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# GEOMÔN NEWSLETTER

## December 2019

### Welcome

**GeoMôn Board members** would like to wish all our Volunteers and Members a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year. We would like to thank all our Volunteers who work tirelessly to carry out duties in the Watch House, attend events and help out in many other ways. We are a voluntary organisation and could not exist without the good natured and valuable help that they, and some of our members give to us, so a great big thank you to all our Board members, Members and Volunteers.

### AGM Notification

The GeoMôn AGM will take place on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 10am in the University Ocean Science Department in the building by the exit to the car park behind Evans Hardware in Menai Bridge. Parking is best done in that car park. To access the building, leave at the car park exit onto the narrow lane (Askew Street) and walk to the right a few yards to the Science building entrance. Walk up the stairs to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, turn left and the meeting room is on your right. The Board would welcome all members and be pleased to meet you. If there is something you wish

to discuss at the meeting, please email it in advance at least 3 days before the meeting so that it can be added to the agenda. Please send the title of your item to Margaret Wood at [college@btinternet.com](mailto:college@btinternet.com) Many thanks.

A short Board meeting will follow directly after the AGM.

### Grants

After a lot of help from some Board members we managed to get two grants to cover the cost of a touch screen for the Watch Tower centre. We then obtained two grants to pay for most of this and a small amount from GeoMôn. The grants received were from Amlwch Town Council and the Anglesey Charitable Trust run by the Isle of Anglesey County Council. We are extremely grateful to both parties and once it is installed, we will give them a demonstration. It was decided that we will not install it until March when the new season is open to visitors, because during winter it is cold and damp in the Watch House. Early in March we will be asking for volunteers to get the Watch House clean, tidy and organised.

During the winter some of the Board and a few volunteers will be going in there and arranging furniture in preparation for the screen to be sited later. Michael Roberts has kindly offered to look after it over the winter with the Town Council.

## **Greenly centenary**

It is 100 years since Edward Greenly, with the help of his wife Annie, wrote the Geology of Anglesey in 1919 and published his iconic map in 1920. To celebrate this, we organised a meeting in his graveyard at Llangristiolus, led by Prof. Cynthia Burek, who is on our Board and manages our education portfolio. She gave a very interesting talk on his life, wife and the geology of the gravestones in the cemetery. This was open to the public and was very well received. The AONB also kindly celebrated by organising an art competition and gave prizes to the best exhibits. As Greenly's map will have its centenary next year there may be further celebrations arranged and we will keep members informed.

## **Foreign meetings**

As a international Geopark we have certain obligations and failure to comply could lose us our membership of the Networks. The Principal Geologist and a senior Manager from the County Council have to attend two meetings - in March for the European Geopark Network (EGN), and in September for the UNESCO Global Geopark Network (UGG). The EGN meeting has to be held in a European country – this year it was in the Swabian Alps, Germany. UGG meetings can be held anywhere in the world - this year fortunately it was in Seville. There are also Global Geopark meetings for the National Forums (for us the UK geoparks)- this year it was in the North West Highlands of Scotland. Next year the March EGN meeting

is in Croatia, and they have kindly offered to pay for our hotel costs. The September UGG meeting is in South Korea on the border with North Korea, and the UK Forum in Torquay.

## **Talks**

We are grateful to Cynthia Burek as well for doing monthly talks at Henllys Hall (an Anglesey Holiday Property Bond complex) These have been so successful that the 6 original talks have been extended over the winter and into next year. Cynthia has to travel from Chester for all the talks and they have been very successful. Thank you Cynthia.

## **Note to the Board and Volunteers**

This is a thank you to those who volunteer and to meet the Board. It is an evening event for members of the Board and all our Volunteers at the Watch House, the Guides, or those who help with field course groups (with or without Partner/Friend). This will take place at College, Llansadwrn on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January from 7pm with buffet. RSVP so I can cater for numbers. Margaret.

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