

News

Pyrite Workshop

We have uploaded photos and videos from the day into our member resources area, there is a photo gallery from the morning and the afternoon activities. You can also view videos of the morning presentations (kindly provided to us by the Natural History Museum, London) once you are logged in with your website account.

<https://www.geocurator.org/pyriteworkshop>

Help promote GCG

The committee has recently had a batch of A6 promotional leaflets printed. If you think that you would be able to promote our activities and membership benefits, perhaps to colleagues, through outreach, or other connections, then please get in touch and we will post some to you. E-mail webmaster@geocurator.org with your postal address.



We want your links!

Have you got a folder of useful web addresses which you refer to day in, day out? Would you be happy to share it with us, so that we can incorporate some of them into our new links page? You can e-mail your contributions to webmaster@geocurator.org and browse or search the links we have already at <https://www.geocurator.org/links>.

The GCG Blog

Hopefully many of you will have noticed that the GCG Blog is getting regular content, with a new article coming out every two weeks. To ensure you don't miss one, you can subscribe to our newsfeed which will notify you whenever a new blog is published:

<https://geocollnews.wordpress.com/>

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Coprolite is compiled and produced by Dr Emma Nicholls, Deputy Keeper of Natural History at the Horniman Museum and Gardens, London.

Going forward in 2018, *Coprolite* will have a new format. In order to reach you more quickly with news from the sector, it will now comprise a 4-page A5 newsletter, sent out four times a year instead of three. This is to coincide with our committee meetings, meaning all information is hot off the press and straight to your door or inbox.

We have also made the move, as far as possible, to an electronic format. This is for both environmental reasons and to keep down the cost of our membership in a world where materials and postal services are becoming increasingly expensive. The money we will save on the printing/posting costs of *Coprolite* will be turned into providing better resources and events. In order to cater for all of our members, *Coprolite* will still be available in print format, however this must be specifically requested. Please contact our Membership Officer Cindy Howells at membership@geocurator.org.

Contributions from anyone and everyone are welcomed and encouraged. They should be sent to Emma at coprolite@geocurator.org. The copy deadlines are listed below:

March newsletter - Deadline 1st February

June newsletter - Deadline 1st May

September newsletter - Deadline 1st August

December newsletter- Deadline 1st November

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Membership News

Several members have outstanding subs which means you won't be eligible for membership benefits, such as the member's only content on our website. If you pay by Standing Order, please check you are paying the correct amount (shown below). If you're uncertain about your subs payments then please email or ring the Membership Officer, contact details below.

UK Personal Subscription £20 sterling per annum (optional concessionary rate £15)

UK Institutions £25 sterling per annum

Overseas Personal Subscription £23 sterling per annum (US \$36, €30)

Overseas Institutions £27 sterling per annum (US \$42, €34)

Please note- It is important that all members return their GDPR form as per the new data protection laws. If you have not yet sent it, please do so at your earliest convenience, thanks!

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2018 Events / Courses

5th September: The 26th Symposium on Palaeontological Preparation and Conservation, Joint Session with GCG.

5th – 8th September: The 66th Symposium on Vertebrate Palaeontology and Comparative Anatomy

Hosted by Manchester Museum, University of Manchester, University of Salford, and Manchester Metropolitan University.

Booking for this joint conference is now open! The second circular has been released with details of the venue, programme, and logistics. Regular updates are being posted on the SVPCA Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SVPCA/>) and Twitter group (@SVPCA_Manc). Circulars are sent out by email (register for them by contacting SVPCAMAN2018@listserv.manchester.ac.uk).

Registration can be done online at http://svpca.org/years/2018_manchester/. Costs are: SVPCA full price: £80, SVPCA student: £40, SPPC only: £20. Please note- the deadline for registration and abstract submission for both SPPC and SVPCA is 18th July.

18th – 19th September: Collectors, Collections and the Geology of South West Britain

Hosted by the Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution, Bath, this is a joint meeting of HOGG and GCG (History of Geology Group and Geological Curators' Group).

This collaborative meeting organised by two Special Interest Groups of the Geological Society focuses on the geology of South West Britain. The full programme is now available on the GCG website (<https://www.geocurator.org/events/80-collectors-collections-and-the-geology-of-south-west-britain>). This one day conference will be followed by an optional day with a choice of field trips:

Morning: Gravestone Geology Walk in Haycombe Cemetery, led by Nina Morgan and Phillip Powell, Oxford University Museum of Natural History. *You'll never look at cemeteries in the same way again!*

Followed by:

Afternoon: Trip to examine exposures at Brown's Folly, Bathford, some of the best outcrops of the Chalford Oolite Formation, Great Oolite Group, led by Maurice Brown, Bath Geological Society and Department of Earth Sciences, Bristol University.

Or

A full day trip to Moons Hill volcanics, led by Tony Watts and Owen Green, Department of Earth Sciences, Oxford University.

The conference is aimed at attracting a diverse audience and we encourage curators, researchers, educators, volunteers, collectors, and enthusiasts to attend.

4th – 5th December: Inspiring Volunteers - Promoting Collections, GCG Winter Seminar and 45th AGM

Please note the date change for this conference; previously advertised as 5th–6th December.

Hosted by Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Cardiff.

We are keen to involve as many of our museum colleagues as possible, be they waged or unwaged, so as well as ensuring the costs for the seminar are as affordable as possible, the committee is investigating the possibility of offering a series of travel/attendance bursaries.

Further details will be announced on our website as they become available (<https://www.geocurator.org/agm2018>). If you are interested in submitting an abstract for a talk or workshop, relating to the theme of the conference, please get in touch with Zoë (events@geocurator.org) or Cindy (membership@geocurator.org).

26th – 28th October: Mineralworld, Munich, Germany

Europe's largest mineral show is a three day event with over 1,200 exhibitors from 60 different countries. It includes a 'Mineral Pavilion' where the best exhibitors worldwide present their most valuable treasures, a series of lectures and a special themed exhibition with contributions from a large number of museums and collectors. For more information, please see their website: <https://10times.com/mineralientage-munchen>

14th – 17th December: The 62nd Palaeontological Association Annual Meeting

The PalAss Annual Meeting will be held in Bristol this year. The organiser, Dr Jakob Vinther, can be contacted at annualmeeting2018@palass.org, though up to date news will be released as it becomes available, on the PalAss website. For more information, please: <https://www.palass.org/meetings-events/annual-meeting/2018/annual-meeting-2018-bristol-overview>