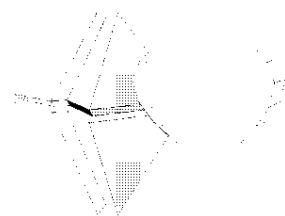


SUSSEX MINERAL & LAPIDARY SOCIETY

2026 Programme (Draft 3.1)



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
Saturday 21 st Feb.	<i>Essex Gem & Mineral show. 10.00 am-4.00 pm North Romford Community Centre, Colliers Row, Romford</i>	
Sat – Sun 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 13 th -14 th March	<i>2024 Annual Russell Society Meeting (ASM) Location (Oxford Area)</i>	TBC
Sunday 15 th March	<i>Oxford Mineral and Fossil Show 10.00am – 4.00pm Exeter Hall, Oxford Rd, Kidlington, North Oxford</i>	
Sat – Sun March	<i>Rock 'N' Gem Show 10.00am – 5.00pm Brighton Racecourse, Freshfield Rd, Brighton</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 to 17:00</i>	
Tuesday 23 rd April (revised date)	Field Trip to Warden Point Coordinator Colin Brough	Low tide midday
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	
Thurs - Sun 24 th -28 th June	<i>Sainte-Marie-Aux-Mine Mineral and Gem International Show</i>	

Friday 3 rd July	AGM, Social and Members Show and Tell Coordinator: Colin Brough	
Sat-Sun 18 th 19 th July	<i>North Pennines Mineral Expo. Village Hall, St Johns Chapel, Weardale, County Durham.</i>	
Sunday 26 th July	<i>Oxford Mineral and Fossil Show 10.00am – 4.00pm Exeter Hall, Oxford Rd, Kidlington, North Oxford</i>	
Sat – Sun July	<i>Rock 'N' Gem Show 10.00am-5.00pm Kempton Park Racecourse, Staines Rd. East</i>	
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: Rob Tripp - Guatemalan jade Sponsor: Nick Hawes	
Saturday Sept	<i>Hampshire Mineral Show Oasis Academy, Lord's Hill, Southampton SO16 8FA</i>	TBC
Fri -Sun Sept.	<i>2024 BMS Symposium. Salwarpe Village Hall, Droitwich.</i>	TBC
Friday 2 nd October	General Meeting: Roy Starkey – John Ruskin and his Mineral Collection Sponsor: Nick Hawes	
Sat/Sun 10 th -11 th October	<i>Bakewell Rock Exchange 10.00am – 5.00pm Lady Manners School, Bakewell, Derbyshire</i>	
Friday 6 th November	General Meeting: Gary Morse – From The Mine to Cabinet: Curating Your Mineral Collection Sponsor: Nick Hawes	
Sat – Sun Nov.	<i>Rock 'N' Gem Show 10.00am – 5.00pm Kempton Park Racecourse, Staines Rd. East</i>	
Saturday November	<i>Festival of Geology University College London</i>	
Sat – Sun Nov.	<i>Rock 'N' Gem Show 10.00am – 5.00pm Brighton Racecourse, Freshfield Rd, Brighton</i>	
Saturday 14 th November	SUSSEX MINERAL & FOSSIL SHOW 10.00am - 4.30pm, Haywards Heath	
Saturday Nov	<i>Mineral Gem and Fossil Show Amateur Geological Society, Finchley, London Trinity Church, Nether Street, Finchley, N12 7NN</i>	<i>Possibly cancelled</i>
Sunday 29 th November	<i>Oxford Mineral and Fossil Show 10.00am – 4.00pm Exeter Hall, Oxford Rd, Kidlington, North Oxford</i>	
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 9.30pm.

Jan/Feb/Dec meetings are zoom only

Items in italics are for members' information only