



The Tertiary Research Group

Programme No.69 for 2024

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Details of the Programme are as complete as possible at the time of printing. Updates will appear as necessary and will be posted on our Web site. The *Tertiary Research Group* cannot accept liability for any loss or accident incurred whilst on our field meetings. Everyone who attends does so at their own risk. Always wear suitable footwear and clothing. For quarry visits, please bring your own hardhat and high visibility vest.

Sunday 6th October 2024: Abbey Wood, Kent.

Director: Dr Jerry Hooker

PLEASE CONTACT THE TRG SECRETARY, DAVID WARD, TO BOOK A PLACE : david@fossil.ws

Places are limited and must be booked in advance. **Bookings close on the 20th September 2024.**

- Attendance requires all participants to retain and sort all material over 0.5mm. Participants may keep all they find, except for reptile, bird and mammal remains, which should be brought to the Director's attention and will be passed on to the Natural History Museum, London.
- Priority is given to current TRG and WTGG members. A small number of places are available to non-TRG guests who possess the necessary skill sets.
- Please bring a digging tool, a large bucket or bowl, bags, and your own set of graded sieves. Water for wet sieving and a few sets of sieves should be available. If you need to borrow any sieves, please email David Ward when you make your booking; numbers are limited.
- **It is a condition of the excavation that you do not offer for sale or trade any fossil material, sieved or unsieved samples collected on this excavation as this would breach our agreement with the landowner and Natural England.**
- Meet at 12 noon. **(NOT BEFORE PLEASE!)** at the enclosure within the woods. We are normally required to be out of the enclosure by 5pm. Abbey Wood station is within walking distance. Drivers, please park on Abbey Road (the B213), not in the woods.
- As previously, we must hire a mechanical digger. This is a costly undertaking, so it is hoped that all active participants will contribute with voluntary donation in the order of £25 for TRG members, £30 for non-members. Without this donation we would not be able to afford this excavation.
- At the end of the excavation, we are usually permitted to bring our vehicles up to the enclosure to load our sievings. Any vehicle entering the woodland must have its tyres washed, to prevent the introduction of potentially damaging organisms. The speed limit within the park is 10mph with hazard lights on. The trail within the woods is heavily rutted and not suitable for some vehicles.

Participants must be aware that there is no guarantee that we will be able to find and excavate the shell bed.