

NEWSLETTER

4th.

A very successful visit was made to Lyme Regis on 16th May - twelve members met at The Cob and proceeded along the shore collecting specimens - some good examples of chalcedony, quartz crystals, marcasite and of course plenty of ammonites.

On 17th June a small party met at Haselmere Museum and thanks to Mr. Jewell the curator - had a most interesting evening. Some of Sir Archibald Geikie's field note books (beautifully illustrated) were on view together with his hammer and medals. Particularly interesting to the members who had visited Arran was an oil painting by Sir Archibald of Glen Sannox. Mr. Jewell pointed out that it was due to Sir Archibald that the Museum was in existence today, as he had raised by public subscription enough money to keep the Museum going. We went to the Member's Library and saw many geological books - maps and memoirs. Specimens not normally on view to the public were examined and Mr. Jewell offered to bring along to any of the Society's meetings any group of rocks we should like to see.

Mr. Jewell made the evening unforgettable by shewing live slides of a baby newt and water fleas, the microscope was so powerful we could even see the blood pumping around the newt.

You will have had by now details of the Mendip excursion - report to follow on this.

I hope you will attend the Wine and Fossil evening on the 5th August - we have a surprise film! (not X certificate - as was hoped by one member) please bring your recent slides and rock/fossil specimens along. By the way its a Thursday evening at 8.00.p.m. at the Adult Education Centre, West Street, (please note this evening is not in the hall). Kindly let me know if you and your family/friends are coming - it does help with the catering arrangements.

- sincerely,

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P.S. PLEASE PLEASE PAY YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS.