

THE RUSSELL SOCIETY



**The Council and the South West Branch invite you to attend
The Russell Society's National ASM Weekend and Fortieth Anniversary Celebrations -
Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd April 2012**

Dear Member

We warmly invite you to the Annual Society Meeting weekend, and to join us in celebrating forty years of the Russell Society. We have put together an excellent programme of talks and activities, with plenty of time for socialising and exchanging news and information.

The programme includes a special "behind the scenes" visit to Plymouth Museum to view the renowned Barstow Collection, a wide range of field trips, a diverse range of top speakers, an opportunity to visit Caerhays Castle and to have lunch with Mr Williams, a presentation on the collection and small group sessions to examine the fantastic specimens with the curator, Courtenay Smale.

The AGM on Saturday is followed by a Gala Dinner and specimen auction, with Dr Bob Symes OBE as auctioneer.

Location

The weekend will be based near Falmouth, Cornwall, at the Tremough Campus, Treliever Road, Penryn (University College Falmouth, Cornwall-based campus of the University of Essex). Full directions for finding the Campus are available on their website (<http://www.falmouth.ac.uk/>) and will also be sent to you with your booking confirmation.

Accommodation

Function rooms have been booked from 17.00 on Friday night until 23.00 on Saturday. There will be a meal (and bar) both nights (the Gala dinner is on Saturday) as well as morning and afternoon beverages with biscuits/cakes and a finger buffet lunch on Saturday. However, we are unable to book sleeping accommodation on the campus. There are, however, a variety of B&Bs, hotels, caravan and camp sites etc. in nearby Falmouth from which you can identify something to your taste (and budget). Please contact us if you would like further information on accommodation options.

Weekend costs

The cost of the weekend's components (excluding sleeping accommodation etc.) are:

Friday night rock swap and Photo competition (includes meal)	£11.50
Saturday Conference Day delegate (includes lunch and refreshments)	£30.00
Saturday Society Gala dinner and auction	£20.00

Programme (see separate programme and booking sheets for more details)

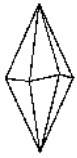
We very much hope that you will be able to join us and that you will have an enjoyable weekend.

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ASM Programme

Friday 20th April, 2012

Afternoon Programme of field visits (see details on the booking form sent under separate cover)

17.00 – 18.30 Registration at the Tremough campus

Evening programme

19.00 Dinner (Cold Buffet) and Bar

20.00 Social Evening, Photo Competition and Rock Swap

Photo Competition

Entries can be made in 3 categories, a **maximum** of two photographs per category.

The category and title of each image should be clearly indicated when submitted.

- A: Mineral specimen (whole or in part)
- B: Micromount specimen
- C: A geological exposure

Digital images (ideally 1024x768 pixels) should be submitted to Margaret Ince by email (russellsoc@btopenworld.com) or on a disc (78 Leconfield Road, Loughborough, LE11 3SQ) by 1st March 2012.

Rock Swap

Tables will be available for swaps and displays (If you would like to bring a display, particularly of SW minerals, please indicate this on your booking form).

Saturday 21st April, 2012

9.15-9.45 Coffee & Registration – at the Tremough Campus

9.45 Introduction & Welcome

10.00-10.45 Talk 1 – David Aubrey-Jones – “*Minerals of Devon*”

10.45-11.15 Coffee / Tea

11.15 – 12.00 Talk 2 - “*The genesis of orbicular rocks – making rock forming minerals interesting*”

Bob Symes

12.00 – 12.45 Talk 3 - “*Herodsfoot mine, Richard Talling and bournonite – a 19th Century monopoly?*” Roy Starkey

12.45 Lunch at Tremough Campus & Rock Swap

14.15-15.00 Talk 4 – “*Low Temperature Mineralisation in SW England*” Richard Scrivener

15.00-15.45 Talk 5 – Ron Cleevely “*The involvement of a Trio of Cornish mineralogists in the Development of Mineralogy at the turn of the 18th- Century*”

15.45 Tea / Coffee

16.30 Annual General Meeting

18.30 Meet in bar / lounge for drinks

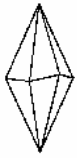
19.00 Dinner (Please complete booking form)

Following dinner there will be the traditional mineral auction in aid of Society funds. Please bring one or two good specimens for the auction.

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Friday 20th April, 2012 (please complete booking form)

Afternoon Field Visit Programme (please complete booking form)

12.00 Field Collecting Trip to Hingston Down Quarry (Working quarry producing a wide range of minerals)

13.00 Field Collecting Trip to Ting Tang Mine mine – famous for a wide range of minerals including the copper arsenates, the dumps have been recently excavated for the benefit of collectors, and with the beneficial actions of a few months of winter weather should hopefully be in prime condition at the time of our visit.

13.30 Private viewing of the Barstow Collection at Plymouth Museum – members on this trip will have the opportunity to send in requests in advance of the visit, for specimens they would particularly like to see (see <http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/museumbarstowcollection> for more details of this famous collection).

Sunday 22nd April, 2012 (please complete booking form)

Field excursions to:

Underground Visit to Rosevale Mine, Zennor (private show mine – see <http://www.rosevalemine.co.uk/> for details) – this is a non-collecting trip providing an opportunity to explore an excellently restored small Cornish mine.

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Highdown Quarry – the type locality for wavellite, and still productive after all these years – morning visit, transferring to Bampfylde after lunch.

Bampfylde Mine – an extensive site with good opportunities for collecting, including the possibility of finding your own specimen of Cornish gold! Option for all day, or afternoon only.

Herodsfoot Mine – the “classic” Cornish locality for bournonite and tetrahedrite. The Society will be visiting the North Herodsfoot site for the very first time, with access made possible through the generosity of the new owner. These dumps have remained largely undisturbed for about 100 years and the possibility exists of turning up some really interesting material.

Visit to Caerhays Castle to view the recently re-discovered Williams Mineral Collection. This trip includes a slide presentation by Courtenay Smale, followed by a buffet lunch in the Grand Hall in the company of Mr & Mrs Williams, a house tour and viewing of the minerals. This is a not-to-be missed opportunity, but places are limited. (see http://www.caerhays.co.uk/page.cfm?page=mineral_collection for more information and photos of some of the specimens)