

RUSSELL SOCIETY MEETING & FIELD TRIP PROGRAMME 2019 - 2020

All meetings and field trips are open to **all Russell Society members**.

Please **book places in advance** with the named contact.

Note that many of the field trips have a **limit on the numbers that can attend**.

Note also that some trips are graded by the **level of physical exertion** required:

- * Straightforward access, albeit some walking. ** Some walking, moderately strenuous.
- *** Strenuous, difficult access or hard, long walking.

Note particularly that appropriate safety clothing and equipment **must** be used for all field trips. Quarry visits require safety boots, hard hat and high visibility vest, jacket and trousers, gloves and eye protection.

Members must also sign the Field Leader Indemnity Form before entering the quarry.

Members are further reminded that specimens obtained on Russell Society field trips **should not be offered for sale**.

September 2019.

| Date: | Event: | Instructions: | Contact: |
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| Saturday 14 th | N. Branch visit to Diana Maria Mine, Rogerley, Weardale, Co. Durham. * | Meet at parking area at 10:00 [NZ 0096 3819] . Possibly underground as well. Note: restricted collecting potential and specimens collected may have to be paid for. Max. 10 members. | Ian Dossett (N) 01829 752454 or 07842 113220 |
| Saturday 21 st | W&W Branch trip to Little Haven/Broad Haven, Pembrokeshire. A coastal excursion in search of quartz crystals in the Coal Measures sandstones. | Contact Tom Cotterell for details. | Tom Cotterell (W&W) 07964 143773 |

October 2019.

| Date: | Event: | Instructions: | Contact: |
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| Friday 4 th | SW Branch visit to the Museum of Barnstaple & North Devon, The Square, Barnstaple, EX32 8LN, to view highlights of the Townshend Monkton Hall Collection. If members express interest I'll arrange a visit to see another collection the previous day. | Meet in the Museum Foyer at 12.45. Max 6 Members. The cheapest long stay car park is Seven Brethren Car Park next to Barnstaple Leisure Centre. | David Ifold (SW) 01805 804103 or crinnis@btinternet.com |
| Saturday 19 th | N Branch visit to Shap Pink Quarry, Cumbria. ** | Meet at quarry car park [NY 560 081] at 10:00. Max. 12 members. | Ian Dossett (N) 01829 752454 or 07842 113220 |
| Friday 25 th | C Branch meeting and talk, "Pyromorphite" by Dr. Steve Plant. | Meet in the Education Room, Charnwood Museum, Queens Hall, Granby Street, Loughborough, LE11 3DU starting at 20:00. | Neil Hubbard (C) 01509 414427 |

November 2019.

| Date: | Event: | Instructions: | Contact: |
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| Saturday 9 th | N Branch visit to Milldam Mine, Great Hucklow, Derbyshire. ** | Meet at mine car park at 10:00 [SK 175 781] . Potential afternoon visit to Kirkham Sandpit, Brassington, Derbyshire. ** Max. 6 members. TBC | Ian Dossett (N) 01829 752454 or 07842 113220 |
| Friday 22 nd | C Branch meeting and talk "Minerals of the Mendips" by Chris Finch. | Meet in the Education Room, Charnwood Museum, Queens Hall, Granby Street, Loughborough, LE11 3DU starting at 20:00. | Neil Hubbard (C) 01509 414427 |
| Sunday 24 th | W&W Branch "behind the scenes" collection visit to Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales, Cathays Park, Cardiff. | Contact Organiser for further details. | Tom Cotterell (W&W) 02920 573361 |

December 2019.

| Date: | Event: | Instructions: | Contact: |
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| Friday 6 th | C Branch Christmas Dinner. Details TBC. | Contact Frank Ince to book a place. | Frank Ince (C) 01509 263507 |
| Date TBC | W&W Branch "Behind the scenes" collection visit to Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution, 16-18 Queen Square, BA1 2HN. | Contact Organiser for further details. | Tom Cotterell (W&W) 02920 573361 |
| Date TBC | N Branch meeting and "Show and tell", the best specimens collected during the year. | Meet at the Critchleys' house in Blackrod at 20:00. Contact Organiser for further details. | John Davidson (N) 07956 926624 |

January 2020.

| Date: | Event: | Instructions: | Contact: |
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| Friday 24 th | C Branch Meeting and talk by Lionel Burch on 'What about the stuff we don't want!'. | Meet in the Education Room, Charnwood Museum, Queens Hall, Granby Street, Loughborough, LE11 3DU starting at 20:00. | Neil Hubbard (C) 01509 414427 |
| Thursday 30 th | W&W Branch "Behind the scenes" collection visit to Bristol Museum, Queens Road, BS8 1RL. | Contact Organiser for further details. | Tom Cotterell (W&W) 02920 573361 |

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| Date TBC | N Branch meeting and talk about Rogerley and Diana Maria Mine by John Davidson. Showing a selection of specimens collected at the mine. | Meet at the Critchleys' house in Blackrod at 20:00. Contact organiser for further details. | John Davidson (N) 07956 926624 |
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February 2020.

| Date: | Event: | Instructions: | Contact: |
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| Saturday 8 th | Southern Branch Symposium. Programme details to be confirmed. | Meet at 10:00 at the Somerset Earth Science Centre located adjacent to Moons Hill Quarry close to the village of Stoke St Michael, BA3 5JU. Contact Chris Finch for further information. | Chris Finch (S) 01235 762054 |
| Saturday 22 nd | C Branch visit to BGS, Keyworth. Theme - "Cores from British mineral deposits". A chance to see cores from mineral deposits in Northern England. | Please meet in the BGS reception at 10.00. Numbers are limited so please book a place with Neil Hubbard. | Neil Hubbard (C) 01509 414427 |
| Date TBC | W&W Branch "Behind the scenes" collection visit to Cyfartha Castle, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 8PA. | Contact Organiser for further details. | Tom Cotterell (W&W) 02920 573361 |
| Date TBC | N Branch meeting and talk by Tom Cotterell on "The Mineralogy of the South Wales Coalfield". | Meet at Steve Warren's house in Otley at 20:00. Contact Organiser for further details. | John Davidson (N) 07956 926624 |

March 2020.

| Date: | Event: | Instructions: | Contact: |
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| Saturday 21 st | C Branch Symposium, 'Museums'. A one-day meeting to discuss what is happening to our museums. | Woodhouse Community Hall, 207 Forest Road, LE12 8TZ, 10.30 – 17.00. All are welcome but please let Neil Hubbard know if you intend to come. | Neil Hubbard (C) 01509 414427 |
| Date TBC | N Branch meeting and talk. | Meet at Steve Warren's house in Otley at 20:00. Contact Organiser for further details. | John Davidson (N) 07956 926624 |

April 2020.

| Date: | Event: | Instructions: | Contact: |
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| | None notified. | | |

Forthcoming UK Mineral Shows:

| Date: | Event: | Location: | Contact/Information: |
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| Saturday 7 th September 2019. | Southampton Mineral & Fossil Society's Hampshire Mineral Show. | Lyndhurst Community Centre, Lyndhurst, Hants. SO43 7NY. 10:00 - 16:30. | www.sotonminfoss.org.uk/smfsshow.htm |
| Saturday 5 th October 2019. | Sidcup Lapidary & Mineral Society's Autumn Show. | Emmanuel Church Hall, Hadlow Road, Sidcup, Kent, DA14 4AA. 10:00 - 16:00. | www.sidcuplapminsoc.org.uk |
| Saturday 12 th - Sunday 13 th October 2019. | Peak Lapidary & Mineral Society's Bakewell Rock Exchange. | Lady Manners School, Bakewell, Derbyshire. DE45 1JA. 10:00 - 17:00. | http://www.rockexchange.org.uk/ |
| Saturday 2 nd November 2019. | Geologists Association Festival of Geology. | University College, Gower Street, London, WC1 6BT. | www.geologistsassociation.org.uk or www.rockwatch.org.uk |
| Saturday 16 th November 2019. | Sussex Mineral & Lapidary Society's Mineral Show. | Clair Hall, Haywards Heath, Sussex. RH16 3DN. 10:00 - 16:30. | www.sussexmineralandlapidarysociety.org.uk/Home/Show |
| Sunday 24 th November 2019. | Oxford Mineral Show. | Exeter Hall, Kidlington, Oxford. OX5 1AB. 10:30 to 16:00. | http://mineralandfossilevents.co.uk/show-calendar/ |
| Saturday 7 th December 2019. | North London Mineral, Gem and Fossil Show. | Trinity Church, Nether Street, London, N12 7NN. | Amateur Geological Society. www.amgeosoc.wordpress.com . |
| Saturday 22 nd February 2020. | Essex Rock & Mineral Society's Gem & Mineral Show. | North Romford Community Centre, Clockhouse Lane, Romford. RM5 3QJ. 10:00 to 16:00. | http://www.erms.org/shows--events.html |
| Sunday 15 st March 2020. | Oxford Mineral Show. | Exeter Hall, Kidlington, Oxford. OX5 1AB. 10:30 to 16:00. | http://mineralandfossilevents.co.uk/show-calendar/ |
| Sunday 10 th May 2020. | Oxford Mineral Show. | Exeter Hall, Kidlington, Oxford. OX5 1AB. 10:30 to 16:00. | https://mineralandfossilevents.co.uk/show-calendar/ |