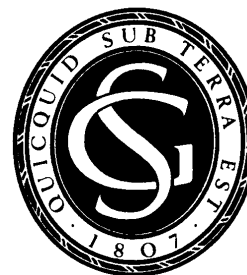


# **NORTH WEST REGIONAL GROUP** **OF THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **NEWSLETTER** **JANUARY 2008**



Welcome Back after your Christmas break and we trust you had a refreshing festive season. We are straight back into our programme on 17 January with a presentation by Nigel Cossons of Giffords on their work relating to the Second Mersey Crossing.

The 200<sup>th</sup> Year of the Geological Society is now over and it was marked by the North West Group with an extremely successful Dinner Dance. The Committee would especially like to thank the companies that sponsored tables for their generosity.

The Committee has changed slightly this year with the retirement of Nigel Robinson who has been a stalwart and driving force behind our events over the last 25+ years. Nigel will be a loss to the committee but has pledged to chip in whenever he might be needed for advice.

We have teamed up with the ICE Geotechnical Group again this year and have a really good speaker in Peter Witherington who will give a timely update on contaminated land issues.

We hope to hold a Workshop in March for those of you who are continually meaning to apply for Chartership but not quite making it. Please email me if this is of interest and I will ensure you receive details direct when available. We will advertise the Workshop on our web page and it will aim to demystify the process of application and successful selection.

Many thanks to Chris Eccles who kindly brought forward his Euro Code 7 presentation to November 2007. Chris gave an informative presentation and the originally planned presentation by Phil Crowcroft will now be excellently placed to continue our contaminated land theme in April.

The Quiz Night was a great success again, there seems to be a continual supply of people willing to tackle what must be one of the hardest quizzes in the country. This year 'Mines a Shaft' won and the team was successfully captained by Mike Woolrich.

We trust you will find our programme interesting and we look forward to seeing you at future events,

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## **NORTH WEST REGIONAL GROUP OF THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS PROGRAMME 2007 – 2008**

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Venue</b>
13 October 2007		<b>Bicentenary Dinner Dance</b>	The Great Hall, Manchester Town Hall
25 October 2007	Dr Peter Morris University of Manchester	Improved Ground Gas Risk Prediction by In-Situ Borehole Monitoring	Williamson Lecture Theatre Manchester University
8 November 2007	Chris Eccles TerraConsult	Euro Code 7 – an Update	The Centre Lecture Theatre, Birchwood Park, Warrington
4 December 2007		AGM and Quiz Night	Upstairs at The Swan Pub, Winwick
Thursday, 6.30pm 17 January 2008	Nigel Cossons Gifford	The Second Mersey Crossing	Williamson Lecture Theatre Manchester University
Wednesday, 6.30pm 20 February 2008	Peter Witherington RSK Group Ltd. and Chairman of the AGS Contaminated Land Working Group	Latest Developments in SGV's and Remediation Licensing	Joint meeting with the North West Geotechnical Group of the ICE The Renold Building, Manchester University <b>Tea/Coffee/Biscuits served 6 to 6.30pm</b>
Thursday, 6pm 21 February 2008	N/A	Graduate Careers Evening	Manchester University
March 2008	Geological Society Rep/ Scrutineer/ recently Chartered Geologist	Chartership workshop	Manchester - TBA
Thursday, 6.30pm 20 March 2008	Garth Raybould/ Evan Passaris Atkins	Underground Gas Storage	TBA
Thursday 6.30pm 17 April 2008	Phil Crowcroft ERM	Physical and psychological harm from land contamination - are we chasing shadows?	The Centre Lecture Theatre, Birchwood Park, Warrington <b>Tea/Coffee/Biscuits served 6 to 6.30pm</b>
Thursday, 6.30pm 24 April 2008	Keith Seymour Environment Agency	Groundwater (Title to be confirmed)	The Park Royal Hotel, Stretton, South Warrington <b>Tea/Coffee/Biscuits served 6 to 6.30pm</b>
May 2008		Field Trip	Please refer to our page on the website for details.

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