

BRITISH MYRIAPOD AND ISOPOD GROUP RESIDENTIAL FIELD WEEKEND AND AGM

22nd TO 25th MARCH 2018

Arrangements have been made for BMIG to visit South Wales for our annual get together in 2018. We have block-booked a village pub, The Crown Inn, Longtown, Herefordshire HR2 0LT (TripAdvisor 4 stars and Certificate of Excellence).

Through the efforts of local myriapodologist Christian Owen many species new to Britain and some new to science have been collected from the area over the last few years. Species such as *Armadillidium pictum*, *Chordeuma proximum* and *Lithobius piceus* would once have been temptation enough to bring BMIG members to an area but we have been spoilt by the rush of exciting new finds. Our meeting location was chosen to provide attending members with opportunities to go hunting for the 'Maerdy Monster' and the 'Beddau Beast' amongst other goodies in the Valleys. For those willing to travel further there is even greater variety to be found at sites in the Vale of Glamorgan and beyond to the coast.

We are hopeful that Dr Thomas Wesner, a colleague from the Zoologisches Forschungsmuseum Alexander Koenig in Bonn, will be able to join us for the weekend. Some of you may recall that Thomas worked with us on confirming the identity of the *Trachysphaera* populations in England and Wales a few years ago. Since then several BMIG members have supplied Thomas with specimens of a range of myriapod species for bar coding work. We have invited Thomas to talk about the bar coding work and about the technique of micro CT scanning.

If you have attended a BMIG weekend before then you know what to expect but we would warmly welcome anyone thinking of coming along for the first time. There is no expectation of attendees being able to identify everything or even anything they find and many newcomers get started by joining more experienced workers on field visits and picking up tips on collecting and identification as they go. Discussions and microscope work may go on long into the evening and the social side of the meetings is something the regulars look forward to every year. So why not take your interest a little further in 2018, complete the booking form and join us at the Crown Inn in Longtown?

It has 7 rooms with various configurations of twin, double and bunk beds – all rooms are en-suite. The maximum number that can be accommodated in the pub is 14. In addition, the pub has 6 nice glamping pods/huts with a shower/toilet block nearby, and with breakfast at the pub. **Preference will be given** to those who book early, for the whole period, and are prepared to share a room or glamping unit. Other B&Bs or cottage rentals in the area might be more luxurious, but probably double the price.

BOOKING FORM

A **Bed & Breakfast plus Packed Lunch package** has been negotiated: Per person £40/night sharing a room or glamping unit (£120/3nights), or £50/night single room or glamping unit (£150/3nights). Please indicate your first and second preference on the form.

Dinners will be at the pub with a wide choice of mains varying from £8 to £12 (steaks are extra) plus starters, desserts and specials. **Tick the box if you are going to want dinner** – what it costs will be up to you on the day. Other dining options are miles away on winding, unlit roads!

There is a village shop very close that sells a limited range of groceries, cakes, sweets and drinks.

Name:..... Phone no.....

Address:.....

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Email:

	Shared room ensuite	Single room ensuite	Shared glamping unit (not ensuite)	Single glamping unit (not ensuite)
	£40/person/night	£50/person/night	£40/person/night	£50/person/night
Thurs 22 Mar				
Dinner				
Fri 23 Mar				
Dinner				
Sat 24 Mar				
Dinner				
INDICATE 1ST AND 2ND PREFERENCES				

Dietary requirements: Please specify

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Deposit £50 per person with booking form: cheques payable to BMIG, or by bank transfer to British Myriapod and Isopod Group, Sort Code 30-94-75, Account No 00581652.

Return booking forms to Paul Harding, 60 Boxworth Road, Elsworth, Cambridge CB23 4JQ or by email to pha@ceh.ac.uk

Last date for booking 31 January 2018, but PLEASE BOOK EARLY.