

Happy New Year and welcome to *Geo East*, the newsletter for the East of England Geodiversity Partnership. Caroline Markham 01.01.09
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The Chalk East Project

Following the meeting in Cambridge on 28.11.08 Chalk East is starting to take shape with the following list of **projects for 2009** submitted by Geo East partners:

Beds - Beds and Luton GG

Guided walk: Totternhoe Knolls and Dunstable Downs

Guided walk: Kensworth Chalk quarry

Cambs - Friends of the Sedgwick Museum

Field trip: the Chalk of the Royston area

Field guide: the Chalk Hills from Cambs to Herts

Essex - GeoEssex and the Essex Wildlife Trust

Activity day: walks, display, activities at Chafford Gorges Country Park

Leaflet: Chafford Gorges geology leaflet

Herts - Herts GS and East Herts GC

Exhibition: Chalk geology at Ware Museum

Conference: the Chalk of Hertfordshire

Field trip: the Hertfordshire Chalk

Norfolk - Geol Soc Norfolk and Norfolk Museums & Archaeology Service

Open day: Chalk fossils at The Forum, Norwich

Suffolk – GeoSuffolk and Ipswich Museum

Activity day: Ipswich Museum

Leaflet: the Chalk of the Gipping Valley

- A **Chalk East leaflet** will be produced with publicly accessible Chalk geodiversity sites from the six counties. Please contact Bev Fowlston (bev.fowlston@gmail.com) or Bob Markham by Mid-January if you have ideas for this.
- Tim Holt-Wilson (timholtwilson@onetel.com) has taken responsibility for creating the **Geo East web site** which will showcase the Chalk East Project. He is also working on logos for both Geo East and Chalk East.

Stop Press: Murray Gray's article, *Geodiversity: developing the paradigm* in the latest Proceedings of the GA (Vol 119 Part 3/4 2008) – a useful addition to geodiversity literature.

Geology Society of Norfolk Lectures

February 12th, "Major transitions in Earth's History", by Prof. Tim Lenton, UEA,

March 19th, the Paul Whittlesea Memorial Lecture, "The White Chalk of Norfolk (Late Albian to Early Maastrichtian), primarily based on the BGS Trunch Borehole- biostratigraphy, lithostratigraphy and correlation", by Dr Adrian Morter

These are evening events in Norwich, if you wish to attend please contact Elvin Thurston.
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GeoSuffolk News

GeoSuffolk's information panel was put into place next to the public footpath at Sutton Knoll SSSI on 11.12.08. This Coralline Crag 'island' surrounded by Red Crag has attracted geologists since the early 19th century, is well documented in the academic literature and is now interpreted for the public.

Chalk at the GA

The GA Lecture on **February 6th** by Prof Rory Mortimore (Brighton) is titled *Chalk revolution: what have we done to the Chalk in England?*

For more information see:

http://www.geologists.org.uk/events_lectures.html

Geo East Meeting

The next Geo East meeting will be on **Tuesday February 10th** at 2pm at the Friends Meeting House, Hartington Grove, Cambridge. The agenda will be emailed in due course. It will include an item on 'formalising' terms of reference for Geo East, plus an update on the Chalk East Project, including the leaflet. If you have any agenda items, please let me know.

The Essex Gem and Mineral Show in Romford is on **February 21st** - an excellent day out.

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