

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 7th November
**Glaciers and Volcanoes: a
hazardous cocktail- Dr.**
Fiona Tweed, Univ. of Staf-
fordshire

Wednesday 5th December
Segregation in British Cit-
ies- Prof. Ceri Peach, Univ.
of Oxford

**Both lectures will take
place in the Ashton Thea-**
tre, Shrewsbury School
starting at 7.15pm

Wednesday 6th February
Lima's Barridas: Slums of
Hope or Despair-Prof. Bill
Chambers, Liverpool Hope
University

Wednesday 5th March
Liverpool 2008 and Urban
Regeneration- Dr. Janet
Speake, Liverpool Hope
University

Both Lent Term lectures
will be in the Science Lec-
ture Theatre, Craig Build-
ing, Shrewsbury School
starting at 7.15pm

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New Branch Underway

Our new branch is finally up and running with two lectures in the last couple of weeks.

Our inaugural lecture was delivered by Euan Cameron, a writer and former publisher, who spent much of March and April dogmushing across Northern Norway and Finland on a 1400-km trek. The expedition was sponsored by the Royal Geographical Society as a part of International Polar Year 2007, looked at the semi-nomadic Sami tribe. The Sami are the last nomads in Europe and rely on reindeer for their livelihood. Interviews were conducted with numerous elderly tribesmen and women, who gave an insight to how their traditional life has changed in the 21st Century.

The most telling impact on the Sami has been climate change with the advent of earlier

springs and later winter snow, with the ground not even freezing some years. Unknown parasites were also a previously unencountered problem for the Sami.

Euan's lecture was illustrated with a DVD film, some of which was filmed by a BBC film crew, who joined Euan and his companions for a few days to film footage for a documentary on International Polar Year 2007 that will be screened on TV in 2008.

The first of our A Level series of lectures took place the week after our first lecture. Dr. Martin Degg of the University of Chester spoke to a good sized audience of mainly A level students from all over the county about Tectonic Hazard Mitigation in LEDC's.

Dr. Degg illustrated his talk with examples from both Latin America and Africa, using well known earthquakes such as Mexico in 1985 and a less well known example from Egypt in 2005. He also used other tectonic hazards such as volcanoes and tsunamis to good effect.

His lecture was well received by the teachers present with all going away with new ideas on how to teach earthquakes while the A level students present learnt much that will help them both in their AS levels and especially synoptic papers at A2 level.

We have four more lectures this academic year, held on the first Wednesday of November, December, February and March. Details can be found on the panel on the left. We hope to see you at a lecture soon!

Programme for 2007/2008

Our next lecture is by Dr. Fiona Tweed of the University of Staffordshire. Fiona will be speaking about her research in Iceland where volcanic eruptions occur under ice caps causing the melting of huge quantities of ice. Huge floods known as 'jökulhlaups' are generated as a result of these eruptions. This talk will explain the processes involved in such potentially hazardous (and awe-inspiring!) events and will highlight some resulting impacts, both physical and human providing an excellent case study for both AS and A2 level exams. Why not bring

your G & T GCSE students also?

The GCSE Worldwide Quiz is to be held on Wednesday 28th November in the Alington Hall, Shrewsbury School at 4.30pm. Teams of three are required and entry is free to all Shropshire Branch member schools. Refreshments will be supplied to both participants and accompanying staff.

We hope to be running a Year 8 quiz in the new year possibly at Bedstone College.

For those of you who have not yet paid your annual subscriptions, member schools subs have been set at £25 per school that includes all staff and pupils, while individual membership has been set at £10. This includes entry to all lectures that will take place in either the Ashton Theatre or Science Lecture Theatre at Shrewsbury School in Ashton Road in Shrewsbury.

If you require more details please email me at the address on the left.

Rob Morris