



## A distance learning course for adults Commencing January 2018

### KEY INFORMATION

<b>COURSE TITLE:</b>	Time traveller's Britain
<b>LEVEL:</b>	The course is designed for anyone interested in learning about geology and time in some great parts of Britain
<b>DATES:</b>	The course runs from January 8th. and ends on March 19th 2018 (break 26/2)
<b>DELIVERY:</b>	The course will be delivered via a series of online or mailed tutorials, plus an opportunity to take part in a day school
<b>COURSE TUTOR:</b>	Chris Darmon supported by Colin Schofield
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The tutor has had extensive field experience in the UK and abroad over a 40-year career. He has been involved with the teaching of adults in Sheffield for over 30 years; for the LEA, the University of Sheffield and the Workers' Education Association. For the past eight years he has had experience of delivering distance learning courses to students around the country. Colin Schofield, the course manager, is also a geologist and has much experience in supporting distance learners on these courses.

This course is a natural extension of that work, with potential learners based anywhere in the UK and even beyond. It will be sent via email direct to you or you can do it by post. The course will be sent by email or can be found on the free to use learning platform Moodle, with access by password. The benefit of Moodle is that you can be involved with your fellow learners via discussion forums etc.

### OUR EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

Our aim is to provide a relaxed learning environment in which we can all learn both from the tutor and each other. We hope that everyone will want to complete the tasks we set you, though nobody will be insisting that you do. Feedback and positive encouragement will always be given - we want you to gain knowledge and confidence from everything you do! We encourage you to share ideas and experiences via Moodle. Once again, this is down to your choice - nobody will be insisting that you do.

**To protect our materials, we must ask you to agree not to share them with anyone not enrolled on the course by any means, including email. This is a condition of you enrolling on this course.**

### WELCOME TO THE COURSE

We have already run some 20 Units of Time Travels in the British Isles and covered topics, some of which focussed on people such as William Smith and Mary Anning whilst others covered areas such as NW Scotland or The Lizard. In Part 2 we covered ten more topics including London's true underground, Charles Lapworth and Gideon Mantell. If you haven't done these, it's not a problem, but you may care to obtain these 20-Units for the bargain price of £95.00 - or £125.00 if you choose to have printed copies.

This course takes a closer look at the rocks and the scenery of selected parts of Britain and at some of the people who have helped us to unravel their fascinating story. We'll be taking a journey through our past and using the rocks, the maps and the scenery to help us to discover more. No previous knowledge is expected or a required, just a sense of adventure!

### COURSE CONTENT

*What follows is the list of topics to be covered, the final order may be subject to revision.,*

- **Arran the geologists' paradise** - from the Dalradian to the Tertiary volcanics and Quaternary glaciation
- **Malvernian mysteries** - discover why the Malverns are the UK's highest mountains!
- **An ancient ophiolite complex in Scotland** - the geology of the Ballantrae and Girvan area
- **Darwin's geological journeys** - Charles Darwin the geologist and his British travels
- **Ardnamurchan, a great volcanic story** - from explosions to flood basalts



- **The Lake District** - the geology of a World Heritage landscape
- **The Llyn Peninsula** - Snowdonia's rich and varied near neighbour
- **The English Riviera Geopark** - volcanoes, coral reefs and desert floods
- **Henry de la Beche** - a man on a mission to survey the rocks of England
- **The Jurassic Coast** - the rocks and fossils of this World Heritage Geopark in Dorset



*Everyone enrolling will receive a course timetable and further information by way of an introduction to the course and our way of presentation, along with the aims of the course. There will also be an introductory Prologue for anyone who has not done Parts 1 & 2.*

### **DAY SCHOOLS & DAY TRIPS**

During 2018 we will be holding day schools and day trips in a number of different locations around the country on a variety of different topics. It is many of these will cover further aspects of British Geology. You are welcome to attend any of them - see below for how you can save money on the standard cost.

### **PRACTICAL POINTS**

- To do this course electronically you'll need a computer with access to the internet. You'll also need a valid email address - please supply it at the time of enrolment. Units will be sent as pdf files. A broadband connection would be very helpful, but is not essential.
- To access Moodle we'll give you the simple instructions and a password

### **THE COST**

The online cost is £75.00 and covers the provision of all the online materials, and tutor support via email or Moodle.. To have the materials posted, the cost is £100.00.

### **SAVE MONEY WITH ' CLUB CLASS'**

For an outlay of just £10.00 you can obtain 'Club Class' our own discount scheme. You can get £5.00 off the cost of this course and other distance learning courses, plus a variety of other benefits that include a £3.00 discount on all day trips, £5.00 off day schools, and 10% off the cost of BGS books and maps.

*All benefits are available until December 31st 2018.*

### **ENROLLING**

To enrol on this course you can do so via our website:-

***www.geosupplies.co.uk***  
***or you can ring us on 0114 2455746***

You can also send a cheque to the following address (made payable to "Geo Supplies Ltd"):-

***Geo Supplies Ltd., 49 Station Road, Chapeltown,  
Sheffield, S35 2XE***



### **LOOKING FOR HELP?**

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact the tutor, Chris Darmon by email:-

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