



Welcome to the fortnightly **Geological Society** newsletter.

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## President's Day, AGM and Council Election Results



Earlier in the year, the Society announced the [winners](#) of its medals and funds 2014. The Awards will be presented at President's Day, to be held this year on 4 June 2014.

The day will begin with the Annual General Meeting, including the election of Council members. The results of the ballot for Council are below, and the five candidates receiving the most votes will go forward to the AGM:

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|---------------|-------------|
| Colin North   | 519 (63.9%) |
| David Norbury | 475 (58.5%) |
| David Hopkins | 411 (50.6%) |
| Keith Seymour | 397 (48.9%) |
| Nigel Cassidy | 375 (46.2%) |
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| James Dodds   | 359 (44.2%) |
| Graham Goffey | 338 (41.6%) |
| Anthony Cohen | 309 (38.1%) |

The AGM will be followed by a buffet lunch with the award winners. After the Awards ceremony, the four senior medallists will give a short talk on their subject.

All Fellows are welcome to attend the afternoon events of President's Day for which there is no charge. Lunch with the Award winners is by ticket only at £27.50 per head. If you are a Fellow and would like to bring a guest to the lunch, please mention when registering.

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## Publications

### Transactions of the Geological Society of Glasgow: Launched on the Lyell Collection.

*Transactions of the Geological Society of Glasgow* has now launched successfully on [the Lyell Collection](#).

The Glasgow Transactions is the 14<sup>th</sup> site making up the Lyell Collection.

Published between 1860 and 1963, the Transactions include papers by Croll, Geikie, Gregory, Holmes, Lapworth, McCallien, Thomson (later Lord Kelvin), Tyrrell, Richey and others whose seminal works provided important geological ideas.



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## Library and Information Services

### Online Papers - Water Issues in Underground Excavations



Rock Mechanics and Rock Engineering Vol.47 No.3 contains papers covering a broad range of topics, including assessment of geological and hydrogeological parameters necessary for predicting water inflow and observed behaviour through groundwater monitoring and modelling.

The evaluation of the hydrogeological effects of draining tunnels and the preservation of water resources are also discussed, together with advanced technologies developed for waterproofing and rock mass grouting.

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## Online Papers - Flood Basalts and Tectonics of Asia

Journal of Asian Earth Sciences has recently published special issues on Flood Basalts (Vol.84) and Tectonics (Vol.86) of Asia.

There are several papers on the Deccan and Rajmahal Traps, and other provinces in Russia, China, and Arabia. These papers deal with diverse aspects of these flood basalts, such as geochronology and eruptive duration, petrology, geochemistry, geochemical stratigraphy, papers combining geology, geochemistry, geochronology and tectonics, physical volcanology, and geophysics.



The Tectonics volume covers China, Japan, Vietnam, and Iraq.

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## Online Papers - Environmental Geology and the Unconventional Gas Revolution

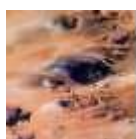


International Journal of Coal Geology Vol.126 contains papers from about a dozen prominent researchers on shale gas and coalbed methane. These include several papers on the effects their exploitation has on water resources. Most of the papers focus on North America, and have been arranged so that reading through the entire volume would be like reading chapters in a book.

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## Events

### Geological Storage of Carbon Dioxide: Meeting the Global Challenge

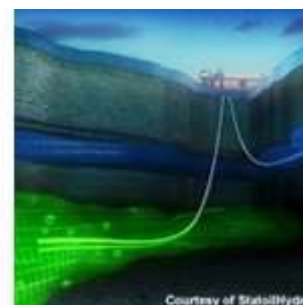
Date: 14-15 April 2014

Venue: The Geological Society, Burlington House, London

This meeting will examine the challenges of implementing CCS at large scale from a global perspective, bringing together academic, industry and government speakers from Europe, North America and Australia to share and discuss the latest research findings and field experience.

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## Specialist in Land Condition (SiLC) Annual Forum 2014



Date: 13 May 2014

Venue: The Royal Society of Chemistry, Burlington House, London

[The Specialist in Land Condition \(SiLC\) Register](#) is an accreditation for experienced practitioners working in land condition (contaminated land, regeneration, development). The scheme has developed progressively, establishing an important role in improving quality and standards across the sector.

The SiLC Annual Forum is open to all and presents an opportunity for SiLCs and other professionals to meet informally, and hear topical presentations from a range of guest speakers.

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## Puddingstone and Related Silcretes of the Anglo-Paris Basin - Geological and Archaeological Perspectives

Date: 16 May 2014

Venue: The Geological Society, Burlington House, London

The conference will cover puddingstones and silcretes of similar age in both the Hampshire and Paris Basins, followed by a trip to Hertfordshire.

You can register for either the conference and / or field trip.

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## Deadline for Abstracts Extended: The 25th Colloquium of African Geology (CAG), & The 3rd Young Earth Scientists Congress (YES)



Date: 11-14 August 2014 (YES), 14-16 August 2014 (CAG)

Venue: Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre, Tanzania

The second circular is currently in circulation, and the deadline for abstracts has been extended to 10 April 2014; acceptance will be decided by 20 April 2014.

More keynote speakers are planned in addition to those listed in the second circular; delegates convening sessions are requested to send their recommendations.

A [travel grant](#) is available for African students.

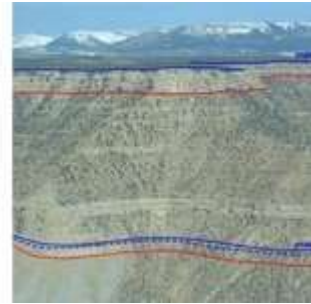
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## Call for Papers: William Smith Meeting 2014: The Future of Sequence Stratigraphy: Evolution or Revolution?

Date: 22-23 September 2014

Venue: The Geological Society, Burlington House, London

This meeting is intended to bring together a diverse range of sedimentary geologists to foster a critical examination of the current state of the sequence stratigraphic model, and to highlight robust new methods, concepts and protocols that could evolve or maybe even potentially revolutionise stratigraphic understanding and prediction.



The meeting will be organised into a series of themed sessions, with an emphasis on provocative but practical presentations. A chaired discussion at the end will aim to achieve a consensus view on how the subject should move forward.

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## Call for Abstracts: ICE Coastal Management 2015: Changing Coast, Changing Climate, Changing Minds



Date: September 2015

Venue to be confirmed

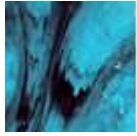
The Institute of Civil Engineers 8<sup>th</sup> Conference on Coastal Management will take place in September 2015 in the Netherlands, and will bring together engineers, scientists and coastal managers from around the world.

ICE is seeking papers on top international coastal projects that offer practical learning, innovative and integrated solutions, and that encourage new ways of understanding and managing our coasts. Abstract submission is open 31 March-30 June 2014, and successful authors will be notified September 2014.

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## Groups & Networks

### Engineering Group: Geotechnical Implications of the 2010-2011 Canterbury (New Zealand) Earthquake Sequence

Date: 9 April 2014

Venue: The Geological Society, Burlington House, London

In September 2010, February 2011 and June 2011 three large shallow earthquakes occurred in the Canterbury region of New Zealand. Although of a lower magnitude than the September 2010 earthquake, mainly as a result of the proximity of the epicentres to the CBD and the eastern and southern suburbs of Christchurch, the 2011 earthquakes resulted in significantly greater groundshock in these areas. Geotechnical observations and implications of these earthquakes, such as surface fault rupture, rockfalls, liquefaction and lateral spreading will be discussed. We are hoping to broadcast this meeting over the internet, so please keep an eye out for details of this. For general event queries, please contact the convenor.



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### Thames Valley Regional Group: Ups and downs in the Palaeozoic: Devonian Sea Level Change in South America



Date: 16 April 2014

Venue: Coffey Offices, The Malthouse, Reading

Calibration of the Devonian sea-level curve in higher palaeolatitudes is now possible using palynology. This presentation starts at 7pm, and will explain how palynology has been used to identify some important changes in sea-level, based on data obtained through extensive fieldwork in South America since 2002

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### Home Counties North Regional Group: AGM and Talk on Chalk Mines

Date: 22 April 2014

Venue: Sir Robert McAlpine, Hemel Hempstead

HCNRG will be hosting our AGM on 22 April. All are welcome to join us and there are positions on the committee available if you would like to be more involved next year.

Our meeting will start at 6pm and will be followed by a talk from Dr Clive Edmunds on 'Chalk mines & Solution Features in Hertfordshire'.

Complimentary refreshments will be served.

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## North West Regional Group: Ticket to Slide... The 2013 Landslide at Hatfield Colliery, South Yorkshire



Date: 24 April 2014  
Venue: The Swan, Winwick, Warrington

On 9 February 2013, a train driver reported a “rough ride” along the Up Slow line between Doncaster and Scunthorpe, adjacent to Hatfield Colliery. Evidence of large scale ground movement involving over 1,000,000 cubic metres of spoil material was observed, and all four of the line’s tracks were lifted and twisted up to 5m vertically and 15m laterally.

The emergency programme of work undertaken will be described in an illustrated presentation by Clare Brint, the Senior Asset Engineer (Geotechnics) managing geotechnical assets on the route.

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## Solent Regional Group: The Geology and Geotechnics of the Forth Crossing

Date: 24 April 2014  
Venue: Lecture Theatre A, Lanchester Building, University of Southampton

**Please note change of date and venue.**

A joint meeting with the ICE Southern Geotechnical Group, starting at 6pm, with lecturers Stephen West and Jenny Symons of Ramboll.

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## Geological Curators' Group Workshop: Geo-Materials Sample Preparation for Microscopy

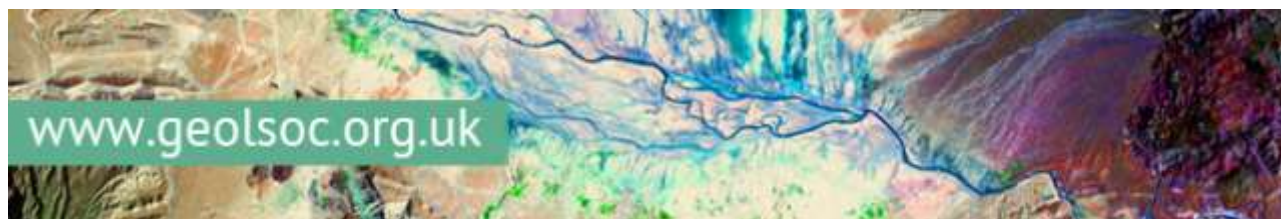


Date: 11 September 2014  
Venue: Department of Earth Sciences, University of Oxford

A one day workshop organised with the Royal Microscopical Society, discussing existing and new techniques used in the preparation and storage of geo-materials initially examined by light and scanning electron microscopy.

This workshop is aimed at geo-technologists and scientists who employ techniques requiring high quality sections and surfaces, plus curators and preparators conserving historical petrographic sections.

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