

BOOKING FORM

Geology, Landscape and the Picturesque

This is essentially a residential course with an **all inclusive fee per head of £199** to include service of guides for three days, accommodation for three nights, evening meals Thursday and Friday, breakfast and packed lunches on all days and mini-bus transport.

Please reserve me places @ £199/person
Name(s)

Address

Post code:

Telephone:.....

e-mail:.....

Enclosed cheque (Payable to: Lucton School) for
£

Please make the following special dietary
provisions:.....

Signed:.....

Date:.....

Detach this booking form and send with your remittance
to **Mrs Lowther, Lucton School, Lucton, Leominster
HR6 9PN. Tel: 01568 782000 (f.a.o. Mrs Lowther).**

Further information can be obtained from:

Andrew Jenkinson on 01547 530660 or

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or go to: www.shropshiregeology.org.uk/festival

The Course

This is our third Lucton Summer School in the heart of classic geological country on the Welsh Marches. Here early geological pioneers set out to unravel the order of our oldest rocks. Those same rocks gave rise to natural scenery that was cleverly exploited by the earliest practitioners of the 'Picturesque' movement in art and landscape gardening. This largely field-based course starts with unravelling the Precambrian around Church Stretton (Little Switzerland); looks at the role of the Radnorshire gentry in helping Murchison and concludes with the Picturesque landscape created by Payne Knight in the Aymestry Limestone gorge at Downton.



Your Guides

Andrew Jenkinson has lived in south Shropshire for over 35 years, coming first as an Adult Education Tutor for Environmental Sciences. Since 1980 he has been running his own company, Scenesetters, providing interpretation of the Marches countryside through lecturing and publications. He is currently Project Officer for Shropshire Geological Society.

Robert Williams has lived and worked in the area for nearly 30 years and has specialist interests in geography, history and economics. He is a member of Herefordshire and Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust, the Woolhope Naturalists' Field Club (Geology Section) and Marches Tours and Talks (MT&T), a local group of tour guides.

GRAMME

Saturday 14th July - to Kington

- 9.00 - 1.00 Visit to the Banks' archive at Hergest Croft to view the splendid collection built up by R.W. Banks (1819-1891), which includes specimens collected by the early geological pioneers. Followed by a short tour of the Vale of Radnor where the local gentry helped Murchison in his travels.
- 1.00 - 3.00 Picnic lunch on Bradnor Hill; followed by a walk around the hill.
- 3.00 - 5.00 Return via Titley Pool, a kettle hole in the glacial moraine incorporated into the landscaping of the grounds of Eywood House. *Robert Williams*
- 6.30 - 8.45 Students to take evening meal in local venues (list will be available).
- 9.00 - 10.00 Illustrated talk on 'Joseph Murray Ince and the Picturesque' by Margaret Newman Turner, author of *Joseph Murray Ince (1806-1859) The Painter of Presteigne*.

Sunday 15th July - to North Herefordshire

- 10.00-1.00 Downton Gorge National Nature Reserve and the creation of Richard Payne Knight's Picturesque landscape amongst the rocks of the Aymestry Limestone and Downton Sandstone of the Silurian System. *Courtesy of Natural England*
- 1.00 - 2.00 Picnic lunch
- 2.00- 4.00 via Glacial Lake Wigmore and Aymestrey to Croft Castle (once a Knight family residence). *Andrew Jenkinson and Robert Williams*

Transport for the course will be provided by mini-bus (cost included in fee). There will be some walking, but at a gentle pace and generally on good paths. Strong footwear should be worn.

A book list will be provided to all participants, with the opportunity to buy books and maps for the area in advance.

There will be some opportunities for fossil collecting, but hammering is not permitted at all sites. Bring a small hammer, chisel, good hand lens and wrapping materials for your specimens.

Lucton School Accommodation

Accommodation is provided in a modern, purpose-built house with blocks of eight small single rooms on two floors. Each block of eight rooms has ample washing and toilet facilities.

Linking each block is a general area providing a small kitchen where an evening or early morning drink can be made. This area also provides recreation space - with variously a television, billiard table or place for quiet reading, depending on the area.

Meals are taken in the Queen Anne Dining Room and provision will be made for special diets. Please enter any special requirements on your booking form.

