



Welcome to the 7th Geo-East Newsletter.
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CHALK EAST EVENTS in June and July

Hertfordshire Chalk Symposium

June 13th Verulamium Museum 10.30 am.

Dr H Bailey - *Chalk - the spine of the Chilterns*

Dr J Catt - *Superficial deposits and soils of the
Chalk landscape in Herts*

Dr S Bryant and Dr I Thompson - *Industry and
agriculture of the Chalk in Herts*

T James - *Ecology of the Herts Chalk landscape*

June 14th Field meeting on Dunstable Downs.
Meet at the NT Chiltern Gateway car park, beside
B 4541 (TL 008202) at 11am.

Cherry Hinton East Pit Open Day

June 20th – Discovery Day at the newly opened
pit 1–5 pm. See Cambridgeshire Wildlife Trust
www.wildlifebcnp.org

Activity Day at Chafford Gorges

June 20th Guided walks by GeoEssex at 10am
and 2pm for all ages, plus children's activities
throughout the day, based at the Nature Park's
superb visitor centre. Supported by the GA's
Rockwatch, these will feature activities such as
make your own fossil. See Essex Wildlife Trust
www.essexwt.org.uk

Chalk's Away

June 27th – Fossils at the Forum in Norwich,
bring specimens for identification by GSN and
Norfolk Museums Service 9am – 5pm.

Hunstanton Cliffs, Norfolk

July 4th – Joint GSN & B&LGG field trip –Meet at
10.30am at the cafe on the cliffs (TF672412). See
<http://www.bedsrigs.org.uk/events.php> for further
Bedfordshire events.

Ware Museum Chalk Interpretation Exhibition

From **July 17th** through August.

More Chalk East ~~~

Bob Markham's free 12-side **Chalk in the East leaflet** has just been delivered to the six county representatives. Aimed at the public, with information on 11 publicly accessible Chalk sites ranging across the six counties, it is a useful addition to any Chalk East event. Contact L Hiles (Beds), P Friend (Cambs), J Catt (Herts), C Markham (Suffolk), J Gladstone (Norfolk) or M Sandison (Essex).

Geo-East Meeting 09.04.09

The meeting was well attended with representatives from all six counties. Peter Lally was in the Chair. There were progress reports on the Geo-East web site and the Chalk East Project, including the *Chalk in the East* leaflet and the meeting at the Chilterns Gateway Centre (23.02.09). 2009-10 plans for Chalk East are well under way.

The Geo-East balance sheet for 2008-9 was passed and discussion turned to 2009-10 funding. NE funding for 2009-10 will be allocated through Geo-East, with £25 000 in all for: Chalk East projects; County and local groups; Geo-east development. Funding bids were requested (to THolt-Wilson) by the end of April.

A revised draft of the Geo-East partnership statement was accepted by the meeting.

All Change for Climate Change

This new gallery at **Colchester Natural History Museum** opened 7th April 2009. It explores geology and climate change with interactive items and excellent displays of Essex geological material. Well worth a visit.

Visit the Chalk East web site at
http://www.geoeast.org.uk/special_projects/index.htm TH-W would like us all to review it for him.