

GOGLEDD CYMRU (NORTH WALES) OPEN UNIVERSITY GEOLOGICAL  
ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2002

Dear all,

Welcome to our last newsletter of the year. As you can see we have a different format for this newsletter, but only for this one. Due to some unforeseen circumstances, we have not been able to produce our normally excellent newsletter and I can't do it to the same standard as Ann. We hope that normality will be resumed for the next one. While on the subject of the next newsletter, can I make an appeal to all of you - if you fancy seeing your name in print, please consider writing a piece for our newsletter. You've all seen what sort of things that have been included. Why not, on your after dinner Christmas walk, make a few notes and tell us all about the geology near you?

Well, the year is rapidly coming to a close and next year will see some changes within the branch. I will not be standing for re - election at the AGM as Branch Organiser. I feel that 4 years is enough of me for anyone to have to put with. We will also have a vacancy as Branch Treasurer, as Sue Hughes is also standing down. If you see yourself as someone who would be able to give some time to the branch please consider it. If you would like more information (or encouragement !) please don't hesitate to get in touch. The rest of the committee is willing to stand again for re-election.

DATES

\*\*\*\* OUR AGM IS AT NEWI LIBRARY, WREXHAM, SATURDAY 18th  
JANUARY 2003, 2 -5 pm. It will be followed by a talk by Mr. Gordon Hillyer on:

*"The Heartland of India - A Glimpse of Gondwanaland".*

*'This talk summarises the 2600 million years of earth history seen during a three week journey covering many aspects of the cultural and geological history of central Peninsula India.*

*The journey was made by 22 members of the Geologists' Association' during Jan - Feb. 2002.*

\*\*\*\* Please note this is a change of venue. There are refreshments available.

5th March 2003 - Dr. Richard Pattrick (University of Manchester) will be giving a talk on the use of the synchrotron in crystal structure at NEWI. For more details of this meeting and a possible site visit contact Fred Owen.

We are working on a new programme for next year and hope to have confirmation of dates for our AGM. If there is anywhere that you feel we have not covered, or can recommend an area that we should go, get in touch! Members should note that we make a charge of £1.50 for members and £2.00 for non- members on field trips. These charges go to paying for the leader's expenses (i.e. petrol, any photocopying of notes etc.). Members should also be aware that on field trips that is no personal insurance cover, only third party cover.

We would like to send our warmest congratulations to Cliff Franklin who won the Moyra Eldridge photo competition at the National AGM. Well done, Cliff!

With the last newsletter you should all have received a copy of Fred Owen's Guide to the building stones of Knutsford. Fred is one of members and a committee member. I was with the party that Fred took round Knutsford and was impressed with not only the geology but also Fred's knowledge. I hope that you use your guide to follow the trail and you find it as fascinating as we did.

I would like to personally thank all the committee members (past and present) - Gladys Dinnacombe, Geoff Willett, Alan Seago, Jan Heiland, Tony James, Rachel Atherton, Sue Hughes, Ann Bunning and Fred Owen for all their advice, help and support over the last four years. We have had some fun and hopefully brought some brilliant geology to everyone. I look forward to more of the same from the new committee!

All that's left for me to do is to wish you all a happy Christmas and joyful new year.

Nadolig Llawn a blwyddyn newydd dda.

Wendy Owens

Your Committee:  
Wendy Owens,

Ann Bunning,

Fred Owen  
Sue Hughes  
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