



The Tertiary Research Group

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Because of the low field trip attendance of recent, we have reduced the number. Both the AGM and the Autumn Abbey Wood dig are well attended and are the glue that holds the Group together. When the group was founded, sites such as Sheppey, Harwich, Bracklesham and Barton were both poorly known and for many, finding written descriptions was hard. The internet has changed this. With a few clicks of a keyboard, it is possible to find maps, locality information and, in some cases, spectacular images of the fossils. Perhaps, as far as our fieldtrips are concerned, we have outlived our usefulness.

Over the last few years we have enjoyed a number of joint visits to Tertiary sites with the Essex Rock & Mineral Society. Their programme can be viewed at <http://www.erms.org/>. Please contact the ERMS Field Visits Secretary to reserve a place.

Details of this Programme are as complete as possible at the time of printing. Updates will be posted on our Web site.

Sunday 4th October Abbey Wood, Kent.

Director: Jerry Hooker

This is a rare opportunity for TRG members to see and wet sieve the early Eocene Blackheath Formation shell bed. **PLEASE CONTACT ME TO BOOK A PLACE**

- **Attendance requires all participants to retain and search all material over 0.5mm.** Participants may keep all they find, with the exception of reptile, bird and mammal remains, which should be brought to the Director's attention. 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 sieves should be available. If you need to borrow sieves, please email the secretary because their numbers are limited.**
- Meet at 12 noon. (NOT BEFORE PLEASE!) at the excavation 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 make an appropriate donation, in the order of £20 (Members) and £25 (Guests). Without this voluntary donation we would not be able to afford this excavation.
- We have been fortunate in the past in being able to extract adequate quantities of shell bed. However, as time goes on, the pockets left by previous excavations are becoming increasingly difficult to locate. Participants must be aware that there is **no guarantees** of that we will be able to find and excavate the shell bed.

The *Tertiary Research Group* cannot accept liability for any loss or accident incurred whilst on out field meetings. Everyone who attends does so at his or her own risk. Always wear suitable footwear and clothing and for quarry visits, please bring your own hardhat and high visibility vest.