



Manchester Geological Association

President: Dr Margaret Hartley

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www.mangeolassoc.org.uk

Founded 1925

Membership Reminder

Current membership fees are:

Full member, correspondence by email	£16.00
Full member, correspondence by post	£18.00
Full member and an associate member, correspondence by email	£18.00
Full member and an associate member, correspondence by post	£20.00

Payment can be made directly to our bank with a Faster Payment or you could set up a Standing Order for payment to be made annually on the 1st January. Use your name as the reference. If you need the bank details please contact ken.jacobs.2011@gmail.com .

Alternatively payment can be made by sending a cheque to

Ken Jacobs
1 Godmond Hall Drive
Worsley. M28 1YF

Quick Diary

Field Meetings

	15th May	Styal Mill	Leader Fred Owen
Saturday	2nd October	Castleton	Leader Cathy Hollis

Please watch the web site for other trips that are being planned.

Indoor Meetings

Saturday	8th October – all day	Joint with British Cave Research Association
Saturday	19th November – afternoon	Broadhurst Memorial – Recent British fossil finds

Who's Who in the MGA

Officers

President: Dr Margaret Hartley

Vice-President: Vacant

General Secretary: Sue Plumb BSc

Membership Secretary: Ken Jacobs

Treasurer: Jennifer Rhodes BA

Indoor Meetings Secretary: Ken Jacobs

Field Excursions Secretary: Peter del Strother

Newsletter Editor: Lyn Relph BSc

Webmaster: Peter Giles MSc

Other elected members of Council

Prof. Ray Burgess

Nicola Fowler BSc (Hons)

Dr Steve Donovan

Steve Daniels

Ex officio members of Council

The Immediate Past President, Manchester Geological Association: Niall Clarke MSc

RIGS Representative: Dr Chris Arkwright

The Association's representative on the North West Geologist's editorial team: Peter del Strother

President of the Student Geological Societies of the University of Manchester

MGA Archivist: Dr Derek Brumhead MBE

MGA email addresses

To contact our President: president@mangeolassoc.org.uk

To contact our Vice-President: vicepresident@mangeolassoc.org.uk

To contact our General Secretary: secretary@mangeolassoc.org.uk

For membership enquiries: membership@mangeolassoc.org.uk

For field visit enquiries: outdoors@mangeolassoc.org.uk

For indoor meeting enquiries: lectures@mangeolassoc.org.uk

For newsletter correspondence: newsletter@mangeolassoc.org.uk

For other enquiries: info@mangeolassoc.org.uk

Membership subscription renewals

Membership fees are now due.

If you pay by cheque or cash please send the appropriate subscription to Ken Jacobs, 1 Godmond Hall Drive, Worsley, M28 1YF.

If you pay by SO your subs will be collected automatically.

If you would like to switch to paying by SO, please contact Ken

Could **all Members please confirm their contact details**, mobile number, postal address and email address to Ken at ken.jacobs.2011@gmail.com.

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An associate member is an adult residing at the same address as a full member.

One member paid promptly on 4th January 2022 by standing order, thank you
Unfortunately the reference with this payment is just MGA so I don't actually know who has made the payment. Its best to use your name as the reference.
It's likely to be from someone who has set up a standing order within the past year. Can you please check if it's you and let me know.

Meeting Preferences

Over lockdown the Zoom talks have become very popular so in order to make them available to the maximum number of Members in the future the Council is asking Members to email their preferences on talk times and whether to hold them in person, via Zoom or hybrid.

The choices are:

(1) Would you prefer talks to be held mid-week on Wednesday evenings, or at the weekend on Saturday mornings or afternoons?

(2) In future we hope to offer mid-week evening talks as online-only or hybrid events (choice of attending in-person or online). Online-only talks offer us an opportunity to invite a wider range of speakers from across the UK and beyond. Would you prefer to attend online or hybrid talks? If there was only an online option, would this affect your decision to attend?

(3) In future we hope to offer Saturday talks as in-person events, with a hybrid option for those unable to attend in person. Are you likely to attend a weekend in-person event? If there was only an in-person option, would this affect your decision to attend?

OTHER SOCIETY EVENTS

BCGS <http://bcgs.info/pub/>

- 23 April Brampton Bryan Park, Northwest Herefordshire
- 25 April Indoor Meeting - 'All the world's a stage: Geodiversity - a natural setting for a natural world'
- 7 May Field Meeting to Dudley Museum at the Archives and Wren's Nest National Nature Reserve
- 15 June Evening Field Meeting - The Building Stones and Landscapes of Dudley Town Centre Geosite
- 6 July Evening Field Meeting - The Geology and Landscapes of Barr Beacon
- 4 August Evening Field Meeting - The Geology, mining heritage and landscapes of Himley Hall and Baggeridge Country Park
- 7 Sept Evening Field Meeting - The Geology of the Rowley Hills Geosite

Yorkshire Geological Society <http://www.yorksgeolsoc.org.uk/>

- Apr 9 Sedgwick-Phillips-Smith Bicentennial Meeting - Developments in N England Geology
- Apr 14 Climate change, sea level rise and ocean acidification are now inevitable: is there a role for geoengineering?
- May 10 Crinoids on the National News: Preliminary observations and implications of a new Bathonian (Middle Jurassic) lagerstätte in Wiltshire, UK

Leeds Geological Society <http://www.leedsga.org.uk/>

See the web site for trip updates.

GeoLancashire <https://geolancashire.org.uk/lectures-and-excursions/>

- 12th Feb AGM, followed by talk by Peter del Strother on NE America
- 12th March Lesley Collins – Metamorphic Rocks and Minerals
- 9th April Duncan McLean – Pollen and Spores

OUGS North West Branch <https://ougs.org/northwest/>

- May 7th Brymbo Heritage Project & Llay Coal Mine Waste Tip
- May 8th Trefor Rocks, nr Llangollen
- July 9th Worsley Woods & Worsley Delph, Lancashire Mining Museum

Geologists' Association (GA)

Four highlights from Geology from Your Sofa

The Geology of Arran 2021 Part 3: The Laggan Loop Part 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nNsvxAdeuxc>

Early Tetrapod Feeding Mechanics

<https://www.palaeocast.com/early-tetrapod-feeding-mechanics/>

The geology of Mars

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JTh-HemASis>

The age of giant swamps: Carboniferous

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Ww6AFYBAQk>

Geology Bites podcast series

The series consists of interviews with leading academic researchers, with a new episode being published every week or two: geologybites.com

Oliver Strimpel, Visiting Fellow in the Department of Earth Sciences, University of Oxford has forwarded this link. Members are welcome to visit the site. A wide range of topics have been covered, as summarized in the series index: geologybites.com/index . Each episode is supported by a dedicated web page.

Styal Mill Field Trip 15th May

A field excursion to the grounds around Styal Mill (Triassic) has been arranged for 15th May starting at 11 am. After the field excursion the mill is well worth a visit. Attendees will either have to be members of the National Trust or pay for entry.

It will be led by Fred Owen who, several years ago, produced a geological trail. At the time a copy was sent to all MGA members, so some people may still have copies. Some sites in that guide are no longer accessible but the big picture story remains the same.

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Expressions of interest possible Bavaria trip

Three nights in Denkendorf, mainly to see the Altmühl Dino Park with Archaeopteryx No. 12 (<https://dinopark-bayern.de/en/>) and the refurbished Jura Museum which none of us have seen, plus a couple of quarry visits. Please register your interest with John Nudds john.nudds@manchester.ac.uk

Dinosaurier Museum Altmühltal (Dinopark Bayern) - Urzeit in Lebensgröße!

An FFP2 mask must be worn in the indoor areas only (from 15 years). A 2G plus certificate must be shown at the entrance. The 2G plus rule does not apply to children up to their 12th birthday and all students up to their 18th Birthday.
dinopark-bayern.de

Outdoor Meetings

- 15th May** **Styal Mill** Leader Fred Owen To book contact outdoors@mangeolassoc.org.uk
- 2nd October** Saturday **Castleton** Leader Cathy Hollis To book contact ken.jacobs.2011@gmail.com. (This is a joint event with the OUGS(NW))

Other trips at the planning stage; Ingleton, Bolton Abbey

Indoor Meetings 2022/23 (proposed)

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| Saturday | 8th October – all day | Joint with British Cave Research Association |
| Saturday | 19th November – afternoon | Broadhurst Memorial – Recent British fossil finds |
| Saturday | 10th December – afternoon - | |
| Wednesday | 11th January – evening - | |
| Saturday | 11th February – afternoon | AGM followed by 2 talks |
| Wednesday | 8th March – evening - | |

Bring Your Own Reusable Mugs

Would Members please bring a cup to use for tea/coffee when attending lectures, where refreshments are provided. It would be much appreciated. The MGA will be using biodegradable cups when our supply of polystyrene ones runs out, but these do cost more.