

Kent Geologists Group (KGG)*

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

Minutes of the AGM

Date:- 16th March 2021

Time:- 7.00 pm – The meeting commenced @ 19:02hrs

Place:- ZOOM

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1. Present – 7 Committee Members with 26 attending overall
 2. Apologies – Geoff Downer and the Hugkulstones
 3. Minutes of last AGM (2019 due to Covid Pandemic) – Accepted as a true record
 4. Matters arising from last AGM
 - a. 10 Hall Hire – covered below
 - b. 11(AoB) The Committee to consider wearing name badges (when a return to the United Reform Church Hall is possible)
 - i. # Secretary (GG) to investigate name badge options
 5. Chairperson's Report – Dr. Anne Padfield

The year 2020 dealt us the strangest and saddest of circumstances. None of us have experienced the like, before. Cancellation of our Kent Geologists Group evening meetings commenced just before our AGM in March 2020 and has continued ever since.

Behind the scenes, efforts were made by cleverly minded people, to keep the Membership from losing interest. Zoom meetings were eventually set up by Ann Barrett our Indoor Evening Meetings Secretary and Duncan Stewart our Web Master and IT expert. Ann worked very hard to obtain speakers to complete our Zoom programme, as some prefer the face to face, in person approach to public speaking. We will of course have a chance to listen to those speakers, when we eventually resume our programme of meetings at the United Reformed Church hall, in Maidstone.

Our new secretary Grahame Godding, volunteered his services, much to our delight and quickly collated articles, kindly written by our members, for our latest newsletter, which was an excellent publication. Thank you all contributors.

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions and GA and Government advice, we were only able to have one field meeting, in March 2020, just before Lockdown. Members of the KGG went to see the ephemeral, artesian fed, 'Nailbourne' stream that flows through the Elam Valley in Kent. It puts on a great show when it is at full strength.

We hope to resume with field meetings in the near future and have a provisional programme set up and ready for dates to be inserted. I am very thankful for the help and support of all the Committee, for their combined efforts in 2020 and early 2021 and am happy to report that despite the difficult times our membership is staying fairly consistent and we have also welcomed some new members and have some new faces attending our recent Zooms. Many thanks to all

Dr Anne Padfield - KGG Chair

- a. The Chairperson's report was accepted

6. Finance Treasurer's report – Mandy Bird

We have 40 members this year. That comprises the 27 from last year who have been given a free year plus:

3 who didn't renew last year, have done this year.

6 New members

2 Free in lieu of speakers Fee.

1 New Honorary Member, the other New Honorary member (John) who was paid up last year so is included in the 27 and finally

1 Adrian Rundle – President (Honorary Member)

Mandy reported that she is still waiting for Sub's overpayment feedback for 3 people that paid this year when they were members last year so didn't need to.

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John and Stephen Taylor	£17
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Pat Conaghan	£15
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The KGG Current Bank Balance @16/03/21 is £8,842.27

Mandy Bird – Treasurer

*Notes to the Treasurer's Report can be found in Appendix 1

- a. The Treasurer's Report was accepted

7. General Secretary (Acting) Report – Grahame Godding

- a. Grahame reported that he only recently took on the role. He attended one Committee meeting on 9th February and this AGM. Several messages from the GA have been issued to KGG Members. But as mentioned in the Chairperson's report the main activity was collating, editing and publishing the Newsletter #27 which was issued at the end of January. Once again many

thanks to all the contributors without whom the Newsletter would not have been possible.

- b. Data Protection: The Secretary has taken an action to review requirements and compile a folder for Data Protection records
 - i. # Chair to provide forms collected to date to GG
- c. The General Secretary's report was accepted

8. Indoor Evening Meetings Secretary Report – Ann Barrett

- a. Due to the pandemic last year, only two most enjoyable and interesting meetings, Dr Geoff Turner's 'A Human History of the San Andreas Fault' and 'Supervolcanoes' by Dr Doreen Van Seenus took place at our usual venue of the United Reformed Church hall in Maidstone.
- b. Towards the end of last year when we realised the pandemic might go on for a lot longer, we investigated the use of Zoom.
- c. Our first Zoom in December was a great success. It was an open meeting to which members past and present and associates were invited.
- d. There was much interest in Phil Hadland's fascinating 'Fossils of Folkestone' talk.
- e. As a recruitment drive, we have continued to invite members and associates to our Zoom meetings for the first part of 2021 and are delighted at the increased take-up in membership.
- f. A copy of our current 2021 programme is appended which will be via Zoom until further notice
- g. The Indoor Evening Meetings Secretary's Report was accepted

9. Election of the Committee

Name	Role	Proposed	Seconded
Dr Anne Padfield	Chairperson	Doreen van Seenus	Dave Talbot
Mandy Bird	Treasurer	Ann Barrett	Anne Padfield
Grahame Godding	Secretary	Anne Padfield	Dave Talbot
Ann Barrett	Indoor Evening Meetings Secretary	Anne Padfield	Doreen van Seenus
Vacancy	Field Meetings Secretary		
Duncan Stewart	Web Master and Supporting Member	Grahame G	Ann Barrett
Alison Taylor	Supporting Member	Anne Padfield	Grahame G
Doreen van Seenus	Supporting Member	Dave Talbot	Anne Padfield
Tony Mitchell	Supporting Member	Anne Padfield	Dave Talbot
Nick Baker	Supporting Member	Anne Padfield	Ann Barrett

As always we welcome and recognize the continued support given by: Dr. Adrian Rundle, Dr. Ed Jarzembowski and Peter Jeens

- a. The Committee were duly elected as above

10. Hall Hire – Anne Padfield reported on arrangements for (Covid) refund if we take that option. Resumption depends upon Government and GA guidance.

11. AOB

- a. Geoconservation (Kent). Chair Philip Hadland reported. Looking for new members. Looking after sites in Kent and region, plus Fossil Forays at Folkestone usually.
- b. geoconservationkent@outlook.com email address

The Meeting Closed @ 19:32hrs

APPENDIX 2: KGG 2021 Meetings Programme

KENT GEOLOGISTS' GROUP PROGRAMME FOR 2021	
<p>CURRENT ZOOM MEETINGS These are held on the third Tuesday of the month. 6.45 for 7pm start Contact Indoor Evening Meetings Secretary: Ann Barrett Tel. 07746 783398 e-mail annbarrettgeo@gmail.com</p>	
<p>INDOOR MEETINGS As Above</p>	
19th January	Dr Chris Duffin Charles Moore (1815-1881): A Somerset Geologist and his Collection
16th February	Tony Mitchell Classification - the Basics
16th March	Annual General Meeting Followed by: Ken Brooks Ecclesbourne Glen
20th April	Prof Karen Hudson-Edwards Mine Waste: Environmental Problem or Untapped Resource?
18th May	Dr Haydon Bailey Stratigraphy and Sedimentology of European Chalks
15th June	Geoff Downer The Geology of Herne Bay
20th July	Dr Eric Buffetaut Tertiary Dinosaurs in Southern France? The Late Cretaceous Vertebrates of the Saint-Chinian Area and their Discovery
17th August	Anthony Brook and Roger Cordiner A Building-Stone Transect of the Weald This meeting may be a local outdoor activity such as a building stones walk or church visit
21st September	John Henry George Bellos Greenough's Maps
19th October	Dr Geoff Turner William Smith and the Somerset Coalfield
16th November	Anne Beecham Wolf by the Hearth, Aurochs at the Gate. How the Domestication of Animals Changed our Lives
14th December NB not 21st	Christmas Evening

PROGRAMME OUGS - Diary dates for 2021 OUGS meetings

To register please contact Marilyn Besford (malbesford@hotmail.com) registration FREE

Saturday 27th February – ZOOM @ 2pm: Landscape Geology with Ken Brooks

Saturday 24th April – ZOOM @ 2pm: The cloud under the sea with Dr. Michael Clare