

Monthly Meetings: Wednesday 13 July

Day trip to Dowding Park, Uxbridge

Meet at Daisy's Café at the Battle of Britain Bunker



(from 1pm): [Battle of Britain Bunker |](#)

Walk and chat
(from 2-4pm) in
Dowding Park



Following on from last month's popular trip to Headstone Manor Park, we are planning to meet at a local park, this time to look at the River Pinn as it flows through a new green space in Uxbridge. Dowding Park plays an important role in providing flood resilience for the new St Andrew's housing development: [003 18 01 16 susdrain suds awards st andrews park uxbridge light.pdf](#)

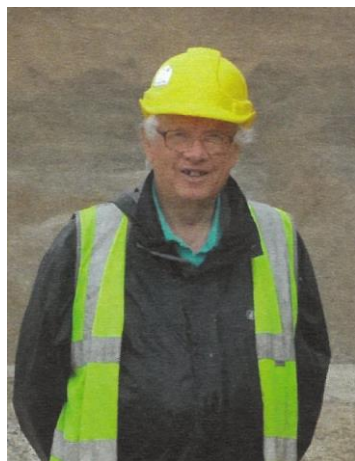
Green Flag Award: *Dowding Park was adopted by Hillingdon Council in March 2018. It is situated on the site of the old RAF base and is surrounded by new homes, school and new business units as well as The Battle of Britain Bunker and Hillingdon House. With 40 acres to explore, the site incorporates a mix of country and recreational parkland with the River Pinn running through a copse of mature trees. The newly planted Jubilee wood, football pitches, a playground and trim trail are all accessible with newly laid paths meaning that there is something for everyone, accessible to all.*

There are good views from the top of the hill, which will allow us to consider the local topography, and we'll use the opportunity to look for evidence of gravels along and around the River Pinn.

Evening Zoom at 8pm: The Pleistocene Thames

On the topic of local rivers, we take a broader look at London's major river and consider how the Thames came into being and times when ice covered much of England and our region was being shaped by meltwaters, glacial lakes and an extensive braided river system. Before settling on its current course, the River Thames laid down an important record of the Pleistocene in a series of gravel terraces across the London Basin. Dr Peter Allen will be joining us on Zoom at 8pm to talk about the geological legacy of the River Thames.

Dr Peter Allen



Peter has collaborated with Danielle Schreve and David Bridgland on several publications including "[Thames trail: Quaternary and Palaeolithic records from the Thames terraces](#)" for the Essex Field Club, and "[Key Middle Pleistocene localities of the Lower Thames: site conservation issues, recent research and report of a Geologists' Association excursion, 8 July, 2000](#)"

Biography: I studied at Birkbeck College, University of London, for a BSc in Geography and went on to do a PhD under Prof Jim Rose of the Quaternary history of the Gipping Valley, Suffolk. I taught at what is now London Metropolitan University for 23 years. On (early) retirement continued my interest, working on geoconservation mainly in Essex, particularly the Lower Thames, and have contributed to a number of papers and to QRA field guides.