

## Notice from Chairperson, January 2024

Dear Members of KGG,

A very Happy New Year to you all.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. Our last Christmas meeting was held at Blue Bell Hill village Hall and was very successful and most enjoyable. Unfortunately, we could not keep this venue as it was fully booked for 2024.

However, I am pleased to say that our January meeting on 16<sup>th</sup>, will take place at another lovely venue: -

*Sandling Village Hall, Sandling Lane, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 2DY*

This new location is adjacent to Junction 6 of M20 and close to Junction 3 of M2. It is about 1.5 miles from Maidstone East Rail Station.

Once again, we have found a hall that caters for all KGG needs. It has a car park at the front of the building.

It has recently been refurbished and has a kitchen, toilets, and disabled access at the front. Everything is on the one ground level floor.

We have use of everything in the kitchen, which means we will once again be able to serve hot and cold drinks and snacks. We will be able to store our refreshments 'kit' on site.

The first talk, at our first meeting, at this new venue on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024, will be delivered by Tony Mitchell. It is entitled, 'Rivers, what is the connection with Geology?'

The 'Start' time on the night, will be 7.15 for 7.30 pm.

The new venue address is *Sandling Village Hall, Sandling Lane, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 2DY*

This is close to the Running Horse roundabout, Junction 6 M20.

Take the exit from the roundabout towards Penenden Heath, Bearsted and Boxley.

Just after taking the exit, you will see a large, mounded, bank of grass, on your left.

This is where the entrance to the car park is. The entrance is obscure, so indicate left and approach slowly. The small drive (one cars length), is on a small incline. The gate should be open.

The Running Horse restaurant and Village Hotel pub (serves food) are within walking distance nearby.

We have a fantastic programme of talks lined up for you in 2024,

(Many thanks to Ann Barrett), so it would be great to see you at the meeting.

Dr Anne Padfield

Chairperson