



Winter Day Schools now available to book...

During February and March we'll once again be running a programme of Day Schools in venues around the country. This Winter our Day School venues will be Sheffield, North London, Devizes, Birmingham and Newcastle. If you've not joined us on one of these before, you will be especially welcome. It's enjoyable and informal learning for all!



Wednesday, February 19, Cheshunt, North London **Rockstars, a celebration of famous rocks**

There are some rocks that everyone has heard of, like Portland Stone or Shap Granite and 'local heroes' like Hertfordshire Puddingstone. But why are they famous, what makes them so special? We'll be examining some famous rocks in a practical session and then learning more about them in a lively teaching session during this day of two parts. Included in the price is a hot lunch and hot drinks.

Meeting: YHA Lee Valley, Cheshunt, Herts. at 10.30 Cost: £35.00 (Tube to Tottenham Hale, then frequent train to Cheshunt)

Wednesday, February 26, Devizes, Wiltshire **The Geology of the British Isles in a day**

Come and join us on the journey of a lifetime! It begins more than 3 billion years ago with parts of an ancient continent in what is now Northwest Scotland and ends with the final glacial retreat around 10,000 years ago. Along the way we'll encounter violent volcanoes in Charnwood Forest, dense equatorial forest in South Wales, come face to face with giant dinosaurs on the Isle of Wight and experience one of the world's largest volcanoes on the Isle of Skye. Welcome to what is the geological past of the British Isles! Take part in practical work, and enjoy a video presentation - hang on to your seat, It's going to be a bumpy ride! Full buffet lunch and hot drinks during the day.

Meeting: Devizes Conservative Club at 10.30 Cost £35.00

Saturday, February 29, Chapeltown, Sheffield **The amazing world of minerals**

Minerals are simply the Earth's chemical compounds. Many are beautiful, some are valuable, without them we would have nothing. This day looks at all aspects of minerals, their chemistry, their classification and their many uses. There will be plenty of hands on practical work with some fine specimens to enjoy, as well as some lively teaching time. This is a day for anyone with any interest in learning more about minerals. Hot and cold buffet meal provided, plus hot drinks during the day.

Meeting: Commercial Inn, Station Road, Chapeltown Cost: £35.00

Wednesday, March 4 Birmingham

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See Chapeltown above for details of this course. As we are at the Lapworth Museum we'll be able to enjoy some of their fine specimens as part of the practical session. At this venue only hot drinks and biscuits are available.

Meeting: Lapworth Museum, Birmingham University at 10.30 Cost £20.00

Saturday, March 7, Central Newcastle upon Tyne **How the Earth works, new views of an old planet**

An exciting day that starts with an examination of our planet through its rocks and minerals and then moves on to peer inside to see how it is constructed, before moving on to examine how our understanding of how it works has changed radically in the last 100 years. Includes some practical hands-on rock work and also lots of handouts!

At this venue, only hot drinks and biscuits are included in the price.

Meeting: Commercial Union building, Newcastle upon Tyne at 10.30 Cost £25.00

Winter Distance Learning Courses are here

Commencing in mid-January we'll be running a variety of distance learning courses. They run for around 10-weeks and cost £75.00 in electronic form (either email or via the Moodle platform) or £100.00 in paper form, except Backyard Geology which is £60.00 or £75.00 by post.

You can enrol by entering the online shop at: www.geosupplies.co.uk or by ringing us on 0114 245 5746 ENROL NOW for any course!

NEW COURSE!

"Backyard Geology - and a little beyond"

This is an exciting new venture for us and you! We've often been asked if we have anything that can help you in the study of your home or favourite area, well now we have.

It's an 8-week course that provides you with what can best be described as a 'manual' for discovering more about your area of choice in the British Isles. As part of the course you are provided with a BGS 1:50 000 map which then forms the basis of your study area. From the start, we'll help you to choose your area and with people studying different parts of the country at the same time, this provides the opportunity for interaction on our learning platform Moodle. **ENROL NOW!**

Backyard Geology is also suitable for groups to study at the same time. Ask us about how your U3A or other group can join in, with special group rates available.

"Geology of the British Isles" - a detailed look at the geology of our country taking each period in time (13-weeks).

"Sedimentary rocks" - takes in the rocks and the process that shaped them. It's a while since we offered this, so why not take us up on the offer? (10-weeks).

"Steps towards the Rock Face" - is our beginner's course that covers a wide range of geological topics, from plate tectonics to rocks, minerals and fossils. This is available 'on demand' to commence at any time.

Further information on all courses is available by emailing: downtoearth@geosupplies.co.uk or ring: 0114 245 5746