



## **Home Counties North Regional Group**

### **BEHIND-THE-SCENES PALAEOLOGY WORKSHOP PART 3 QUATERNARY PLEISTOCENE (also Puddingstones and prehistoric struck-stone flakes)**

**Tuesday 21<sup>ST</sup> October 2014 from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

**at the**

**Burymead Museum Resource Centre, Hitchin**

**Organised and led by John Wong FGS**

The Museum Resource Centre is part of Hitchin Museum but it is located in an industrial estate away from Hitchin Museum. It holds about 10,000 specimens of rocks, fossils and minerals and natural history specimens (the entire collection of Hitchin Museum and Letchworth Museum).

John will facilitate this workshop after an introductory talk by the Cultural Services Manager of Burymead Museum Resource Centre. Those attending will have the opportunity to handle and study the fossil specimens which have not yet been on display to the public.

Part 3 of this palaeontology workshop series will specifically look at Quaternary Pleistocene fossil specimens collected mainly within Hertfordshire, including the Interglacial vertebrate fossils of the Order *Bovidae*, Order *Proboscidea*, and Family *Cervidae* of the Order *Artiodactyla* from the Hitchin Lake Beds and the Bayford Gravel Beds, and plant, vertebrate and invertebrate glacial erratic fossils of Hertfordshire plus fossil specimens collected in the Red Crag Formation at the base of the Pleistocene in Suffolk.

In addition, John will show some Hertfordshire Puddingstone specimens, and non-artefact prehistoric struck-stone flakes collected from the 2008 archaeology excavation at Fordham Hall Farm village in Essex. This will be followed by a short talk on the typology of saddle querns and the production of Hertfordshire Puddingstone rotary querns.

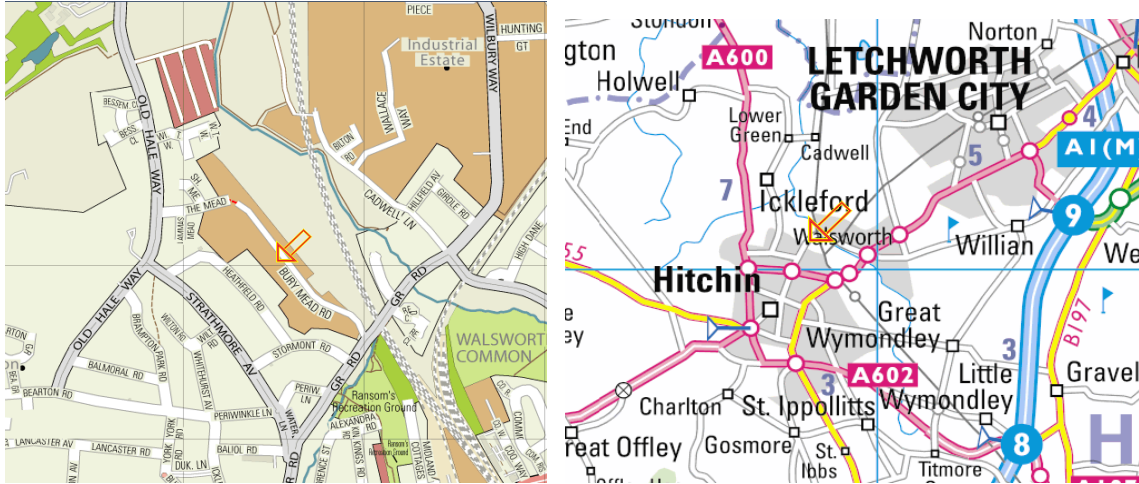
For those members attending this workshop, it may be possible to see and handle a particular taxonomic order of fossils or fossils from a particular stratigraphic formation from the Museum Resource Centre shown at the two previous HCNRG workshops by arrangement with John on the day, for examples, the Kimmeridgian fossils or the fossil specimens of the Order *Echinodea*.

A useful reference book is British Museum (Natural History) *British Cenozoic Fossils*.

## Car Parking

There is a small car park for visitors.

**Meet: Bury Mead Museum Resource Centre, Bury Mead Road, Hitchin, Hertfordshire SG5 1RT. Grid reference TL189304.**



**Meet at 13.15 p.m. for a prompt 13.30 p.m. start.**

There is a maximum of 10 participants for this workshop session with priority given to Fellows, Candidate Fellows and juniors of the Geological Society who are members of the Home Counties North Regional Group.

If there are more than 10 members apply for this workshop they will be put on a waiting list on a first-come-first-served basis.

Please book places by e-mail to [homecountiesnorthregionalgroup@gmail.com](mailto:homecountiesnorthregionalgroup@gmail.com)

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