NEWS

Pevensy Bay
The Environment Agency is planning to carry out improvements to the sea defences in Pevensy Bay which may affect the Wealden foreshore exposures. With the support and co-operation of the agency, a project has been set up to investigate the exposures and rescue fossils before the works get under way. Fossil insects new to science including caddisflies (see below) are currently being collected at the Cooden end. Shark remains and even a dinosaur trackway have been found recently. In addition to collecting, the exact stratigraphy of the deposits needs working out because of unexpected faulting and folding. If you like the challenge of a unique project working against the clock (or just like collecting by the seaside), please contact Ed Jarzembowski (details p.2). See Cooden Rescue Geology in FUTURE EVENTS.

Russian visitors
Dr. Irina Sukacheva of the Russian Academy of Sciences paid a flying visit to the U.K. in June. She is an expert on fossil caddisflies, the larval cases of which are found in the Wealden, especially along the Hastings coastal section. Caddisflies are important freshwater insects and can be used to reconstruct ancient environments. ‘Irene’ came to study the largest collection of Cretaceous caddis cases in Europe, currently assembled at Maidstone Museum, and to do some fieldwork. Other specialist visitors from the Arthropod Laboratory, Moscow, are anticipated in the near future.

Regionally Important Geological/Geomorphological Sites (Kent)
Much of Kent is on the Wealden beds but there is a lack of easily accessible coastal exposures. An inventory of Wealden sites has been started with a view to finding inland exposures of scientific and educational value. If you know of some sites, or would like to get involved in the survey, please contact Diana Franks (details p.2).

Wealden trilogy
The third and last part of Cretaceous Research specially devoted to Wealden geology is due to be published in August, 1998; this will be the biggest part so far. The set is a tribute to the Wealden work of Professor Perce Allen FRS and is the most comprehensive collection of articles on Wealden fossils and sediments for over twenty years. It will thus serve us well into the new millennium! Look out for it in your university or institutional library, e.g. the Geological Society of London.
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‘New discoveries and preparation for G.A. field trip’
By Dr. Ed Jarzembowski
Tuesday 21st July 1998
Maidstone Museum, 7.00 p.m.
Kent Geologists’ Group
Non-members £1.
Contact Ed Jarzembowski

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Meet at unmetalled seafront car park. (Map ref. TQ 705063)
9 Aug. Sun. evening 6.00 p.m.
6 Sept. Sun. evening 5.00 p.m.*
10 Oct. Sat. morning 8.15 a.m.

Usual geological field gear but wear rubber boots.
Contact Ed Jarzembowski or Diana Franks to confirm.

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