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Earth Science Week 2015



Last year, over 40 Earth Science Week events were run across the country - and we're hoping 2015 will be even bigger!

Earth Science Week 2015 is taking place on 10 - 18 October, with a theme of 'Geological Time'.

Whether it's a talk, a geowalk, an activity or workshop, we'd love to hear from you if you have ideas for events which will promote the geology all around us in the UK and Ireland.

This year, we're offering a number of small grants to help with the running of events - get in touch for more details, or if you would like to discuss ideas for events.

[Discover ideas and events on our Earth Science Week 2015 page](#)

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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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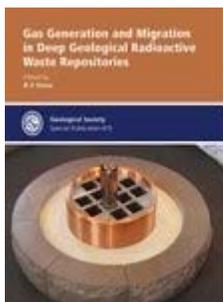


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New Publications!



NEW! SP415 Gas Generation and Migration in Deep Geological Radioactive Waste Repositories

Edited by R.P. Shaw
Published 8 June 2015

Understanding the behaviour of gases in the context of radioactive waste disposal is a fundamental requirement in developing a safety case for the disposal of radioactive waste. This volume brings together papers on aspects of this topic arising from both the FORGE project and work undertaken elsewhere.

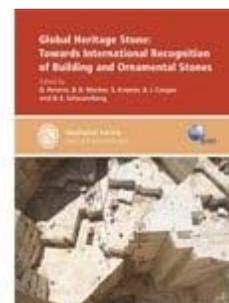
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NEW! Global Heritage Stone: Towards International Recognition of Building and Ornamental Stones

Edited by D. Pereira, B.R. Marker, S. Kramar, B.J. Cooper and B.E. Schouenborg
Published 5 June 2015

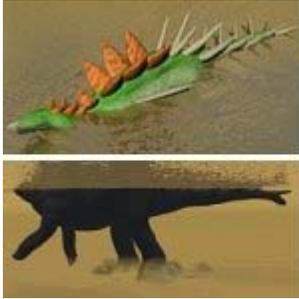
This Special Publication is dedicated to heritage stone: those natural stones that have special significance in human culture. The Heritage Stone Task Group of the International Union of Geological Sciences is working to establish a new formal designation of 'Global Heritage Stone Resource' to recognise those stones that have had internationally significant architectural and ornamental uses.



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Could Stegosaurus Swim?



Stegosaurus are among the most instantly recognisable dinosaurs, yet their armour of plates and spines make them unlikely candidates to be able to swim.

However, recent trace fossil finds of footprints from the Middle Jurassic of Yorkshire that have been interpreted as having been made by stegosaurus suggest that these animals could indeed swim.

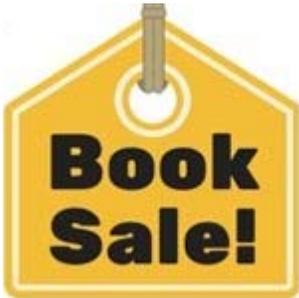
Read the paper free for a limited time in the [Proceedings of the Yorkshire Geological Society Journal](#).

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Library and Information Services

Library Book Sale Continues



There are still lots of items left in the Library's sale of duplicate stock, which is [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.

The sale also includes a number of Geological Society Special Publications, issues of GeoArabia, SEPM CD-Roms and geological maps of the UK and Spain.

Items can be posted worldwide or collected from the Library.

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

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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 June's section.

- [Geoarchaeology of River Valleys](#)
- [Hindu Kush-Himalayan Region](#)
- [Managed Aquifer Recharge](#)



- [Subsurface Energy Systems in China](#)
- [Synchronising Environmental and Archaeological Records using Volcanic Ash Isochrons](#)

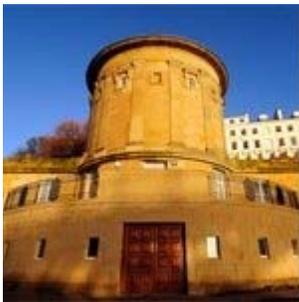
Athens authentication can also be used to access 100 journals and 21 books from leading publishers.

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Events

William Smith Bicentenary Events



Scarborough Museums Trust & the Geological Society of London:
[Poetry Reading at Rotunda Museum](#)
 Date: 26 June 2015
 Venue: Rotunda Museum, Scarborough

To celebrate the bicentenary of William Smith's famous map, over thirty poets have written new poems inspired by William Smith, his revolutionary map and the legacy of geological mapping. Join in the celebration of the publication of *Map: Poems After William Smith's Geological Map of 1815* (Worple Press, 2015) and listen to readings

from the book.

Natural History Museum: [The Map that Changed the World - An Evening with Simon Winchester](#)

Date: 26 June

Venue: Natural History Museum, London

Simon Winchester, author of the bestselling book 'The Map That Changed the World, shares stories about the life and accomplishments of the influential geologist William Smith. The evening will include striking imagery and a book signing with the opportunity to meet Simon Winchester himself.



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Geologists' Association: [William Smith Lecture](#)

Date: 3 July

Venue: Burlington House, London

As part of the Geologists' Association regular monthly Friday evening lectures series, Tom Sharpe will give a lecture on William Smith.

The Geological Society Library: [The Geologists' House - Learn](#)



[about the remarkable work of William Smith, 'Father of English Geology'](#)

Date: 9 July

Venue: Burlington House, London



The Geological Society Library is delighted to announce our next event, The Geologists' House, as part of the bicentenary celebrations marking the publication of William Smith's *'A Delineation of the Strata of England & Wales, with part of Scotland...'* (1815), the first geological map of a country ever produced.

Guided by our expert geological hosts, visitors to this special promenade lecture show will have the opportunity to view gems from the Society's unique William Smith collections up close.

[Don't miss out on this special event, Book your tickets now](#)

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Confronting the Barriers to Inclusion: Opening the Gates to Accessible Fieldwork



Date: 26 June

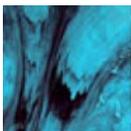
Venue: Burlington House, London

This one-day event will explore the issues involved in making fieldwork accessible to learners with a diverse range of abilities through a combination of invited speakers, panel and small group discussion.

We welcome and encourage participation from geoscience educators at school, FE and HE level, industry professionals, and organisations involved in the provision of fieldwork in both formal and informal capacities.

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

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Groups & Networks

Specialist and Regional Group Events

Visit the individual event pages for more information.

Home Counties North Regional Group: [What can Meteorites tell us about the Earth?](#)

Date: 17 June 2015

Venue: Sir Robert McAlpine, Hemel Hempstead

This talk by Professor Hilary Downs will consider what information can be derived from a study of meteorites to understand how



planets such as the Earth formed.



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Hong Kong Regional Group: [Groundwater Studies in the Badain Jaran Desert China](#)

Date: 24 June

Venue: The University of Hong Kong

This talk is about recent groundwater studies in desert areas in Northwest China based on satellite and isotope data, with specific focus on the Badain Jaran Desert (BJD) in Inner Mongolia. The BJD is the fourth largest desert on earth and the core part of the only UNESCO Desert Geopark in the world.

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South West Regional Group: [Trip to the Camborne School of Mines: Holman's Test Mine](#)

Date: 27 June

Venue: Holman's Test Mine, Camborne

This trip will go underground at Holman's Test Mine to show how the mine has been developed into a teaching facility. It is being utilised for training and research in mining techniques, tunnelling, surveying, geological mapping, blasting and vibration analysis, as well as more exclusive research in renewable energy, nuclear waste disposal and biosciences.

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Joint Photography Competition



The West Midlands, North West and Southern Wales Regional Groups and the Black Country Geological Society are holding a joint group Photographic Competition celebrating the bicentenary of the William Smith Map (1815 - 2015).

The theme is Geologica Britannica - Exhibiting the Geology of the British Isles & Applied Geology in the British Isles.

To see the prizes and find out how to enter, [visit the photo competition page](#).

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Other News

The 2015 Great Geobakeoff Results

We launched the second annual Great Geobakeoff with some trepidation. Had geobaking fatigue set in? Was everyone too busy watching the General Election to notice? Is it in fact impossible to bake a hidden fossil cake?



Of course, our concerns were needless. Once again the geobaking world has answered our call to arms and produced a wondrous array of edible geological constructions. Many thanks to everyone who joined in and we hope your kitchens have since recovered from the carnage.



The results for this years Great Geobakeoff have been announced, [read our blog to see the entries and find out who won.](#)

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Other Events



Extractive Industry Geology Conference: [Surface water, Groundwater and Flooding in Quarries and Mines](#)

Date: 17 June 2015

Venue: Stratford Manor Hotel, Warwickshire

A one day event covering live topics in an important area of the extractive industry; 'Surface water, groundwater and flooding in quarries and mines'. A range of experienced speakers from across the industry will be covering latest developments, case histories and regulatory issues. This is a CPD event.

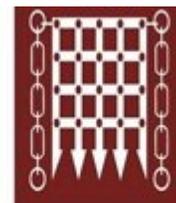
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Westminster Energy, Environment and Transport Forum: [The UK Shale, Oil & Gas Industry: Licensing, Planning and Community Engagement](#)

Date: 23 June

Venue: Glaziers Hall, 9 Montague Close, London

This seminar will provide a timely opportunity to focus on the development of the shale industry in the UK. Sessions will assess the planning process and issues around selection of sites for exploration, as well as the potential contribution of shale to the UK energy mix, and prospects for developing skills and investment for the sector.



**WESTMINSTER ENERGY
ENVIRONMENT &
TRANSPORT FORUM**



Geologists' Association: [Evening Walk - London](#)

Date: 24 June

Venue: Regent's Place, opposite Warren Street, London

An evening walk with Ruth Siddall around the new development Regent's Place, opposite Warren Street.

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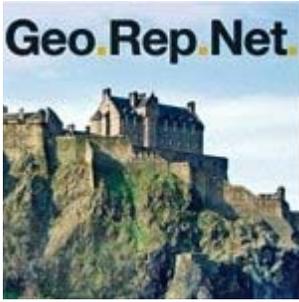
Date: 27 June

Venue: BGS, Keyworth

British Geological Survey: [Open Day](#)

The British Geological Survey will be holding an Open Day illustrating the wide scope and applications of their research activities. It will be a packed day of fun, and there will be something for rock lovers of all ages – from newbies to experienced earth scientists.





GeoRepNet Conference: [Geological Repositories - Technology and High Technology Transfer Conference](#)

Date: 12 - 14 October

Venue: Edinburgh, UK

The STFC Network, GeoRepNet, will hold its third conference in Edinburgh focusing on exploring all aspects of high technology transfer into geological repositories and other deep subsurface facilities and laboratories. Talks in all areas of high technology are welcome, particularly in STFC areas such as astronomy, particle physics and planetary sciences instrumentation.

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Job Opportunity: CaSE Policy Intern

CaSE and the Engineering Professors' Council are currently advertising for a paid policy intern to join on a fixed 6 month contract. This role is a fantastic opportunity for someone wishing to develop their career in policy and communication.

The deadline for applications is **28 June 2015** and the position starts in September.

[View the job description and details on how to apply](#)

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