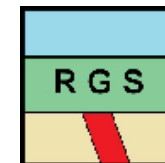


We are a fully inclusive, friendly group consisting mostly of amateurs, with a keen interest in geology and earth sciences.  
Lectures are by experts in their field and field meetings are arranged for most months of the year.  
New members: please come along to a meeting and make yourself known to a committee member when you arrive.

***Reading Geological Society is a  
Local Group of the  
Geologists' Association***



**READING GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**RGS Lecture Programme 2024**

**Monday 8 January 2024**

**AGM and Members Evening - Talk by Jeremy Krause**

**Monday 5 February 2024**

**Maps, mountains and madness – Charles Lapworth and the Highland Controversy**

Prof. Paul Smith

Oxford University Museum of Natural History

**Monday 4 March 2024**

**Presidential Address - It's all a matter of time...**

Prof. Alison MacLeod

University of Reading

**Monday 8 April 2024**

**Mountains in the Sea**

Prof. Tony Watts

Department of Earth Sciences, Oxford University

**Monday 13 May 2024**

**Replacement lecture TBA following postponement of previously scheduled lecture.**

**Monday 3 June 2024**

**Melting Under Mountains**

the soft centre of the Himalayas

Dr Tom Argles

The Open University

**Monday 1 July 2024**

**Ramble to Cookham Dean and Bisham Woods**

Lesley Dunlop

**Monday 5 August 2024**

**Ramble**

Sarah Cook and Mike Jones

**Monday 2 September 2024**

**Construction in Jurassic-aged Mudstones for the HS2 Railway**

Dr Kevin Briggs

Bath University

**Monday 7 October 2024**

**A Hot Topic! : The Geology Supporting Geothermal Energy**

Dr Duncan Macgregor

Macgeology

**Monday 4 November 2024**

**Adventures in Martian deep time**

tales from the Perseverance and Curiosity rovers

Prof. Sanjeev Gupta

Imperial College, London

**Monday 2 December 2024**

**Scotland's Greatest Ice Age**

The Neoproterozoic Port Askaig glaciation

Prof. Ian Fairchild

University of Birmingham

Ailsa Davies

Hilary Jensen

Carole Gregory

Roger York

Ross Garden

Ailsa Davies (acting)

Elaine Butler

David Ward

Peter Sergeant

Helen Craggs

Chairman

General Secretary

Treasurer

Membership Secretary

Field Meetings Secretary

Lectures Secretary

Newsletter Editor

School Rocks!

Committee Member

Committee Member

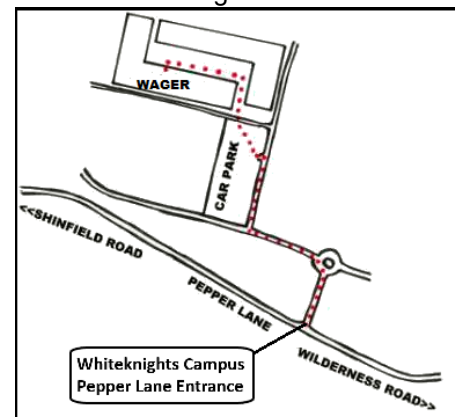
***Prof. Alison MacLeod President***

Website: <https://readinggeology.org.uk>

Lectures are held on the first working Monday of each month.

Time: 7:45pm for 8:00pm

Venue: Usually via Zoom and Sorby Room ,  
Wager Building,  
The University of Reading,  
Reading.



*Being out in the field and experiencing geology first-hand with a group of like-minded people is interesting, enjoyable and a good day out or a weekend or week away. We try to cater for most needs so let us know how we can help and please join us.*

## **RGS Field Meetings Programme 2024**

### **Wednesday 24 January 2024**

#### **South Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire**

Leader: Ross Garden and Jeremy Krause : RGS

### **Saturday 24 February 2024**

#### **Lesnes Abbey Woods and the Thames Barrier**

Leader: Alison Barraclough : RGS

### **Sunday 10 March 2024**

#### **The Corallian of Oxfordshire**

Leader: Owen Green

Oxford Geology Trust

### **Wednesday 17 April 2024**

#### **Martley, Worcestershire**

Leader: Prof Ian Fairchild

TVGS

### **16 - 19 May 2024 - Weekend**

#### **Purbeck and Portland**

Leader: Ross Garden : RGS

### **Wednesday 19 June 2024**

#### **Middle Jurassic at Brown's Folly, Somerset**

Leader: David Green

Geostudies

### **Sunday 21 July 2024**

#### **Kentish Ragstone, Boughton Monchelsea**

Leader: Geoff Downer

### **Sunday 18 August 2024**

#### **A Summer Geological event at Holly House**

### **9 - 12 September 2024**

#### **Shropshire**

Leader: Albert Benghiat

Shropshire Geological Society

### **Sunday 13 October 2024**

#### **Barton on Sea, Hampshire**

(Date is provisional to optimise tides)

Leader: Jim House

**The Geologists' Association holds regular lectures in London and field meetings in this country and all over the world, see their website for details. [www.geologistsassociation.org.uk](http://www.geologistsassociation.org.uk)**

### **Friday 13 December 2024**

#### **Museum visit**

(Date is provisional)

## **Logistics**

You need to sign up for a field meeting.

Travel is by members' cars or possibly a minibus if the numbers are sufficient, with costs shared between members. Alternatively, you may wish to travel independently. When a visit requires specific equipment - for instance hard hats, torches or wellingtons - you will be notified in advance.

At each lecture, there will normally be lists displayed for the forthcoming field meetings, alternatively to register for a field meeting online go to the website.

If you have suggestions for visits or would like to lead one, we would be delighted to hear from you.

[Mailto field meetings subcommittee.](mailto:fieldmeetings@geologistsassociation.org.uk)

## **Safety**

***All attendees need to sign a Risk Assessment Document***

***Safety on field meetings is taken very seriously. Should you be unsure about either the risks involved or your ability to participate, you must seek advice from the leader. Please make sure you understand the risk assessment offered by the leader of the meeting and that you have the safety equipment specified. You must declare, at the time of booking, any disabilities or medical conditions that may affect your ability to safely attend this field meeting. In order to ensure the safety of all participants, the RGS reserves the right to limit or refuse attendance at field meetings. By signing up to a field meeting you are confirming you have read this safety briefing note, are accepting the risks and responsibilities and are permitting the RGS to keep your contact details for the duration of the trip.***