

SUSSEX MINERAL & LAPIDARY SOCIETY 2023 Programme

Friday 6 th January	General Meeting: The Yate Celestite Fields By Ed Loye: Sponsor Nick Hawes	Zoom Only
Friday 3 rd February	General Meeting: Volcano Tourism By Peter Moore Sponsor: Colin Brough	Zoom Only
Thursday 23 rd February	Field Trip to Herne Bay Coordinator Colin Brough	spring tide. 08:39
Saturday 25 th February	Field Trip to Sheppey Coordinator: Colin Brough	Low tide 09:48
<i>Saturday 18th Feb.</i>	<i>Essex Gem & Mineral show. 10.00 am-4.00 pm North Romford Community Centre, Colliers Row, Romford</i>	
<i>Sat – Sun March</i>	<i>Rock 'N' Gem Show 10.00am-5.00pm Kempton Park Racecourse, Staines Rd. East</i>	
Friday 3 rd March	General Meeting: Highlights of the NHM Gem collection By Robin Hansen: Sponsor: Nick Hawes	Elbaite tourmaline
Friday 17 th March	Sussex BMS Branch Study Evening Worldwide Arsenates	
Saturday 25 th March	Field Trip to Shakespeare Cliff Coordinator Colin Brough	Low tide 08:46
<i>Sunday March 26th</i>	<i>Oxford Mineral and Fossil Show 10.30am – 4.00pm Exeter Hall, Oxford Rd, Kidlington, North Oxford</i>	
<i>Sat – Sun March</i>	<i>Rock 'N' Gem Show 10.00am – 5.00pm Brighton Racecourse, Freshfield Rd, Brighton</i>	
Friday 14 th April	General Meeting: Show and tell plus photo/presentation competition	Upstairs Hall
<i>Fri. 31st March- Sun-2nd April</i>	<i>2023 Annual Russell Society Meeting (ASM) Cheltenham Chase Hotel, Brockworth, Gloucestershire</i>	
<i>Saturday 22nd April</i>	<i>Yorkshire Mineral and Fossil Fair The Market House, Hawes North Yorkshire. 10:00 0 17:00</i>	
10 days in May	Field Trip Scotland Co-ordinator: Colin Brough	Date TBC
Friday 5 th May	General Meeting: Rare Earth Minerals By Martin Smith Sponsor David Alderton	Any RE Mineral
<i>Sunday May 7th</i>	<i>Oxford Mineral and Fossil Show 10.30am – 4.00pm Exeter Hall, Oxford Rd, Kidlington, North Oxford</i>	
Friday 2 nd June	General Meeting: Life in the Eocene: Evidence from the London Clay By Margaret Collinson: Sponsor David Alderton	Sheppey Baryte
June	Field Trip to Cloud Hill (Leicester/Derbyshire)	
<i>Sat – Sun June</i>	<i>Rock 'N' Gem Show 10.00am-5.00pm Kempton Park Racecourse, Staines Rd. East</i>	TBC

<i>Thurs - Sun 21st – 25th June</i>	<i>Sainte-Marie-Aux-Mine Mineral and Gem International Show</i>	
Friday 7 th July	AGM and General Meeting. Rubies and Reindeer – a Visit to the Aappaluttoq Ruby Mine in Greenland By Jolyon Ralph Sponsor Nick Hawes	Spinel
<i>Sunday July 23rd</i>	<i>Oxford Mineral and Fossil Show 10.30am – 4.00pm Exeter Hall, Oxford Rd, Kidlington, North Oxford</i>	
<i>Sat – Sun July</i>	<i>Rock 'N' Gem Show 10.00am-5.00pm Kempton Park Racecourse, Staines Rd. East</i>	
Saturday 12 th August	SMLS Barbecue Host Nick and Louise Hawes Scaynes Hill	
Friday 1 st September	General Meeting: Synthetic Gems By Samantha Durrant: Sponsor Trevor Devon	Zircon
Sept	Field Trip to Bulgaria Coordinator: Nick Hawes	Date TBC
<i>Fri 15th -Sun 17th September</i>	<i>BMS Symposium Salwarpe Village Hall, Worcs.</i>	
Saturday 30 th Sept	Field Trip Climping Beach/Herne Bay Coordinator Colin Brough	Lowest autumn tide
Friday 6 th October	General Meeting: 20 years of Cornish collecting By Tony Lee Sponsor Colin Brough	Cornish Minerals
<i>Sat/Sun 14th –15th October</i>	<i>Bakewell Rock Exchange 10.00am – 5.00pm Lady Manners School, Bakewell, Derbyshire</i>	
Friday 13 th October	Sussex BMS Branch Study Evening Topic TBD	
<i>Sat – Sun Oct</i>	<i>Rock 'N' Gem Show 10.00am – 5.00pm Kempton Park Racecourse, Staines Rd. East</i>	
Friday 3 rd November	General Meeting: What can we learn from thin section microscopy By Peter Nancarrow Sponsor: Trevor Devon	Feldspar
<i>Saturday November</i>	<i>Festival of Geology University College London</i>	
<i>Sat – Sun November</i>	<i>Rock 'N' Gem Show 10.00am – 5.00pm Brighton Racecourse, Freshfield Rd, Brighton</i>	
Saturday 18 th November	SUSSEX MINERAL & FOSSIL SHOW 10.00am - 4.30pm, Haywards Heath	
<i>Sunday November 26th</i>	<i>Oxford Mineral and Fossil Show 10.30am – 4.00pm Exeter Hall, Oxford Rd, Kidlington, North Oxford</i>	
Friday 1 st December	General Meeting: Scotland's Carboniferous Firth of Forth coast. By John Taylor: Sponsor: Trevor Devon	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.