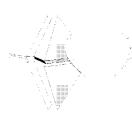
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SUSSEX MINERAL & LAPIDARY SOCIETY 2026 Programme



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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	Rock 'N' Gem Show 10.00am – 5.00pm Brighton Racecourse, Freshfield Rd, Brighton	
Saturday 21 st Feb.	Essex Gem & Mineral show. 10.00 am-4.00 pm North Romford Community Centre, Colliers Row, Romford	
28 th Feb – 1 st March	Rock 'N' Gem Show 10.00am-5.00pm Kempton Park Racecourse, Staines Rd. East	
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	2026 Annual Russell Society Meeting (ASM) Exeter Hall, Kidlington, Oxford	
Sunday 15 th March	Oxford Mineral and Fossil Show 10.00am – 4.00pm Exeter Hall, Oxford Rd, Kidlington, North Oxford	
Tuesday 24 th March	Field Trip to Warden Point Coordinator Colin Brough	Low tide 09:00
Friday 10 th April	General Meeting: Nick Hawes – Minerals of Bulgaria Sponsor: Colin Brough	
Saturday 18 th April	Yorkshire Mineral and Fossil Fair The Market House, Hawes North Yorkshire. 10:00 0 17:00	
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	Oxford Mineral and Fossil Show 10.00am – 4.00pm Exeter Hall, Oxford Rd, Kidlington, North Oxford	
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	

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