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With best wishes,
Jenny

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Journal Impact Factors - the debate about metrics

Thomson Reuters recently announced Impact Factors for 2013. You might like to read an article which they published in The Forum, a quarterly online newsletter connecting the research ecosystem 'The ever-controversial journal impact factor', excerpted from [Connecting the Dots Across the Research Ecosystem](#).

The article explains that the Impact Factor is a metric for gauging a journal's recent citation influence in a particular field and it is not a definitive or ultimate measurement and needs to be considered in a wider context and in combination with other elements.

What metrics influence your decision in a journal?

At the publishing house we would like to hear your views about the various metrics such as

Impact Factor, Almetrics, journal H-index, SCImago metrics, SJR...

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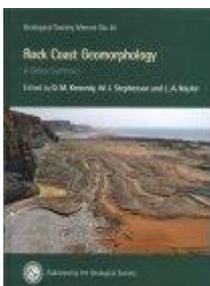
William Smith Map Bicentenary (1815-2015)

To celebrate the Bicentenary of the William Smith map, the first nationwide geological map of the UK, the Geological Society of London is involved with events throughout 2015. [The History of Geology Group \(HOGG\)](#) is organising the first of 2 [Geological Society William Smith Meetings](#). The event is a combined conference and field trip, the papers presented will be included in a Geological Society Special Publication.



Facsimiles of the William Smith County maps are now available to buy directly from our [Online Bookshop](#). With a choice of 21 county maps originally published between 1819 and 1824, each print is available individually. You can order online and prints can be shipped worldwide.

Recent publishing highlights



[Memoir 40, Rock Coast Geomorphology](#)

Edited by D.M. Kennedy, W.J. Stephenson & L.A. Naylor

Published 1 September 2014

292 pages

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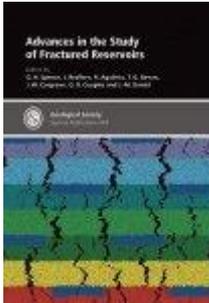
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Rocky landforms dominate large portions of the world's coast. Cliffs and shore platforms form spectacular landscapes, yet when compared to other landforms they are relatively unstudied with many contemporary controversies dating back to the mid-nineteenth century. The past decade has seen a reinvigoration of research driven by advances in technology that now enable precise measurements of erosion to the micron scale and quantification of wave energy onto and through cliff edifices to be made, as well as being able to directly date rock

surfaces. In order to integrate this diverse range of research this volume's regional approach first integrates the latest data with longstanding theory and then analyses this research through the boundary conditions that exist in each area. The volume brings together the research leaders in the field; includes chapters on nearly all the major rock coasts of the world and identifies future research needs.



[Special Publication SP374, Advances in the Study of Fractured Reservoirs](#)

Edited by G.H. Spence, J. Redfern, R. Aguilera, T.G. Bevan, J.W. Cosgrove, G.D. Couples and J.M. Daniel

Published 17 September 2014

425 pages

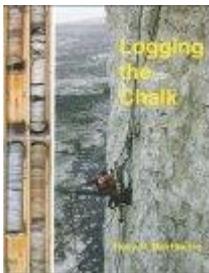
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Naturally fractured reservoirs constitute a substantial percentage of remaining hydrocarbon resources; they create exploration targets in otherwise impermeable rocks, including under-explored crystalline basement; and they can be used as geological stores for anthropogenic carbon dioxide. Their complex behaviour during production has traditionally proved difficult to predict, causing a large degree of uncertainty in reservoir development. The applied study of naturally fractured reservoirs seeks to constrain this uncertainty by developing new understanding, and is necessarily a broad, integrated, interdisciplinary topic. This book addresses some of the challenges and advances in knowledge, approaches, concepts, and methods used to characterize the interplay of rock matrix and fracture networks, relevant to fluid flow and hydrocarbon recovery.



[Logging the Chalk](#)

By Rory N. Mortimore

Published 15 August 2014

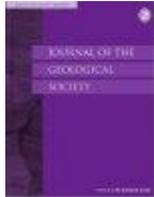
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Chalk has proved to be one of the more difficult rocks to core-log as it breaks up readily during the drilling process leading to core-loss and destructuring, particularly where flints, nodular chalks and/or fractures are present. One of the greatest difficulties is the identification of chalk engineering grade which relies heavily on fracture aperture. Obtaining the correct grade to define the depth of weathering and the depth at which fractures become closed is essential whether for tunnels in London or for wind turbine piled foundations in the offshore chalks. Very few geologists and engineers have had the opportunity to study field sections in the Chalk so there is little visual appreciation of the grades or the variation to expect or even what flint bands look like. To partly overcome this difficulty, both field and core sections are illustrated in this book.

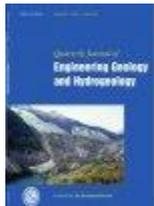
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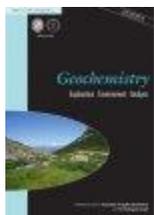
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[D. J. Went, R. V. Hamilton, N. H. Platt, J. R. Underhill, Role of forced regression in controlling Brent Group reservoir architecture and prospectivity in the northern North Sea, Petroleum Geoscience Nov 28, 2013; 19: 307-328.](#)

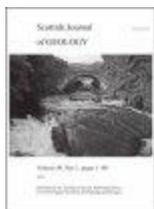
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[Alice E. Kennedy, Angela L. Coe, Development of the freeze-thaw processing technique for disaggregation of indurated mudrocks and enhanced recovery of calcareous microfossils, Jul 04, 2014; doi: 10.1144/jmpaleo2013-020.](#)

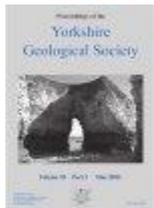
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[B. R. Rust, K. A. G. Shiells, W. R. Dearman, The Age and Origin of Structures in the Southern Uplands of Scotland, Scottish Journal of Geology Dec 01, 1967; 3: 458-464.](#)

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[S. K. Donovan, D. N. Lewis, P. Crabb, R. E. Widdison, A field guide to the Silurian Echinodermata of the British Isles: Part 2 – Crinoidea, minor groups and discussion, May 01, 2008; 57: 29-60.](#)

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The Society is pleased to enable Yateendra to keep in touch with the science editing community.

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[Geological Society of America, \(GSA\) annual conference](#) in Vancouver, October 19-22 2014, Booth 1237.

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