



## Western Regional Group of the Geological Society

**Annual Fieldtrip – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

### **“A Fieldtrip in the Eastern Mendips”**

The first annual fieldtrip of the Western Regional Group will consist of a day exploring the geology of the Eastern Mendips in the beautiful countryside surrounding the picturesque village of Stoke St Michael, Somerset. The trip will be lead by Dr Andy Farrant, the author of the BGS field guide to the Mendips, who will share his intimate knowledge of the area with us.

Spaces will be limited to approximately 30 attendees, allocated on a first come first served basis. If you would like to register your interest please send an e-mail to David Birks: [birksd@pbworld.com](mailto:birksd@pbworld.com)

#### **Itinerary:**

Starting from the Knatchbull Arms in Stoke St Michael (details to follow), the morning will comprise a circular walk taking approximately 3 - 3.5 hours, returning to the Knatchbull Arms for a buffet lunch. The morning will include an examination of various features of hydrogeological, structural, stratigraphic and mineralogical interest. The walk is described as moderately strenuous (with approximately 200m cumulative ascent) on footpaths which may become muddy when wet. After lunch a visit to the nearby De la Beche unconformity at Vallis Vale and the superb exposures at Tedbury Camp Quarry is proposed. Due to parking limitations, this will involve a walk of around 5 km.

#### **Personal Protective Equipment:**

Attendees shall provide their own footwear and clothing suited for the day's activities.

#### **Cost:**

The cost of the fieldtrip will be approximately £10 per person (tbc) including a buffet lunch at the Knatchbull Arms.

#### **Transport:**

Attendees should make their own transport arrangements to and from the meeting point. Car sharing is encouraged as parking spaces are limited.