

## A NEW GUIDE BOOK ON FOSSILS

A Collectors guide to the fossil animals and plants of the London Clay from river and coastal exposures in Kent and Essex.

This superb book is published by the Medway Fossil and Mineral Society and was written by four of the Society members, David Rayner, Tony Mitchell, Martin Rayner and Fred Clouter.

Printed in full colour on high-quality paper, the A4 format book is 228 pages long, with more than 1270 photographs illustrating over 265 named species. Essentially a field guide for use by both beginners and the more experienced, it will be the definitive work on the subject for many years to come.

## Contents include

When to collect, equipment, cleaning, preparation and preservation of specimens, sieving, storage and cataloguing, geology and a list of fourteen collecting sites (six with site location maps, access details and collecting techniques).

Full identification sections provide comprehensive terminology and critical features for, Invertebrates, Vertebrates and Plants and cover the following;

Foraminifera, bryozoa, worms, trace fossils, corals, barnacles, lobsters, stomatopods, crabs, insects, brachiopods, bivalves, scaphapods, gastropods, nautili, coleoides, crinoids, echinoids and starfish. Sharks, rays, chimaera, bony fish, otoliths, turtles, snakes, crocodiles, birds and mammals. Plant material.

Each species has a summery of key identification features and is illustrated with labelled photographs and includes a number of terminology diagrams. A table showing the species range is given at the end of each section. Also a full set of references and a faunal index is provided.

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