



**SUSSEX MINERAL
& LAPIDARY SOCIETY
2026 Programme**

Friday 2 nd January	General Meeting: Tom Cotterell – Classic Minerals from Wales Sponsor: Nick Hawes	Zoom only
Friday 6 th February	General Meeting: Peter Briscoe – Re-Opening of Boltsburn Mine West Sponsor: Nick Hawes	Zoom only
14 th -15 th Feb	<i>Rock 'N' Gem Show 10.00am – 5.00pm Brighton Racecourse, Freshfield Rd, Brighton</i>	
Saturday 21 st Feb.	<i>Essex Gem & Mineral show. 10.00 am-4.00 pm North Romford Community Centre, Colliers Row, Romford</i>	
28 th Feb – 1 st March	<i>Rock 'N' Gem Show 10.00am-5.00pm Kempton Park Racecourse, Staines Rd. East</i>	
Friday 6 th March	General Meeting: Susannah Maidment – Bizarre Dinosaurs from the Middle Jurassic of Morocco: Implications for Armoured Dinosaur Evolution Sponsor: Nick Hawes	
Sunday 8 th March	Field Trip to Samphire Hoe Coordinator Colin Brough	Low tide 09:00
Fri/Sat/Sun 13 th -15 th March	<i>2026 Annual Russell Society Meeting (ASM) Exeter Hall, Kidlington, Oxford</i>	
Sunday 15 th March	<i>Oxford Mineral and Fossil Show 10.00am – 4.00pm Exeter Hall, Oxford Rd, Kidlington, North Oxford</i>	
Friday 10 th April	General Meeting: Nick Hawes – Minerals of Bulgaria Sponsor: Colin Brough	
Saturday 18 th April	<i>Yorkshire Mineral and Fossil Fair The Market House, Hawes North Yorkshire. 10:00 0 17:00</i>	
Thursday 23 rd April	Field Trip to Warden Point Coordinator Colin Brough	Low tide 11:08
Friday 1 st May	General Meeting: Tim Daish - Sodalite Sponsor: Colin Brough	
11 th -15 th May	Field Trip to Northern Ireland Coordinator: Norman Moles	
Sunday 24 th May	<i>Oxford Mineral and Fossil Show 10.00am – 4.00pm Exeter Hall, Oxford Rd, Kidlington, North Oxford</i>	
Friday 5 th June	General Meeting: Norman Moles – Gold from the Dolaucothi Roman Goldmine Sponsor: Colin Brough	
13th to 17th June	Field Trip to Azores, Portugal (Micromount) Coordinator: Luis Martins	

<i>Thurs - Sun 24th -28th June</i>	<i>Sainte-Marie-Aux-Mine Mineral and Gem International Show</i>	
Friday 3rd July	AGM, Social and Members Show and Tell Coordinator: Colin Brough	
<i>Sat-Sun 18th 19th July</i>	<i>North Pennines Mineral Expo. Village Hall, St Johns Chapel, Weardale, County Durham.</i>	
<i>Sunday 26th July</i>	<i>Oxford Mineral and Fossil Show 10.00am – 4.00pm Exeter Hall, Oxford Rd, Kidlington, North Oxford</i>	
<i>25th -26th July</i>	<i>Rock 'N' Gem Show 10.00am-5.00pm Kempton Park Racecourse, Staines Rd. East</i>	
Saturday 15th August	SMLS Summer Gathering At Keepers Cottage Scaynes Hill RH17 7NH Hosts: Nick and Louise Hawes	
Friday 4th September	General Meeting: Barry Pitt – Peter Clymo, Owner of South Caradon and Other Cornish Mines. Sponsor: Nick Hawes	
Sept. 5 days	Possible Field Trip North UK or Devon Coordinator TBC	TBC
<i>Saturday Sept 19th</i>	<i>Hampshire Mineral Show Oasis Academy, Lord's Hill, Southampton SO16 8FA</i>	
<i>11th -13th Sept.</i>	<i>BMS Symposium. Salwarpe Village Hall, Droitwich.</i>	
Friday 2nd October	General Meeting: Roy Starkey – John Ruskin and his Mineral Collection Sponsor: Nick Hawes	
<i>Sat/Sun 10th-11th October</i>	<i>Bakewell Rock Exchange 10.00am – 5.00pm Lady Manners School, Bakewell, Derbyshire</i>	
<i>31st October - 1st Nov.</i>	<i>Rock 'N' Gem Show 10.00am – 5.00pm Kempton Park Racecourse, Staines Rd. East</i>	
Friday 6th November	General Meeting: Gary Morse – From The Mine to Cabinet: Curating Your Mineral Collection Sponsor: Nick Hawes	
<i>Saturday November</i>	<i>Festival of Geology University College London</i>	TBC
Saturday 14th November	SUSSEX MINERAL & FOSSIL SHOW 10.00am - 4.30pm, Haywards Heath	
<i>21st -22nd November</i>	<i>The London Gem and Mineral Show 2026 Exhibition and Conference Centre, Farnborough</i>	
<i>Sunday 29th November</i>	<i>Oxford Mineral and Fossil Show 10.00am – 4.00pm Exeter Hall, Oxford Rd, Kidlington, North Oxford</i>	
Friday 4th December	General Meeting: Luis Martins – Jáchymov: Wonder Mining Town in the Ore Mountains Sponsor: Colin Brough	Zoom only

All meetings held Methodist Church Hall, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath. 7.30pm to 10.00pm.

Jan/Feb/Dec meetings are zoom only

Items in italics are for members' information only.