

## William Smith Meeting in honour of J. H. Callomon

Wednesday September 30<sup>th</sup> to Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015

At Sherborne Castle



In the year 2015 we celebrate the bicentenary of William Smith's map of England and Wales. I have been asked on behalf of DGAG to organise an event that will celebrate Smith's work and the part played by Dorset geology. The work of the Wessex Cephalopod Club was directed and enthusiastically undertaken by the late John Callomon and it is to his credit that many refinements have been made to the rocks displayed on Smith's Map.

The event will comprise four days of field trips to sites (some normally not available) mostly in the Middle and Lower Jurassic. An evening program will be arranged including visits to private displays, talks and the World Heritage Jurassic Coast. Please be aware that this event is not intended to be an academic symposium, rather a gathering of John's friends to remember his work, see some of the geological highlights of the area and to give short talks on your current topics of interest. The Callomons (all three brothers including the one in USA) are all willing to help and contribute to the meeting by giving talks.

Day 1: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Coffee

Morning: 10.00-1.00 Scientific session 1 at the Orangery, Sherborne Castle. To include a coffee/ tea break.

Afternoon: Free time in Sherborne to view the town and to Grulke Museum at 2.30.

Evening: A visit to the Wessex Cephalopod Club collections at The Whicher Museum followed by a welcome BBQ.

Day 2: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015

Field trip to south Dorset (packed lunch required), car sharing highly essential

Leaders: Robert Chandler & John Whicher

Evening – We hope to organize a visit to an Indian Curry House in Sherborne or you may wish to make your own arrangements

Day 3: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015: Morning – Scientific Session 2 10-1.00

Lunch 1.00-2.00.

2.00: Frogden Quarry visit. This is one of the only working quarries in the Inferior Oolite in Dorset.

6.30 Final dinner at the Rose & Crown Bradford Abbas.

Day 4: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Optional tour of the Jurassic Coast (An additional transport fee will apply)

*Chandler & Whicher intend to produce a high quality booklet available at the meeting. It will include pictures of ammonites in the Wessex Cephalopod Club Collection and short accounts of Callomon's work on dimorphism, faunal horizons and ammonite variability. The booklet will cost no more than £20 (depending on demand) A digital group photo taken at the meeting will be sent on afterwards to avoid postage costs.*

Robert Chandler and John Whicher  
on behalf of the Dorset Geologists' Association Group

**NB : Our own members and delegates from as far afield as China and Germany will attend. We now have a full world class audience!!There is currently a waiting list in operation for the event.**