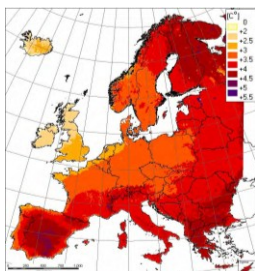


u3a Earth Sciences and Geology Group – Autumn Programme Sept, Oct, Nov 2026 Provisional

We meet first Tuesday of every month at 3pm in Westerleigh Village Hall, contribution £2 each. Come join us and share knowledge on climate, volcanoes, floods, oceans, glaciation, drifting continents, meteorites, minerals, origin of plants and animals plus celebrated biographies. We do not assume prior knowledge of earth-science but ask you to bring and discuss items of interest. Non-u3a members are also welcome to sample our meetings.



Tuesday 1st September **The 2026 Super-El Niño and the European Climate.**

El Niño is part a regular climate oscillation in the Pacific Ocean. Current climate models suggest a strong El Niño event in late 2026, perhaps developing into a "Super" El Niño. Pat Mills will talk about this phenomenon and also how the European climate has changed in the last fifty years, noting the temperature and sea-level rise in the context of the geological record.



Tuesday 6th October

Meteors, meteorites, asteroids and comets – what's the difference?

This talk by Chris Greef will explain the answer and also what they are made of, where they come from and why they have always been of interest throughout history.



Tuesday 3rd November **James Hutton, the founder of modern geology 1726-1797**

A talk by Dilys Harlow on the Scottish geologist, agriculturalist, chemical manufacturer, naturalist and physician. His 'Theory of the Earth' was the first to correctly explain our geological processes and the first to introduce the concept of Deep Time.

Patrick Mills, Chris Greef and Dilys Harlow