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8th Petroleum Geology of Northwest Europe Conference



Date: 28 - 30 September 2015
Venue: Burlington House, London

The Petroleum Geology Conferences (PGC) organised by the Energy Institute, the Geological Society of London and the Petroleum Exploration Society of Great Britain, have been a source of inspiration for the generations of geoscientists that have worked in the NW European Petroleum Industry.

This year's conference, the 8th in the series, marks the 50th anniversary of the North Sea's first commercial discovery, the West Sole Gas field, which was found by Amoco in 1965.

The programme, as is traditional for this conference series, is a very strong one and unashamedly technical. It has been put together by petroleum geoscientists for petroleum geoscientists on behalf of the three professional societies. It will include a core workshop and an extensive poster session as well as three parallel oral sessions and topical plenary sessions.

[View the Conference Programme online](#)

Registrations to date are well up on previous years and support from sponsors has been strong, demonstrating the resilience of the professional community even in tough times. If you are able to attend one conference this year, make it this one!

[Prices are frozen at 2009 rates, register now!](#)

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Publications

The Full Book Collection: 25% off until 30 June

Fill up your virtual bookshelf with The Geological Society's Full Book Collection featuring online access to over 40 of our most recent titles - published from 2012 to the present day.

The Full Book Collection is normally £80 - purchase before 30 June for 25% off!

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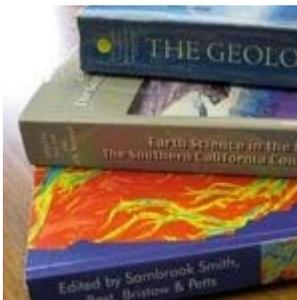
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Library and Information Services

Library Book Sale



The Library's latest sale of duplicate and out-of-scope stock is now available to browse online.

The Summer sale contains over 300 books and journal special issues covering all aspects of the geological sciences, with recently added stock in the areas of petroleum geology, hydrogeology, palaeontology, mining and engineering geology. A number of geological maps of the UK and Spain are also available.

Items can be posted worldwide or collected from the Library.

[Visit the sale page now to pick up a bargain!](#)

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William Smith Bicentenary Event - The Geologists' House

Date: 9 July 2015

Venue: Burlington House, London

The Library is delighted to announce that tickets are [NOW ON SALE](#) for our next event, The Geologists' House.

Join us for a unique opportunity to view many of the Library's William Smith maps and publications up close. Visitors to The Geologists' House will learn about the remarkable life, theories and career of William Smith from geologists and historians Diana Clements, Tom Sharpe, Duncan Hawley and John Henry.



Central to the evening will be one of the few chances this year to see the Society's newly re-discovered, pristine first imprint of Smith's 'A Delineation of the Strata of England & Wales, with part of Scotland...' (1815) displayed in its full glory in the Library.

Tickets cost £12 and numbers are limited.

[Visit the website for booking information](#) or call 020 7432 0999.

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Recent Special Issues in the Virtual Library

The Recent Special Issues section of the Virtual Library contains details of thematic special issues from e-journals which are available to Fellows. These include both the [Library's 'Athens' login journals](#) and ones which are freely available online.

New special issues on the following topics have been added to May's section.

- [Climate change in equatorial Eastern Africa](#)
- [Composition, structure and evolution of the lithosphere](#)
- [Earthquake engineering](#)
- [Environmental geochemistry of modern mining](#)
- [Groundwater and cultural heritage](#)
- [Mineral Deposits Studies Group meeting](#)



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Events

Field Trip: Shales of the Cleveland Basin



Shales of the Cleveland Basin: a multi-disciplinary field trip to understand the depositional systems, diagenesis and natural fracturing

Date: 15 - 16 September 2015

Venue: North Yorkshire Coastal Outcrops

Shale-rich sequences can act as source rocks, seals or unconventional reservoirs. Understanding the geology of shale-rich sequences is critical to the success of traditional and unconventional petroleum plays and has attracted increased interest as a result of the shale gas revolution.

This workshop adopts a holistic approach and presents an integrated field-and laboratory-based investigation of a well-exposed hydrocarbon source rock and unconventional reservoir analogue; the Early Jurassic (Toarcian) Whitby Mudstone Formation, North Yorkshire.

[For more information and to register visit the website](#)

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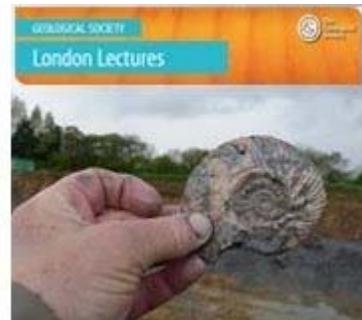
London Lecture: Fossils and Mud - A Jurassic Adventure

Date: 10 June 2015

Venue: Burlington House, London

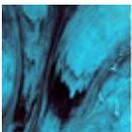
Having spent over 25 years wallowing around in mud, Neville Hollingworth will introduce you to some of the finer aspects of the Middle Jurassic of North Wiltshire and South Gloucestershire.

This lecture will be a pictorial tour of some quite unusual sites, digging techniques, notable characters and chance discoveries that made the national news.



[Visit the event page for more information](#)

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Groups & Networks

Specialist and Regional Group Events

Visit the individual event pages for more information.



Solent Regional Group:

[LUSI: The Geology and Engineering of a Mud Volcano in Java](#)

Date: 17 June 2015

Venue: University of Southampton (NOC)



president of the Geological Society, will describe LUSI, its evolution, its impact and what can be said about its future development.

In 2006, a new mud volcano erupted adjacent to an exploratory gas well in the Porong District of Java. Colloquially called LUSI (Lumpur Sidoarjo), the mud volcano is unlike naturally occurring mud volcanoes as it has until recently maintained continuous and high mud flow-rates at high temperatures. David Shilston, Atkins and past

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History of Geology Group: [Tambora: Supervolcano Eruptions and their impacts on Society and History](#)

Date: 18 June

Venue: Burlington House, London

Bill McGuire, FGS, will give a lecture on the Tambora Supervolcano - 200 years since the eruption which resulted in 1816 being 'the year without Summer'. There will also be talks on building stones and geoheritage and Adelene Buckland will present a paper on *Geology and Fiction 1815-1850*.

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Geologists' Association: [Field Trip to Bath](#)

Date: 6 June

Venue: Bath

The trip will include a walking tour in and around Bath to show significant places where Smith was involved; 29 Pulteney Street, Smith and Cruse's office in Trim Street and The Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution in Queen Square. We will also visit several sites outside Bath. Spaces are still available so [book now](#).

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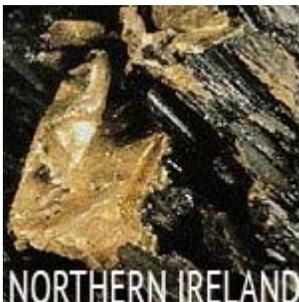
Engineering Group: [Designing for the Local Supply Chain: Social Value in Ground Engineering](#)

Date: 5 - 7 June

Venue: Burlington House, London

How can Ground Engineering play its part in delivering a benefit to local communities and businesses? How can we better engage with the local supply chain for works and services to achieve this? This lecture delivered by Naomi Lee will provide case studies of overseas projects and how these have been procured and constructed. There will also be a debate with the audience, chaired by Paul Maliphant, to consider the questions posed.

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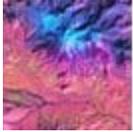
Northern Ireland Regional Group: [Preparing for Chartership](#)

Date: 15 June

Venue: Offices of RPS Group, 74 Boucher Road, Belfast

This is an informal meeting to discuss preparing applications for the CGeol qualification. The Society's Chartership Officer, Bill Gaskarth, will speak about the process and local Fellow John Arthurs will speak about the value of mentoring as part of the process.

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Other News

The 2015 Great Geobakeoff

This year's Great Geobakeoff closed for entries on 5 May. The competition took the twin 2015 themes of William Smith and the Year of Mud, and received a record number of entries.

Creations ranged from lahars to William Smith's county maps to scenes from Jurassic Park, and this year, for the first time, we also held staff geobakeoffs in our London and Bath offices. Many thanks to everyone who took part - the results will be announced shortly on our blog and social media channels.



In the meantime, you can [view all the entries on our flickr pages](#).

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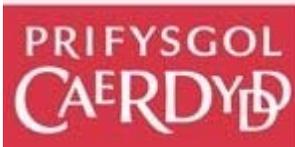
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Cardiff University: [Open Day for Msc in Applied Environmental Geology](#)

Date: 10 June

Venue: Cardiff University



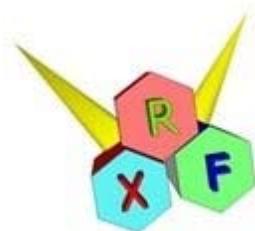
A free Open Day for the MSc in Applied Environmental Geology which will provide an opportunity to meet the faculty and see first-hand the range of facilities and services Cardiff University offers its students.

Bath Geological Association: [William Smith Field Trip](#)

Date: 13 June

Venue: Bath

To celebrate the bicentenary of William Smith's map, David Workman will lead a field trip to Tucking Mill.



British Crystallographic Association Industrial

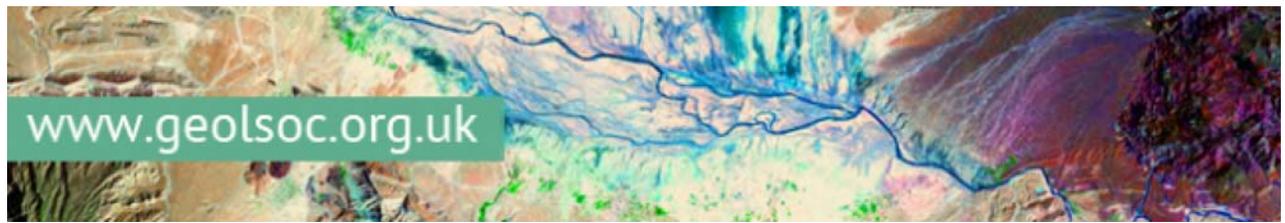
Group: [Annual XRF Meeting](#)

Date: 17 June

Venue: University of Leicester

This year's XRF meeting presented by the British Crystallographic Association Industrial Group and co-sponsored by the Royal Society of Chemistry Atomic Spectroscopy Group will feature a talk on soil analysis and a discussion of the reliability of low level results from the GeoPT program.

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