

26th September 2014

Dear GCG member,

You are cordially invited to attend the GCG AGM at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery and the celebratory 40th Anniversary Dinner to be held at the function room of the 'The Old Joint Stock Pub' nearby, on Tuesday 2nd December (details on the booking form).

GCG was founded on 17th May 1974 in Leicester, with its first AGM held in the December of that year by which time it had a membership of 83. The history of the first 34 years of the group can be found in the *Geological Curator* volume 8, number 8. We have traditionally always celebrated our anniversaries: with a 10th anniversary meeting in Leicester; 20th in Northampton; 25th in Leicester again; and the 30th in Scunthorpe. This year we had no May meeting because GCG were jointly involved in the huge SPNHC meeting in Cardiff in June, so we have decided to celebrate it at the AGM this year.

The theme of the associated Seminar in the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery will be *Writing Effective Grant Proposals for Collections Projects*, a subject very relevant to many museums in these difficult days.

Speakers for this will include:

Clare Brown, *Leeds Museum*

Jon Clatworthy, *Lapworth Museum*

Mike Howe, *British Geological Survey, Keyworth*

Jonathan Larwood, *Natural England*

Luanne Meehitiya, *Birmingham Museums Trust*

Matthew Parkes, *National Museum Ireland*

Nick Poole, *Collections Trust*

On Wednesday 3rd December an additional day of talks and tours has been arranged in Dudley Museum, hosted by Graham Worton. This will include a chance to look round the museum, a canal boat trip underground into the Limestone Caverns, and weather permitting, a trip out to the Wren's Nest.

We hope to see as many members as possible at the AGM, meeting and/or meal. Numbers will be limited to 40 for the meal, so please let us know as soon as possible if you wish to attend this. We would particularly enjoy meeting up with Brighton Medallists, past committee members, and those who participated in the early days of GCG.

We enclose a booking form for this event. If you wish to attend please return this to **Jim Spencer (GCG Programme Secretary), 3 Merlyn Court, Austin Drive, Didsbury, Manchester, M20 6EA.**

Or contact Jim by email : jimspencer11@gmail.com.

We hope to see you soon,



Cindy Howells (membership secretary),
on behalf of the GCG committee

'Writing Effective Grant Proposals for Collections Projects'

GCG Seminar, 41st AGM, and evening meal.

2nd and 3rd December 2014

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The seminar and AGM will take place on Tuesday 2nd December at the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3DH. Refreshments will be provided beforehand and mid-afternoon. Lunch is not included on either day but can be obtained at a variety of local hosteleries. The full programme will be circulated nearer the time, and is anticipated to start around 10.45am, with the AGM at around 4pm. The fee for this day will be £25 for members and £35 for non-members (or you may join GCG for just £15).

For the evening meal we have a private function room booked at the Old Joint Stock pub, 4, Temple Row West, Birmingham, B2 5NY. This pub serves a good selection of traditional food, and specialises in pies. <http://www.oldjointstock.co.uk/>. We are also hoping to have an after-dinner speaker.

The Wednesday meeting will be held at Dudley Museum, with a fee of £10 (or £15 for non-members), and will include morning talks, refreshments, and a chance to see the displays, followed by an afternoon boat trip through the Limestone Caverns, and possible excursion to the Wren's Nest site. We hope to be able to share car transport on this day, so please indicate if you are able to offer any additional spaces.

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Booking Form

Tuesday 2nd December 2014

- I would like to attend the Seminar at the Birmingham City Museum (£25/£35).
- I would like to attend the AGM.
- I would like to attend the evening meal.
- I would like to be sent a list of hotels nearby.
- I would like to be sent a GCG membership form.

Wednesday 3rd December 2014

- I would like to attend the meeting at Dudley Museum (£10/£15).
- I have my own transport for 3rd December.
- I can provide passenger seats.
- I will need transport, from Birmingham to Dudley, for 3rd December.

Dudley has no train station of its own. Tipton is nearest, but still a long walk. Participants sharing transport may prefer to be dropped at Tipton station on Wednesday afternoon to save cars going back into the centre of Birmingham. Trains run into Birmingham twice an hour, for a fare of £3.90.

Total sum enclosed:

Name:

Contact address:

Email address and/or contact number:

Please return this form with payment (cheques to GCG) asap to **Jim Spencer (GCG Programme Secretary), 3 Merlyn Court, Austin Drive, Didsbury, Manchester, M20 6EA.**

Or contact Jim with the same information by email: jimspencer11@gmail.com

Bank details can be sent, on request, for BACS payments. Unfortunately we're unable to accept card payments.