

North Staffordshire Group Geologists' Association Bulletin 51 : October 1999

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Articles & Publications

Exley, C.S. & Thompson, D.B. 1999 **

Potteries' Geology: reports, memoir and maps of many colours

Published by the North Staffs. Group of the Geologists' Association

Already described as a unique publication, this lively account of 'behind-the-scenes' story in the making of the recent British Geological Survey publications concerning the Potteries area. In a very complimentary letter to the authors, Dr. Tim Charsley, BGS Regional Geologist for Central England and Wales, heaps praise on the activities of the NSGGA in prompting and supporting BGS re-survey work over the years. To quote from the letter: "With regard to the report, on behalf of BGS I must congratulate the NSGGA on producing another succinct, well-edited and elegantly finished publication on the region.....BGS is proud of its association with the NSGGA. It thanks all the members for their support in years past and looks forward to further collaboration in the future."

Copies at £5.00 each (includes postage and packing) can be obtained from:

David Thompson, 3 Ladygates, Betley, nr. Crewe CW3 9AN

Thompson, D.B. 2000 **

NSGGA and the maps and memoir for the area around Stoke-on-Trent: The mirror-image campaign of the North Staffs. Field Club in 1893

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No sooner had the Potteries Geology 1999 report been completed when a parallel story was uncovered relating to similar actions taken by members of the North Staffs Field Club in the 1890's

** items are available for reference (by prior appointment) at the Geological Records Centre, Natural History, The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent ST1 3DW Tel. 01782 232323

Pre-Publication Notice

Porter, L. & Robey, J. 2000

The Copper and Lead Mines around the Manifold Valley, North Staffordshire

To be published by Landmark Publishing Ltd.

This book will be published subject to sufficient demand in Spring 2000. With about 120,000 words, it will be illustrated with many plans, drawings and photographs. It will be a limited subscriber edition in hardback, 248x172mm, approx. 192 pages, priced at £17.95.

If you would like to subscribe, and have your name on the Subscriber's List, please contact the Mail Order Department, Landmark Publishing Ltd., Waterloo House, 12 Compton, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 1DA Tel. 01335 347349, Fax 01335 347303, e-mail landmark@clara.net

The same publishers at the same contact address except it is through the Ashbourne Editions Department, hope to have made available by December 1999 a 112 page book with mainly colour photos on Derbyshire Blue John by Trevor D. Ford. The author brings together the mineralogy, mining history, the look-alikes, the uses of the stone and the notable collections - all for £6.75 including postage & packing

From the Local Papers

The Advertiser of 18 November carried a report on the new legislation regarding areas affected by radon. New rules will be introduced on 14 February 2000 which may necessitate the need to have special geological surveys carried out in areas identified as being at risk because of potential radon seepage. Mow Cop, Gillow Heath and Biddulph have been identified as having a distinct risk of radon whilst southern parts of Stoke-on-Trent, north west Staffordshire and the Alsager area of south Cheshire are noted as having a potential risk. A spokesman for the City Council was quoted as saying that tests in the City were well below any level that would cause concern. What may cause concern is that they also alluded to the presence of an outcrop of *granite* in the Penkhull area. It is more likely that a higher reading would be associated with the Newcastle Fault that passes underneath the area.

Manchester geological Association

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all meetings start at 7.00pm in the Dept. of Earth Sciences, Univ. of Manchester, Williamson Building, Oxford Road

Wednesday 12 January - RIGS: Why conserve geology? - Dr. Cynthia Burek

Wednesday 9 February - AGM & Mining and Mineralisation in the Peak District - Dr. Richard Pattrick

Wednesday 15 March - Geological evolution of the Betic Cordillera in Spain - Dr. Dan Faulkner

Wednesday 12 April - The development of the Elgin-Franklin hydrocarbon fields - Dr. Joe Jennings

NSGGA Subscriptions 2000

Membership subscriptions are due now. This years special offer incentive is a free copy of the article written by David Thompson - **Charles Darwin's presence in North Staffordshire c.1815-1842: The rationale for some educational initiatives** - from Teaching Earth Sciences 24.

So if you get your payments in before the middle of March, you will receive a free copy of the above in the April Bulletin mailing. See the accompanying form for your membership details.

Shropshire Geological Association

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Wednesday 12 January - Shropshire's Unconformities - Dr. Peter Toghill

Wednesday 23 February - Early Hominids in Africa - Prof. Russell Coope

Wednesday 15 March - Titterstone Cleve

NSGGA Committee - next meeting

Wednesday, 26 January 2000 at 7.30pm

in Room CBA1.077, Chancellor's Building, Education Department, Keele University

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