

## **Kent Geologists Group (KGG)\***

\*The Kent Group of the 'Geologists Association' (GA)

### Minutes of the AGM

Date:- 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Time:- 8.00 pm – The meeting commenced @ 20:04 hrs

Place:- ZOOM

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1. Present – 7 Committee Members with 26 attending overall
  2. Apologies – Judy Milton plus Cheryl and Liam Twomey
  3. Minutes of last AGM (<http://www.kgg.org.uk/KGG%20AGM%20Minutes%202021%20v1a.pdf>) – Accepted as a true record
  4. Matters arising from last AGM
    - a. The Secretary procured Committee name badges to be worn when a return to the United Reform Church Hall is possible. Action Closed
    - b. Data Protection records – To be transferred from the Chair to the Secretary and a file to be set up. Action to be completed (See item 7(g)).

#### **5. Chairperson's Report – Dr. Anne Padfield**

It is an absolute pleasure to be the Chair-Person of this Society, when one has the assistance, companionship and enthusiasm, of such a dedicated Committee. The KGG would simply cease to exist without them and their hard work and effort. My thanks to you all

This past year has continued to see the Covid-19 pandemic still causing it's particular chaos and misery, which has meant that, we have had to continue with Zoom meetings and not use the URC hall. However, this seems to have had some surprising benefits to our membership, attracting members from further afield, even from other countries, such as France and Norway.

The Zoom meetings have been most enjoyable, with a good range of 'Talk' subjects. We have also had a number of interesting field meetings and I thank those people that arranged and attended them.

Let us hope that 2022 can be equally as entertaining and continue to further our enjoyment and education of this wonderful science.

Dr Anne Padfield - KGG Chair

- a. The Chairperson's report was accepted

#### **6. Finance Treasurer's report – Dr. Anne Padfield** (as Mandy Bird resigned during the year).

Although the KGG AGM is in March, the financial spreadsheet goes from Jan to Dec. Most of our paid in monies, come in the first 3 months of the year. The following figures, illustrate how much better KGG is doing in 2022, than they did in much of 2021.

From Jan to Dec 2021, we paid **out** £528.61.

The bulk of this consisted of the following: -

£99.72 Insurance (required for field and hall meetings)

£172.68 Zoom

£120.25 speaker fees

£42 badges (one off payment)

NB: NO URC Rent

From Jan to Mar 2022, we paid **out** £88.36

This consists of :-

£12.59 Domain bill (**Pending payment**) and £6 per month website

£14.39 per month Zoom (**Pending payment**)

£20.60 bank charges (0.40p per cheque)

(**£100.00 to 150.00 anticipated Insurance. Increases with more members**)

(**Projected to spend in 2022, similar to 2021 or a bit less**)

NB: No speaker fees and no URC rent.

From Jan to Dec 2021, we paid **in** £359

This consisted of cheques and bank transfers.

There were no meetings subs.

From Jan to March 2022, we paid in £481.

(**Includes £77 pending transfers, awaiting March bank statement**)

This consisted of cheques and bank transfers.

There were no meetings subs.

You will notice we now have website charges and bank charges.

Previously website charges were paid by John Taylor, our previous Secretary, by way of donation. We are very grateful for that. The new website is now being paid monthly.

The HSBC is now charging 0.40p per cheque. There are no charges for bank transfer.

We are now offering free membership for one year to speakers, in lieu of speaker fees/expenses. Many are taking this option and some have still paid for membership, as a donation.

We have many more members, from further away, due to Zoom meetings.

We will be contacting past members, who have not renewed, in due course.

Meetings in the Church Hall to be discussed by Membership

**The KGG Current Bank Balance @14/02/22 is £8,988.26**

This time last year it was £8,842.27

Dr. Anne Padfield – (Acting) Treasurer

a. The Treasurer's Report was accepted

## 7. General Secretary's Report – Grahame Godding

- a. Grahame reported on activities associated with the Geologists Association (GA). Throughout the year the GA issue invitations to attend various events like 'Geology From Your Sofa' (GFYS). These are routinely forwarded on to our members.
- b. In July and August 2021 a review of the KGG insurance requirements was undertaken by the Committee so that arrangements for the GA overarching cover could be updated. The KGG membership number increase from mid-40's to mid-50's was also taken into account.
- c. On 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021 the Secretary attended the GA Local Groups forum. A wide ranging event covering the Governance, Finance and activities of the GA along with all groups affiliated. As a result of a subsequent GA request the Secretary prepared an Annual Report for the KGG and sent it in to the GA. This is due to be incorporated into the GA's own Annual report for publication in mid-April and on their website.
- d. Geoconservation – At the GA Local Groups Forum the Secretary reported on the local initiative led by the Kent Downs AONB (Project Officer – Greg Taylor) to set up and bid for UNESCO status for a Cross Channel Global Geopark. This was deemed within the scope of interest of the GA and support given. Reference was made to the site Culand Pits near Maidstone as an ideal site to be included in the Geopark (see <https://culandpits.org/> ).
- e. 'Smokejacks' – In response to a request by Peter Austen on 15<sup>th</sup> January a further check and review of the GA insurance was carried out by the Secretary in January 2022. The aim was to ensure that a post-Covid resumption of KGG visits to 'Smokejacks' would be covered. The Secretary was advised by the GA (Access Insurance) representative Tom Hickman that endorsements were added to the GA Policy Schedule (held with Victor Third Sector) that covered this type of activity. Of course we must still adopt the sites own induction and risk control requirements and adapt our own visit risk assessment accordingly.
- f. Newsletter- Following a 'call for articles' issued to members in November 2021 the main activity again was collating, editing and publishing our Newsletter #28. With help from Duncan this was successfully issued via email to all Members with a link the KGG Website in early February, thus avoiding sending everyone a rather large file! Once again many thanks to all the contributors without whom the Newsletter would not have been possible.
- g. Data Protection: The Secretary has an ongoing action to review requirements and compile a folder for Data Protection records
  - i. # Chair and Secretary to work together and collect all forms received for GG to resolve
- h. The Secretary's report was accepted

## **8. Indoor Evening Meetings Secretary Report – Ann Barrett**

2021 proved to be an experimental year as we finally got our Zoom act together inspired and helped by Marilyn Besford of The Open University Geological Society South East and Ken Brooks of Hastings and District Geological Society.

Our first Zoom meeting had been in December 2020 when "Fossil" Phil Hadland talked about and showed us examples of fossils he had collected at Folkestone. He returned once again exactly a year later for a fossil update and news about his famous trackway discovery which made national news.

Dr Chris Duffin started off the New Year with a most enjoyable and informative talk on Charles Moore a Somerset geologist and his collection.

Tony Mitchell's talk on classification in February was the most interesting and explanatory talk, on what can be a dry subject, ever heard.

After our AGM in March, Ken Brooks told us about Ecclesbourne Glen. This part of the eroding Sussex coastline was unknown to some members who vowed to go and visit sometime.

In April, Professor Karen Hudson-Edwards based at Camborne School of Mines, shared her expertise on dealing with mine waste with an excellently illustrated lecture.

The theme of stratigraphy and sedimentology of European chalks in Dr Haydon Bailey's May talk was most apt with reference to the current proposal of a cross - channel Global UNESCO Geopark.

Geoff Downer has written an excellent book on the geology of Herne Bay and his June talk on the subject was equally fascinating.

In July, Dr Eric Buffetaut successfully logged on in France and gave us our first and only talk from abroad this year. He told us all about his discoveries of Cretaceous vertebrates in southern France.

The summer brought a change of plan as we continued with Zoom meetings.

Dr Anne Padfield, our Chair, gave an excellent August presentation on sedimentology and in September Emma Bernard, curator of fish at the Natural History Museum, enlightened us on the fossil fish section there.

In October, Dr Geoff Turner once again gave us well-researched and excellently documented talk, this time about William Smith and the Somerset coalfield.

In November, Anne Beecham changed her talk to a most interesting one all about the English Channel and how it has changed over time, to tie in with Alison Taylor's field trip which had taken place earlier in the year.

I'm so grateful to all our speakers who have contributed their wonderful talks this year and furthermore, for their courage in 'having a go' with a new method of delivery which takes some getting used to and is occasionally subject to signal fluctuations!

The year's Zoom meetings have been a great success and we are delighted to have gained more members through this medium.

I would like to thank Duncan very much for all his help in setting up Zoom and all KGG computer matters, which have enabled the meetings to run so smoothly.

We understand people would like to see recordings of these talks. Please bear with us as we are in the process of editing them for member access.

- a. The Indoor Evening Meetings Secretary's report was accepted

## 9. Election of the Committee

Name	Role	Proposed	Seconded
Dr Anne Padfield	Chairperson	Grahame Godding	Mandy Bird
Vacancy	Treasurer		
Grahame Godding	Secretary	Ann Barrett	Duncan Stewart
Ann Barrett	Indoor Meetings Secretary	Alison Taylor	Mandy Bird
Vacancy	Field Meetings Secretary		
Duncan Stewart	Web Master and Supporting Member	Alison Taylor	Mandy Bird
Alison Taylor	Supporting Member	Grahame Godding	Mandy Bird
Doreen van Seenus	Supporting Member	Grahame Godding	Mandy Bird
Tony Mitchell	Supporting Member	Grahame Godding	Mandy Bird
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As always we welcome and recognize the continued support given by: Dr. Adrian Rundle, Dr. Ed Jarzembowski, Nick Baker and Peter Jeens

- a. The Committee were duly elected as above

## 10. Membership Matters - Hall Hire

- a. We still have some credit, but the direct debit was cancelled
- b. Do we want to use the hall? In normal times we would have to sign a contract
- c. There was discussion and views expressed on the options open to us
- d. Zoom had a lot of support, hybrid meetings have been tried with limited success by other groups. Anne Beecham wondered if some form of weekend seminar could be possible
- e. Ann Barrett mentioned that more Field Trips would help with social aspects
- f. *#. Action: Committee to review and decide way forward*

## 11. AOB

From Andy Temple. Ref. The continued large scale tipping on the Isle of Sheppey SSSI. The Local and County Councils are aware of the issue but appear to be unable, or unwilling to address the matter.

**Discussion** “ . . .presumably, Andy means the cliffs and beach where fossils and baryte roses are collected? This is more Kent Conservations remit. However, we do have interested fossil/ mineral collecting parties in our membership, so maybe, we could discuss briefly and run to sending emails to KCC, to complain of their apparent lack of due diligence. We could also tell Conservation Kent attendees who may be at meeting and Medway Club, who may have an interest”.

Actual issue(s) need clarification. Decided to leave it to individuals who know the site to make their views known to the relevant Local Authorities

The Meeting Closed @ 20:44 hrs

## KENT GEOLOGISTS' GROUP PROGRAMME FOR 2022

**CURRENT ZOOM MEETINGS** These are held on the third Tuesday of the month. 6.50 for 7pm start.

**NB March and April start 7.50 for 8pm start.**

Contact Indoor Programme Secretary: Ann Barrett.

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**INDOOR MEETINGS** As Above. Zoom until further notice.

18th January	<b>Dr Richard Hubbard</b> Thanet Anticline's Shifting Shorelines – Two Millennia of Change
15th February	<b>Tony Mitchell</b> Land of the Long White Cloud
15th March	<b>Annual General Meeting</b> <b>Brian Lines</b> Minerals and the Microscope
19th April	<b>Nick Baker</b> The Muck Above the Chalk
17th May	<b>Lawrie Cowliff</b> Connecting East Kent to a Wider Regional and Global Geological Story
21st June	<b>Dr Anne Padfield</b> Metamorphism
19th July	<b>Dr Geoff Turner</b> 'Forensic Geology - Murder, Mayhem, Microscopes and Minerals'
16th August	<b>Anthony Brook and Roger Cordiner</b> A Building Stone Transect of the Weald
20th September	<b>Heidi Tindall</b> Bárðarbunga Eruption 2014
18th October	<b>Dr Chris Duffin</b> The Mineralogy of Art
15th November	<b>Anne Beecham</b> Wolf by the Hearth, Aurochs at the Gate
13th December NB not 20th	<b>Christmas Evening</b> <b>Dr Anne Padfield</b> The Geology of Christmas