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**Earth Science Teachers' Association
50th Anniversary Annual Course and Conference
29th September – 1st October 2017**

**School of Geography, Geology and the
Environment
Keele University**

Theme: Education and Geoconservation



JOINING INFORMATION

Please be aware that the University Term has started at Keele University and therefore areas will be busy on Friday.

Venues

Main Events: Chancellor's Building, Keele University, ST5 5BG

Conference Dinner, Saturday evening: Keele Hall, Keele University, ST5 5BG

These venues are also shown on the map (a separate document is attached).

There will be directions on the digital sign boards when entering the campus.

The conference will take place over two floors, please contact me if you have any mobility difficulties that might affect your movement around the venue.

Programme

See separate document attached.

Registration

Friday 29th September - Registration opens at 2pm. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available. The Chancellor's Cafe will be open 8am-5pm on Friday and 8am-4pm on Saturday where light refreshments will be available for you to purchase.

Saturday 30th September - Registration opens at 8.15am. Tea/coffee will be available.

Travel and Parking

Train/Bus - Stoke-on-Trent is the local railway station, approximately 5 miles from the University. There are very regular buses from Stoke on Trent train station to Keele University (No. 25) every 10 mins and the journey takes 30-45 mins and costs £4.50. The bus stops at a number of locations throughout the campus the Students Union one is the recommended stop. Routes can be found here: <https://www.firstgroup.com/journey-planner/>

Taxis - Taxis are available at Stoke-on-Trent railway station and this journey takes 15-20mins, approximately £10. CS Taxis Tel 01782 880004, Lucky Taxis Tel 01782 333333. Other companies are available!

Parking - Parking is available at the venue. On Friday afternoon use the pay and display car park E2, charges apply up to 5.30pm (up to 4hrs costs £3). On Saturday and Sunday, E3 staff car park can be used free of charge. The Loading and Unloading bays can be used in the E3 staff car park for up to 30 mins, ramp access is available. If you have a requirement to park in the E3 car park on the Friday please contact me directly to arrange.

Further travel information: <https://www.keele.ac.uk/findus/>

University map: https://www.keele.ac.uk/findus/maps/Keele_campus_guide_colour.pdf

During the Conference Coach Transfers

Coach transfers have been arranged for : **Friday evening after the Drinks Reception:** Keele University to the Holiday Inn 9-9.30pm. **Saturday morning to the Conference:** Holiday Inn to Keele University 8.15pm. **Saturday end of the Conference** (to freshen up if required): Keele University to Holiday Inn 5.30pm. **Saturday evening for the Conference Dinner:** Holiday Inn to Keele Hall 6.45pm. **Saturday Night:** Keele Hall to Holiday Inn approx 11-11.30pm.

Accommodation (and Holiday Inn parking)

This is your responsibility and hopefully you have already booked it if required. The recommended hotel is the Holiday Inn, Newcastle under Lyme, Stoke-on-Trent, ST5 4DL. Parking is free at the Holiday Inn however you will be required to register your car number plate at the hotel reception otherwise you will receive a fine!

Meals

Meals are included within the specific package you have booked. Any **dietary requirements** requested have been noted. If you haven't already mentioned them **please let me know by 22nd September**. If you wish to book any **additional meals outside of the package** you have already booked please do let me know by the same date.

WiFi/Internet

This will be available using an access code – please ask at the Conference Registration Desk. Don't forget to share your enjoyment with colleagues [#ESTA17](#)

Tour on Friday

This will depart from the Chancellor's Building Conference Registration Desk at 3pm. This 2-3km walk will take about two hours (less if it is raining and the views are poor). Walking is easy going but stoutish shoes are advised as parts can be muddy and waterproofs could be useful.

Training on Friday

This is a busy schedule and will start promptly at 2.30pm. Please ensure you have registered at the Conference Registration Desk prior to this.

EGM & AGM

These will take place during the Conference for ESTA Members. All of these documents are available on the ESTA Website <http://www.esta-uk.net/>. Documents will also be available in the Welcome Pack and at the Registration Desk.

ESTA Bring and Share

Always a great event, **but we do need you to contribute** to make it a 'great' event! If you would like to present please contact conference@esta-uk.net

ESTA Bring and Swap

Please **do remember to bring with you** any 'spare' rocks, minerals, fossils, maps etc to share/swap with other members! This will be ongoing in the exhibition area throughout Saturday for you to browse at your leisure. If you wish to send anything by post due to travel restrictions, please let me know.

Exhibition – Including Items for Sale

This takes place on Saturday in the Chancellor's Building. Please do **remember to bring cash with you** as there will be a number of stalls selling items such as books, geology specimens, study guides etc. There is cash machine at the Students Union if required. Access for exhibitors to set up is available from 8am on Saturday. Those who are attending as delegates for the Conference will have the opportunity to set up from 4pm on Friday (Students are around until that time which restricts the setting up time). If you have just booked an exhibition stand and wish to join in with any of the other events **please let me know by the 22nd September**. Unloading can take place just outside the building in the Drop Off Area and the exhibition is on the ground floor so we don't envisage any accessibility difficulties. For exhibitors who wish to send any materials to the venue prior to the Conference please contact me to discuss.

Invitations for our anniversary

As it is the 50th Anniversary inaugural members and former officers have been invited to join our conference on Saturday, we do hope you all enjoy socializing and of course gaining and sharing your knowledge and experiences.

Conference Dinner Saturday evening

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Cream of Vegetable Soup sprinkled with Snipped Chives (V)

*Breast of Chicken served in a Sauce of Creamy Mushroom and Chives,
Chateau Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables
(Vegetarian Option will be available)*

*Trio of Praline Chocolate Mousse, Raspberry and Mascarpone Cheesecake
and Meringue of Citrus Fruits (V)*

Tea/Coffee

DRESS CODE: Smart/casual is acceptable.

Sunday Fieldwork Visits

It looks like we have managed to offer everyone their first choice at this stage. A list will be available at the Conference so please do check to confirm which field visit you are booked onto. Also ensure you have the appropriate items with you for the visit you have chosen. If you are **likely to use your own car for the fieldwork visit please do let me know** as this will affect the coach numbers.

Sunday 1 st October	
1	David Thompson's Darwin Trial (half day) - There is limited amount of walking over uneven terrain so stout shoes and outdoor clothing are needed, and some roadside geology so a high-vis jacket is advised. Packed lunch will be provided. Departure: Holiday Inn 9.00, Keele University 9.15 Return: Keele University 1.00, Holiday Inn 1.15, Stoke Railway Station 1.30
2	Ecton Mine: Salt's Level - There is limited amount of walking over uneven terrain so stout shoes and outdoor clothing are needed, and some roadside geology so a high-vis jacket is advised. Packed lunch will be provided. Departure: Keele University 9.00, Holiday Inn 9.15, Return: Stoke Railway Station 4.00, Holiday Inn 4.15, Keele University 4.30
3	Hulme Quarry, Park Hall (half day) - There is limited amount of walking over uneven terrain so stout shoes and outdoor clothing are needed, and some quarry faces so a hard-hat is advised. Packed lunch will be provided. Departure: Keele University 9.00, Holiday Inn 9.15, Return: Stoke Railway Station 12.30, Holiday Inn 12.45, Keele University 1.00
4	Brown End Quarry & Froghall Wharf Geoconservation (optional half day) - There is about 2km of walking on footpaths over uneven terrain so stout shoes and outdoor clothing are advised. Packed lunch will be provided. Departure: Keele University 9.00, Holiday Inn 9.15, Return: Stoke Railway Station 4.30, Holiday Inn 4.45, Keele University 5.00 If using own transport, then the Brown End Quarry visit will finish around 12:00 if you would like to make this a half-day trip.
ALL FIELD VISITS WILL INCLUDE A PICK UP FROM THE HOLIDAY INN CAR PARK AND THE CHANCELLOR'S BUILDING CAR PARK E3 DETAILS WILL BE CONFIRMED / UPDATED AT THE CONFERENCE. Dietary requirements will be accommodated for. University mini buses will be used and there are limited spaces for each visit.	

Photographs and Security

Photographs will be taken during the Conference for use in ESTA publications and the website. Please let us know when you arrive if you prefer not to be included in these photographs.

Please keep your property safe at all times, ESTA and Keele University cannot be held responsible for the loss or damage to your property.

Messages

Please feel free to contact me if you have any difficulties prior to or during the conference. Feel free to use my contact details for messages to be passed on to you. My contact details are –

Liz Lockwood, Conference Manager
Email: conference@esta-uk.net Tel: 07597 814170

We look forward to welcoming you to Keele University.

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