A talk and visit to the Etches Collection, Kimmeridge, Dorset, BH20 5PE

10.30am on Friday 21 June 2019

The Etches Collection Museum houses the finest single collection of Kimmeridgian fossils all found by just one man, Dr Steve Etches, MBE. With more than 2,500 specimens, amassed over 35 years spent scouring the Jurassic Coast and now given over to the nation, it is the largest collection of Kimmeridge clay fossils outside the Natural History Museum. The display includes a 2m-long Pliosaur jaw, an Icthyosaur with a stomach full of fish and squid, a Pterosaur skull and fossilised ammonite eggs set out in blue-lit climate-controlled glass cases. Computer-generated images of the creatures are projected on to the ceiling above. Dr Etches himself will give a guided tour and answer questions.

Kimmeridge is a small village on the coast 4 miles from Corfe Castle. The Etches Collection is signposted from Corfe Castle: coming from Wareham turn right just as you enter the village and follow the lane. Alternative access from due west across the Purbecks may be affected by road closures if the shooting range is open. There is ample parking to the rear of the museum.

Coffee and biscuits will be available from 10.30 in the Clore Room on the first floor. There is lift. The talk and tour will start at 11.00 and will last 1 – 1.5 hours. Following the talk there will be a buffet lunch of sandwiches, wraps other tasty treats in the Clore Room. Please bring your own drink of choice to accompany the lunch. Glasses will be available.

After lunch members and their guests will be free to revisit the museum, which closes at 5.00. They may also like to visit Kimmeridge Bay and search for their own fossils – a 10-minute walk or £5 via the toll road.

The charge for this event is £20.00 per person, covering admission to the museum, coffee, the talk and lunch. This can be paid by cheque or via bank transfer to The Cambridge Society of Dorset. Our bank account is with HSBC, sort code 40-17-22, account number 31130641. If you pay electronically, this must be done when you return the slip (which can be sent by email to Mr John Riley, details below), and you must give your surname and the date of the meeting as the reference on the transfer request to your bank. Otherwise, please return your booking slip as normal to: Mr John Riley, 25 Wesley Road, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 2PG (tel: 01202 880737 or e-mail j.riley100@btinternet.com) by Friday 14th June 2019

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The Etches Collection, Kimmeridge

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Any special dietary requirements? __________