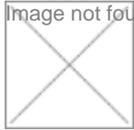# West Midlands Local Centre

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The West Midlands Centre typically holds its meetings in February and March. Topics covered over the last five years have included the Ottery St Mary Hailstorm; the Met Office at HQ Bomber Command; the November 2009 Cumbrian Floods; the Severe Winter of 1947; High Flow and Long-Term Flood Trends in Britain; the Buncefield Oil Depot Explosion; the Weather and Climate of Cumbria; the influence of weather conditions on the spread of Bluetongue Disease; and Dust Storms in the Middle East.

Getting to the University of Birmingham

The University of Birmingham is situated in the suburb of Edgbaston about two miles south west of the City Centre.

If you are coming by **train**, these are the directions. When you arrive at Birmingham New Street station, you need to catch a train for either Longbridge or Redditch. The University Railway Station is the second stop along the line (do NOT get off at Five Ways). The Geography building (labelled R26 on the Edgbaston Campus map on the University of Birmingham's website) is about a five minute walk from the University Railway Station. When you leave the University Railway Station, turn left and follow the road around to the left and down the hill for about 300 yards. You will eventually come to a T junction. The building on your right just before the T junction is the Geography building.

If you are coming by **car**, these are the directions. The nearest main road to the University of Birmingham is the A38. This is called the Bristol Road. From Birmingham City Centre, this road is signposted as the A38 to Bromsgrove. Drive down this road until you approach the outskirts of Selly Oak. On the right-hand side you will see the new University Sports Centre. You need to turn right at the traffic lights just before the Sports Centre. You are now climbing up the hill and driving along Edgbaston Park Road. The University is on your left-hand side and King Edward's School is on your right-hand side. Take the second turning on the left into Pritchatts Road. In about 50 yards, turn right into the multi-storey North East Car Park, which is pay and display. If you refer to the Edgbaston Campus map on the University of Birmingham's website, this multi-storey car park is located between buildings G9 and G10. You need to get to the Geography building, which is labelled R26 on the map. This will take you no longer than ten minutes.

See here for campus maps>> [3]

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Upcoming meetings

- Tuesday, March 3, 2020 - 19:00 -
  [Subseasonal and seasonal forecasting focussing on the ECMWF model performance](#) [4]
- Wednesday, March 4, 2020 - 19:00 -
  [Before the Flood: Are Forecasts Good Enough for Humanitarian Decision-Making?](#) [5]
- Tuesday, March 10, 2020 - 18:00 -
  [The Role of Weather Forecasting in the Insurance Industry](#) [6]
- Wednesday, March 11, 2020 - 19:30 -
  [The Australian Bush Fires 2020](#) [7]
- Thursday, March 12, 2020 - 16:00 -
  [A Brief History in the Life of a Met Man](#) [8]

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