



Golden Cap Association (West Dorset)



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We're hoping that this will be the final News-Sheet and that the next time we communicate with you will be in the format of a 'proper' newsletter with details of live events and booking forms for outings and other social activities. As you are fully aware this will depend on the government considering that it is safe for these activities to resume.

In the meantime we want to assure you that your committee are working behind the scenes putting together a programme which we hope you will enjoy. Please note that Mike Nicks is now the Acting Chairperson, in addition to his role as Treasurer. Should you require any information with regard to the Golden Cap Association he can be contacted by telephone, 01308 459855, or email mnicks@btinternet.com

We are well aware that we weren't able to hold an AGM in 2020 or, so far, in 2021. It is our plan therefore to hold a short AGM at our first meeting which is scheduled for Monday 27th September at 2:30pm in the United Church Hall. There is no entrance fee for an AGM. The visiting speaker will be Rob Rhodes who some will remember used to be the West Dorset Countryside Manager based at Filcombe Farm. If you have heard him on previous occasions you will recall that he is an excellent speaker and this time he will be talking about 'Our work in the Countryside - A National Picture'.

When the July newsletter is issued and you have renewed your subscription your Membership Card will be included. Those who have set up a Standing Order will have paid in April as will those who sent a cheque to our Membership Secretary after being prompted by the email issued in April. The 2021/2022 Subscription Renewal Form is on page 3 for those who have not yet renewed. Please complete it and send it to our Membership Secretary with your cheque asap. Please be aware that participation in our outings and meals are restricted to Golden Cap Association members only. Our meetings are open to everyone with a reduced entrance fee to members of the Association.

As well as government permission our ability to recommence activities depends entirely on there being someone prepared to organise and run them. We currently have several vacancies as indicated on page 3. Please think seriously whether you are able to play a part in allowing our Association to continue to function. We are a group of NT members run by NT members and without these volunteers we ultimately (like many other similar local NT Associations) will fold. We currently have a membership of approx 350. Surely there are people prepared to help to make it work.

Mike Nicks - Acting Chairman

Autumn Illustrated Talks

(assuming we are permitted to hold them)

2:30pm Mon 27th Sept 'Our work in the Countryside - A National Picture' by Rob Rhodes

Rob worked in Dorset as West Dorset Countryside Manager for fifteen years before moving to a national role three years ago. He is currently Head of Countryside Management and Rangers being based locally and at Heelis in Swindon, the NT HQ.

2:30pm Mon 25th October 'Lend me your Ears - A Career in the BBC Comedy Department' by Martin Fisher

Martin worked in the Comedy Department of the BBC and produced many classics. He was former head of Radio Light Entertainment and Head of Comedy for the BBC television for many years.

2:30pm Mon 29th Nov 'Stories from Deep Time' by Dr Steve Etches, MBE

Steve started collecting fossils over 35 year ago from the Kimmeridge Clay. He is self-taught and what started as a hobby has now resulted in having 2400 fossils in his collection. He has a museum in Kimmeridge village "The Etches Collection Museum of Jurassic Marine Life."

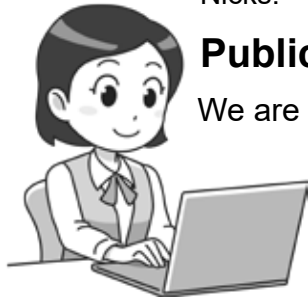
His specimens are scientifically important and stunningly beautiful and show the evidence of their place in Earth's history. He has received numerous awards in recognition of his dedication to the world of Palaeontology.

Situations Vacant

Technical Support at Meetings

We need a replacement for Mick Holgate who took care of the technical support for the speakers at our meetings. We have purchased new equipment which is making things more straightforward but we really do need someone to help the speaker to link their equipment with the hall's system.

Please do not underestimate the importance of this role in the successful operation of your Golden Cap Association. Without this support we will be hard-pushed to continue with our winter talks. For more information please contact Mike Nicks.



Publicity Officer

We are still looking for someone to take on the job of publicising our talks via the local media and other outlets. Producing and distributing posters for display in the immediate area. You will need basic computer skills and an ability to write short reports for the 'Bridport News' etc. For more information please contact Mike Nicks.

A bit of Muscle

When you arrive at our meetings you find the chairs and tables laid out ready for you, after you leave they are then stored away. This has to be done by someone. Could you be that 'someone'? We can get into the hall at 1:30 for the 2:30 meeting so there is plenty of time to carry out this vital piece of background work. Please ring Kevin Senior 01308 427451 if you feel able to play a part in this essential activity.



Just for Fun

1. Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May.
... What was the third child's name?
2. There is an assistant at the butcher's shop, he is five feet ten inches tall and he wears size 13 shoes.
... What does he weigh?
3. Before Mt Everest was discovered,
... what was the highest mountain in the world?
4. How much dirt is there in a hole
... that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?
5. What word in the English language
... is always spelt incorrectly?
6. Bill was born on December 28th, yet his birthday is always in the summer.
... How is this possible?
7. In California, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg.
... Why not?
8. What was the US President's name
... in 1975?
9. If you were running a race,
... and you passed the person in the 2nd place, what place would you be in now?
10. Which is it correct to say:
... 'The yolk of the egg are white' or 'The yolk of the egg is white'?

Answers on Pg 4

Membership

Subscriptions for 2020/21 were due on 1st April 2021 and remained at the current rate of £6.00 for one person and £9.00 for two people living at the same address. If you haven't already renewed your membership (or pay by Standing Order which means payment has already been made) could I please ask you to use the renewal form below and forward it, along with your cheque made out to 'The Golden Cap Association' to me **as soon as possible**. A receipt will not be sent - your membership card is your receipt and that should be available with the July newsletter.

You can see on the front of the 2019/20 membership card whether you pay by Standing Order or Cheque. If you're still not sure please ring me to check - 01308 424431.

The 2021/22 card will be valid until 30th April 2022.

If you no longer wish to be a member of the Golden Cap Association it would be really helpful if you could let me know either by email: dianacolieridge@gmail.com or by ringing me on the above number.

Continued Membership of the National Trust or being an active and current volunteer for the National Trust is an essential condition of Association membership. Anyone wishing to see our constitution can find it on the Membership page of our Website: www.goldencapnt.org.uk

Membership details are held on computer for internal use only and will not be disclosed to any third party.

Diana Coleridge
- Membership Secretary

Golden Cap Association (West Dorset) Renewal of Annual Subscription 2021/2022

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I enclose £ _____ (subscription)

I consent to the above data being used for communication purposes only by the Golden Cap Association. [It is important that this box is ticked.]

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Please send by post to Mrs D Coleridge, 115 Victoria Grove, Bridport DT6 3AE.

Cerne Abbas Giant Surprises NT Archaeologists

After 12 months of scientific analysis, the National Trust can reveal the likely age of the Cerne Giant.

After state-of-the art sediment analysis jointly funded by the National Trust, the University of Gloucestershire, Allen Environmental Archaeology and the Pratt Bequest, National Trust archaeologists have concluded the giant was probably first constructed in the late Saxon period.

This is not what was expected. Many archaeologists and historians thought he was prehistoric or post-medieval, but not medieval.

National Trust senior archaeologist Martin Papworth said: "The archaeology on the hillside was surprisingly deep – people have been re-chalking the giant over a long period of time. The deepest sample from his elbows and feet tells us he could not have been made before 700AD, ruling out theories that he is of prehistoric or Roman origin.

The science suggests he could be medieval, but intriguingly, surviving documents from Cerne Abbey don't mention the giant. In the 16th century it's as if the giant's not there and why would a rich and famous abbey – just a few yards away – commission, or sanction, a naked man carved in chalk on the hillside?'



Martin concludes: "When we began the work, some people wanted the giant's age to remain a mystery – but archaeologists want to use science to seek answers. We have nudged our understanding a little closer to the truth but he still retains many of his secrets. He still does have an air of mystery, so I think everyone's happy."

Extract from the article on the NT website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/cerne-giant/news/national-trust-archaeologists-surprised-by-likely-age-of-cerne-abbas-giant-

Just for Fun Answers:

1. Johnny, of course.
2. Meat
3. Mt Everest; it just wasn't discovered yet.
4. There is no dirt in a hole.
5. Incorrectly
6. Billy lives in the Southern Hemisphere.
7. You can't take pictures with a wooden leg. You need a camera to take pictures.
8. Same as it is now - Joseph Biden.
9. You would be 2nd. Well, you passed the person in second place, not first.
10. Neither, the yolk of the egg is yellow.

Officers & Committee Members

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