

OPEN UNIVERSITY GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH  
STOP PRESS

Apologies everyone, we are unable to produce a Newsletter this Summer, hopefully the next one is out back end of October. Please accept this stop Press as a replacement. What this is a short piece from me and an Events Diary.

This experience emphasises the need for plenty of volunteers from within the Branch. If something for what ever reason goes wrong, we can rely on an individual to fill in the shoes at a short notice. This is one of the problems with having one person doing every thing. If something does go wrong, it can be extremely difficult to get things back on track. The sort of person I am looking for; is some one to tell me he/she is willing to do something and prepared to go ahead and does some thing. It isn't good enough to say that you are willing to help, unless you are willing to say what you are willing to help in. Remember all the Committee posts are up for grabs at the AGM. It would be nice to see a bit more competition for each of the post. It also gives the impression that this is a vibrant Branch.

I am still looking for some one to run some weekend trips on our behalf. I am willing to run the odd day trip, but am unable to anything about the weekend trips. If you are interested let me know, I or my committee should be able to find you a leader and give you a hand in organise it. The one advantage in having plenty of volunteers is that it spreads the stress about a bit. At the minute this Branch is going down an all too familiar path. This is not the direction I wish to take this Branch.

What has been happening since I last wrote to you, Richard's trip to Shropshire was a great success, as was the Upware trip led by Simon Kelly. Those of you, who were at the Upware trip, would probably have heard that there would have been a trip to Barrington Quarry led by Andy Gale. Unfortunately we are unable to gain access to the Quarry, so this trip can not go ahead. Other trips under discussion for next year is a trip to South Essex led by Peter Allen, Building Stones trip led by Simon Kelly and possibly a trip to one of the Peterborough Quarries. I have also been intouch with Essex Rock and Mineral Society regarding joint trips. Unfortunately we are too late for their trip to Walton on the Naze, but there is one in October which members might be interested in.

It was a shame that not many members came to the day of talks organised by Bob Markham on behalf of GeoSuffolk. This turned out to be truly tremendous day.

The one other event worth a mention was the National Symposium held in Stirling. This again was a well organised event with a lot going on. It was well worth while attending and again it was a shame to see not very many members from East Anglia present.

Other things have changed since I last wrote to you. We are changing are printing procedure, we have found an alternative place to have our Newsletters printed, at a cheaper rate. On behalf of the Branch, I would like to convey my thanks to Wendy Hamilton, her husband Alan for all their hard work on the Newsletter in the past, it was appreciated. We are also looking into the possibility in having electronic Newsletters. If there is any member who would like the Newsletter in this format, can they let me know. It would save the Branch a bit of money, which we can put to good use elsewhere.

It is currently the holiday season, if any of you have been anywhere interesting geologically, let Mary know about your experiences, so we can all share in them.

I will certainly let you know about my experiences in Scotland. In the mean time I will be in touch with you in October, of course all other things been equal. Do not forget Carey Shaw's trip to Llangollen. Also our Website is now up and running, go and check it out on [www.ougs-eastanglia.org](http://www.ougs-eastanglia.org)

### **EVENTS DIARY**

23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> September 2005, Langollen/Minera Weekend

Leader Will Jones.

Estimated cost £100.00

Need hard hats/high vis Jackets.

Booking Form – Back of the Last letter.

If you are interested in this trip/or book a place contact Carey Shaw on 01485 520 646.

8<sup>th</sup> October, 2005 – Joint Trip to the Gipping Valley with Suffolk Nats.

Leader Bob Markham

To Chalk, Tertiary and Glacial Deposits – meet at Bramford picnic site car park (immediately south-west of railway bridge) at 10.30am. Drive on from there You may be required to sign an indemnity form in quarries, bring hard hats hi-vis jackets. Bramford is about 3 miles N-W of Ipswich. If you are interested in coming let me know on 01284 762192.

23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2005 – Joint trip with Essex Rock and Mineral Society - Colchester.

Leaders Graham Ward and David Turner.

A Geological tour around the Town following Colchester Museum's building stones trail from the Natural History Museum, along the High Street, as far as the Town Hall and back to the Castle. Meet Natural History Museum at 1.00 pm. GR TM001252. if you are interested let me know.

4<sup>th</sup> February, 2006 Day of Talks and AGM. Milton Country Park, Cambridge.

With D. Angela Coe and two other speakers TBA. Agenda to follow.

Feb/Mar 2006 TBC Building Stones Trip, Cambridge leader Simon Kelly.

23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2006 Orford Area to look at Red Crag, Corraline Crag & Norwich Crag.

Leader Roger Dixon at Melton Old Church at 9.30 am. GR to be advised. It would be advisable if you can give some body a lift for this trip, as parking can be a problem.

June 2006, TBC - a trip to one of the Peterborough Quarries.

10th September 2006 South Essex – led by Peter Allen. To look at Post Anglian Thames, Holocene Thames, Sarsens and Periglacial Involutions. Meet at Armor Rd, Purfleet TQ 568787 at 10.00.

7<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 – Joint trip with London Branch to Wrabness & Harwich to see Tertiary and Holocene Sediments. Leaders Graham Ward & Bill George. Contact me for details on 01284 762192.

#### Other Societies trips

20<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2005 – Suffolk Nats with Geological Society of Norfolk. To Walton Common, Norfolk. For Details contact Bob Markham on 01394 384 525 or email

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