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## SUSSEX MINERAL & LAPIDARY SOCIETY 2023 Programme

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	General Meeting: The Yate Celestite Fields By Ed Loye Sponsor Nick Hawes	Zoom Only
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	General Meeting: Volcano Tourism By Peter Moore Sponsor Colin Brough	Zoom Only
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Field Trip to Herne Bay Coordinator Colin Brough	spring tide. 08:39
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Field Trip to Sheppey Coordinator Colin Brough	Low tide 09:48
<i>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb.</i>	<i>Essex Gem &amp; 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 <sup>rd</sup> March	General Meeting: Highlights of the NHM Gem collection By Robin Hansen Sponsor Nick Hawes	Elbaite tourmaline
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Sussex BMS Branch Study Evening Worldwide Arsenates	
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Field Trip to Shakespeare Cliff Coordinator Colin Brough	Low tide 08:46
<i>Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup></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>	
<i>Fri. 31<sup>st</sup> March - Sun-2<sup>nd</sup> April</i>	<i>2023 Annual Russell Society Meeting (ASM) hosted by the South West Branch at Buckfast, South Devon</i>	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	General Meeting: Show and tell plus photo/presentation competition	Upstairs Hall
<i>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> May	General Meeting: Rare Earth Minerals By Martin Smith Sponsor David Alderton	Any RE Mineral
<i>Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Oxford Mineral and Fossil Show 10.30am – 4.00pm Exeter Hall, Oxford Rd, Kidlington, North Oxford</i>	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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)	TBC

<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 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>Sainte-Marie-Aux-Mine Mineral and Gem International Show</i>	
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup></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 <sup>th</sup> August	SMLS Barbecue Host Nick and Louise Hawes Scaynes Hill	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	General Meeting : Synthetic Gems By Samantha Durrant Sponsor Trevor Devon	Zircon
Sept	Field Trip to Bulgaria Coordinator Nick Hawes	Date TBC
<i>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> -Sun 17<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<i>BMS Symposium Salwarpe Village Hall, Worcs.</i>	
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Field Trip Climping Beach/Herne Bay Coordinator Colin Brough	Lowest autumn tide
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	General Meeting: 20 years of Cornish collecting By Tony Lee Sponsor Colin Brough	Cornish Minerals
<i>Sat/Sun 14<sup>th</sup> –15<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>Bakewell Rock Exchange 10.00am – 5.00pm Lady Manners School, Bakewell, Derbyshire</i>	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> November	SUSSEX MINERAL & FOSSIL SHOW 10.00am - 4.30pm, Haywards Heath	
<i>Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Oxford Mineral and Fossil Show 10.30am – 4.00pm Exeter Hall, Oxford Rd, Kidlington, North Oxford</i>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> 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.*