

NORTH WEST REGIONAL GROUP
OF THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
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Yes, it's that time already. The 2006/7 programme of events and presentations has been compiled and we trust that it provides a blend of topics and fieldtrips that you will find interesting.

Firstly, please use the Geological Society website regularly, all our events and updates are posted on the Regional Group's events section of the Geological Society website.

Last year we ran two field trips, the first to Parys Mountain and the second down the salt caverns being used in the Minosus project for waste disposal. Both were oversubscribed and a great success. So, we have arranged for another visit to the historic Parys Mountain Copper Mines this year. We appreciate that this trip is at the extreme western edge of the Region but last year we successfully arranged car sharing from Warrington to ease the journey for people from the eastern areas of the Region. Places are limited so book early.

The first meeting is a presentation by Dr Jim Jones of Alcontrol Laboratories on innovative analytical techniques used to fingerprint the origin of hydrocarbons. These techniques are being used to characterise the sources of environmental contamination and to differentiate between naturally occurring and 'man made' hydrocarbons in the environment. The second meeting is a joint meeting with the North West Geotechnical Group of the ICE. This is a fantastic chance to hear this years Rankine Lecture on Tunnelling and Geotechnics.

The Quiz Night format is back for just before Christmas and we hope that you and your colleagues can raise a team to enjoy a relaxing evening before the frantic Christmas Period.

Also, this year we have a Careers event and joint meetings to encourage better links with our local universities. In celebration of 200 years of the Geological Society we are arranging a Dinner Dance at the spectacular Manchester Town Hall. We very much hope that this will be a special event where geologists from the region can relax, listen to interesting speakers and realise what a vibrant community of geologists there is in North West England.

Lastly, there are 600 members in the North West and most should be within easy commuting to the venues selected this year. If you are located too far from this years venues and feel that there is sufficient interest in our events in your area, please let us know and we will look at repeating events or ensuring you are better served in future programmes.

We trust you will find our programme interesting,

Andy Moore
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NORTH WEST REGIONAL GROUP OF THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS PROGRAMME 2006 – 2007

Date/Time	Speaker	Title	Venue
Wednesday, 6.30 pm 20 September 2006	N/A	Field visit to Parys Mountain This visit is limited to 10 people	Please note that you must inform Carol Westhead at TerraConsult of your wish to visit the mines and if you will be on the Mini-Bus, before Friday 15 September 2005 . CWesthead@terraconsult.co.uk Tel. : 01925 291111.
Thursday, 6.30pm 5 October 2006	Jim Jones of Alcontrol	Footprints and fingerprints – Forensics of Signature PAHs	Burroughs Suite, Hoole Hall, Chester Tea/Coffee/Biscuits served 6 to 6.30pm
Wednesday, 6.30pm 11 October 2006	Professor Robert Mair	Tunnelling and Geotechnics – New Horizons (repeat of Rankine Lecture)	Joint meeting with the North West Geotechnical Group of the ICE Renold Building, Manchester University
Thursday, 6.30pm 9 November 2006	Ray Keal of Walo	Dense Asphaltic Concrete Lining of Landfills	Garden Suite, The Park Royal Hotel, Stretton, South Warrington Tea/Coffee/Biscuits served 6 to 6.30pm
Thursday, 7 December 2006		AGM and Quiz Night	TBA
Thursday, 6.30pm 11 January 2007	Dr David Manning	The Eastgate geothermal project: a new opportunity for geothermal energy in the UK.	Williamson Lecture Theatre Manchester University
Thursday, 6.30pm 8 February 2007	David Billington - Vale Royal Borough Council, Economic & Regeneration Services	Northwich Mines Stabilisation Project	The Park Royal Hotel, Stretton, South Warrington Tea/Coffee/Biscuits served 6 to 6.30pm
Thursday, 15 February 2007	TBA	Careers Evening	Owens Park, Manchester University
Saturday, 24 March 2007		Bicentenary Dinner Dance	The Great Hall, Manchester Town Hall
Thursday, 6.30pm 19 April 2007	Keith Seymour of Environment Agency	Groundwater Resources in the Mersey Basin - On the Rebound?	The Park Royal Hotel, Stretton, South Warrington Tea/Coffee/Biscuits served 6 to 6.30pm
Saturday, 27 May 2007	Bradford Potholing Club	Field Trip - Open day for exploring Gaping Ghyll	Bookings will be invited in the January Newsletter and on the web site up to April 2007.

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