

From the shore to the store - The ethics of UK fossil collecting and collections

Tuesday 6th December 2016

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Seminar and 43rd Annual General Meeting M Shed, Princes Wharf, Wapping Road, Bristol BS1 4RN

10.00 Arrivals

10.15 Tea/Coffee

10.45 Welcome to Bristol
Ray Barnett, Head of Collections, Bristol Culture

Morning talks session

11.00 Keynote 1 - Disposals and Acquisitions: Ethics and the Law
Janet Ulph, University of Leicester

11.30 Bones on the beach, bones in the cliff, the ethics of collecting dinosaurs on an eroding coast
Martin Munt, Dinosaur Isle

12.00 "Most important fossil discoveries have, in fact, been made by dealers or enthusiasts". Discuss.
Errol Fuller, Summers Place Auctions

12.30 Fossil Protection Legislation: Science, Politics, Money and Anthropocentrism
Jeff Liston, Yunnan University

13.00 Lunch

Afternoon talks session

14.00 Keynote 2 - The new Museums Association Code of Ethics
Alistair Brown, Museums Association Policy Officer

14.30 40 years of collecting on the Jurassic Coast
David Sole, Fossil Collector

15.00 A Fossil Acquisition Strategy for the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site
Sam Scriven, Earth Science Manager, Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site

15.30 Tea/Coffee

Annual General Meeting

16.00 AGM, to include the announcement of the newest recipient of the Brighton Medal

18.00 + Drinks and evening meal at the Hope and Anchor, [38 Jacob's Wells Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 1DR](http://www.hopeandanchor.co.uk)

GCG members and attendees have been cordially invited by Simon Cohen, GCG member and proprietor of "Fossils" (www.fossilsandgemstones.co.uk/) to visit his warehouse in the Avonmouth Docks to enjoy a few drinks and nibbles from 19.00 onwards. You will need to arrange your own transport.

Wednesday 7th December 2016

Field trips

Redcliffe Caves Visit - those who have booked onto the caves visit will meet our guide, Alan Gray, at the entrance to the caves just before 10.00. Please take note of the advice provided regarding clothing and torches at the webpages below:

<http://www.redcliffecaves.org.uk/>

<http://axbridgecavinggroup.wikidot.com/redcliffecaves-access>

Bristol Museum & Art Gallery Geology Stores - all are welcome to take a guided tour of the stores in The Bristol Museum - many wonderful things are housed there. If you have not already seen the museum, there is also an excellent geology display, a collection of local "Sea Dragons" and a cafe for drinks and refreshments.