

Excursion to Dinton, Chilmark and the Vale of Wardour, Saturday, July 15th, 1911 - Geologists' Association excursion

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DIRECTOR: T. T. GETHING.

EXCURSION SECRETARY: THOS. W. READER, 17, Gloucester Road, Finsbury Park, N.

Leave Waterloo 8.50, due Dinton 11.47. To obtain cheap return tickets, 10s. 4d. each, meet Excursion Secretary at Booking Office, South Station, not later than 8.35 o'clock. Bring lunch.

At Dinton examine sections in Lower, Middle, and Upper Purbecks with junction of Wealden Beds. Thence proceed by footpath to Teffont Ewyias, see a long section at Limekiln Quarry in Purbeck Beds, examine Fish Bed with *Caturus*, *Comolepisdeer*, *Leptolepis* and *Pleuropholis*, also *Cypris* and *Cyrena* shales.

Walk to the picturesque ravine of Chilmark, and visit extensive workings in the Upper and Lower Portland Beds. The Ragstone or Lower *Cyrena* Beds yielding numerous gasteropods and bivalves.

The Director will provide lights and facilities for visiting the great underground excavations.

The party will then proceed to Lower Chicksgrove and see junction of Purbeck and Portland Beds with *Trigonia*, *Serpula*, etc., and the *isopod* limestone with *Archaeoniscus brodiei*, noting the peculiar fissures called " Lets."

Walk to Ridge showing sections in Gault and Greensand with *Ostrea vesiculosa*, *Pecten asper*, and *P. quadriocostatus*.

From Ridge cross the Downs to Ladydown to visit quarries in Purbeck Beds. The fissile beds are worked for tilestones, and contain *Cyrena* and Fish remains. From these quarries were obtained the Purbeck columns of Salisbury Cathedral.

Arrive at Tilbury at 6.0 p.m., where the Director invites the party to dine with him at the South Western Hotel.

Total walking distance about 6 miles.

Cameras should be taken on this excursion.

Leave Tisbury 7.26, Semley 7.57: arrive at Waterloo 10.34,

General section of oolitic strata in Vale of Wardour.

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Place Farm, Vale of Wardour from the castle ditches above Tisbury.



Place Farm. A 15th century Manor which belonged to the Abbess of Shaftesbury.



The Tithe Barn,
Place Farm, a
15th century
building said to
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Cottages on road
from Ladydown.



Upper and Chalk
Beds of Portland
Stone in the
Chilmark
Ravine.



Chalky series of
Portland Beds,
Chilmark
Ravine.



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Lower Purbecks
resting on
Portland Beds,
Teffont side of
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Tisbury and the
Vale of Wardour.



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Teffont Evas
Limekiln Pit.

Sun cracks on
under surface of
Flagstone.
Scale: halfpenny
= 1 inch.



Teffont Evias
Limekiln Pit.
Junction of
Middle and
Lower Purbeck
Beds.



Teffont Evias
Limekiln Pit.
Section of
Middle and
Lower Purbeck
Beds.



Ladydown near
Tisbury. Middle
Purbeck Beds 15
feet.



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Ladydown near Tisbury. Middle Purbeck Beds showing action of the infiltration of surface water in removing calcareous matter.



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