

U3A Geology Meeting February 13th and 27th

We had two one hour Zoom meetings in February.

David Saville continued his talks on Introduction to Geology with a useful presentation about the chemical formation of sedimentary rocks such as limestone and anhydrite.

Trevor Morse then gave a brief explanation of the geological background to the dreadful Earthquake in Turkey/Syria. This was followed by an interesting presentation about the minerals found in Teesdale – how to impress your friends/grandchildren!

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There was a guest speaker for our final Zoom meeting of the winter. Richard Evershed gave a fascinating talk on 'Planetary Poles' and outlined some of the quite amazing features on the planets. Back down to Earth, Trevor Morse gave further geological details about the recent earthquake in Turkey/Syria. He then ended the meeting with a useful talk about the 'Fossils in Teesdale'. What you are likely to see in the rocks on a walk.

U3A Geology meeting March 27th at the Witham

Our first face to face gathering since November was an excellent and varied meeting. Jane Harrison gave a most interesting talk about the Middleton Tyas Copper Orefield which was exploited in the 18th century and was then unsuccessfully restarted in the 19th century. Jane showed us photos she had taken of remains still visible near the village today. There were also copper mines in Richmond by the Swale and in other locations in the area. In the second half of the meeting Trevor Morse covered a range of geological topics that have been in the news including the recent landslip on the Norfolk coast and the exhibition in London of a huge reptile, Titanosaur, whose bones have been found in Argentina. He concluded the meeting with an invaluable talk about the different types of geological maps and how to use them.

The next meeting of the group will be a Field Trip led by Trevor Morse around Barnard Castle on **Monday morning April 24th**. All are welcome. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact the convenor, Bob Tuddenham.