was undertaken and it was agreed that this outlay was not necessary to be able to sell the booklet.

İf at any time you can help us on the committee, you will be warmly welcomed. We can forward details of each role to see if this something you can help us with. Should you require a copy of the minutes and treasurer's report, then please contact the secretary via email at secretary@bedfordshiregeologygroup.org.uk

An opportunity for you ...

İf you feel confident giving talks to some of the lovely groups that ask for presentations, then please get in contact with Bev Fowlston who can provide you with material for talks and presentations as well as holding our own (rather old!) projector and (enormous!) screen should you need it. Don't forget we also have a huge selection of recently-catalogued rocks and fossils for use in presentations.

Please join us

Membership Information

Memberships are due on April 1st each year. They remain at £10 per person per annum or £25 for group membership (organisations with 4 or more employees).

Please pay online directly to the BGG account:

Contact treasurer@bedfordshiregeologygroup.org.uk for account details.

Please email membership.secretary@bedfordshiregeologygroup.org.uk to let us know you have paid.

If you are unable to pay via online banking, cheques can be sent directly to the treasurer at the following address: BGG Treasurer, c/o 9 Latimer Close, Wootton, Beds MK43 9QA.

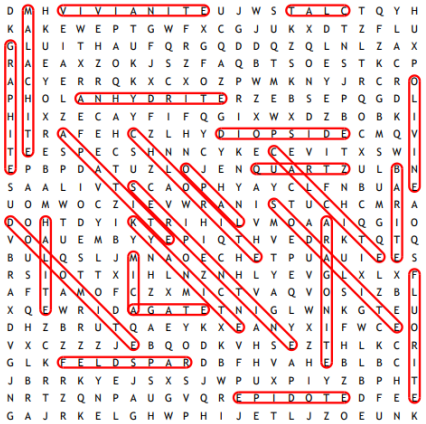
Please let the membership secretary know, via email, of any changes in address, telephone no, email etc.

Your membership entitles you to 4 newsletters a year, free entry to all BGG events (non-members pay £2 per event to cover insurance), walks & talks and frequent communications.

Just for Fun ...

Answers to last wordsearch

Minerals



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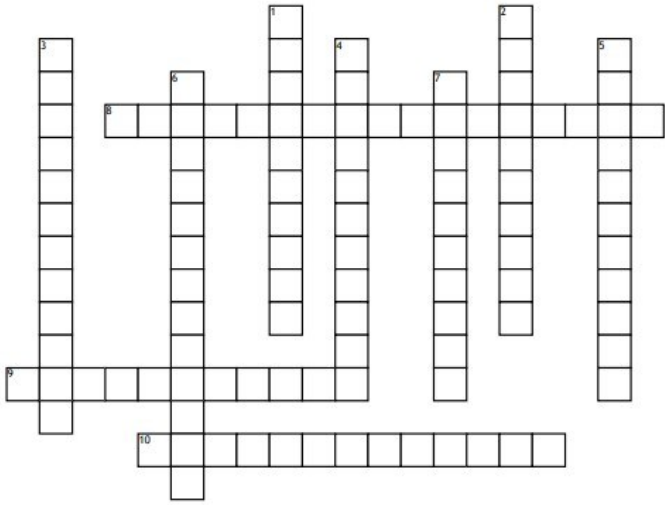

Across

8. Person who explained recurring ice ages and climate change based on Earth's orbital changes (7,10)

9. Seismologist who discovered Earth's solid inner core (4,7)

10. Known as the Father of Palaeontology and advocate for catastrophism (7,6)

Down

1. Person who mapped the ocean floor (5,5)

2. Person who discovered dinosaurs cared for their young and some nested in colonies (4,6)

3. Founder of Law of Superposition (7,5)

4. Scottish farmer known as the Founder of Modern Geology (5,6)

5. Nobel Prize-winning team member who discovered the global iridium layer (4,7)

6. Person who developed Continental Drift Theory in 1912 (6,7)

7. Discoverer of first correctly identified Ichthyosaur in Britain (4,6)

Dates for your diary ...

Please join us for these planned events, details are available on the website or check out the regular emails from Derek.

Book your place by emailing the event organiser or secretary@bedfordshiregeologygroup.org.uk

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month, 11am - 1pm: Geology Drop-In Sessions

Join BGG members for an informal drop-in session where you can bring along your collections for help with identification and categorising. Sort those rocks and fossils in your garage with the help of our resources.

Sunday 19th July, 10.30am - 12.30pm: Walk into a dry valley in the Chilterns

Meet in the car park next to the old school in Hexton just off the B655 from Barton to Hitchin. Postcode SG5 3JN. OS grid reference TL 105 304. From the A6 at Barton, the church is half-hidden behind trees on the left as you enter Hexton and the old school is next door. Look for the entrance beyond it for the car park. If you reach the crossroads with the fancy signpost, you've gone too far.

Saturday 15th August, 10.30am - 12.30pm: Getting to know Turvey

Turvey is one of the prettiest stone villages along the Ouse valley and a little piece of the Cotswolds in Bedfordshire. We'll walk around the village to learn about its history, see the stone close-up and go a little way beyond to find out where it came from.

Tuesday 15th September, 7.30pm: 'The Geological History and Evolution of the Beds/Bucks Area over the last 170 million years.' - A talk by Paul Hawkes

Husborne Crawley Reading Rooms, Turnpike Road, Husborne Crawley, Beds. MK43 0XB

Sunday 18th October, 10.30–12 pm: Landpark LGS monitoring visit.

Meet at Whipsnade Heath car park LU6 2PZ., junction of B4540/B4541, What2Words location ///repay.shins.sings

Sunday 25th October, 2.15 - 3.45pm: Discover Greenland's geology- A talk by Glynda Easterbrook and AGM

Husborne Crawley Reading Rooms, Turnpike Road, Husborne Crawley, Beds. MK43 0XB

If you can help to plan, organise and run events then please do get in contact.

A glimpse from the archives ...

In Aspley Heath woods checking out the Fuller's Earth pit remains, May 2008.

Please let us know if you have other places or events you'd like to include in this schedule. You will receive an email on each of these events nearer the time with exact details so keep watching your emails and check our website.

BGG Committee: Join us!

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We are always looking for new members to join the committee and bring fresh ideas.

Please contact any of us if you'd like to join our friendly team.

We meet for quarterly meetings.

Please look at our website for news of walks, talks and events. It's easy to download flyers & geotrails.

www.bedfordshiregeologygroup.org.uk

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Hope you enjoyed the read!