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Celebrating 25 Years of Chartership

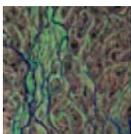


In 1990, the Society took on many of the activities of the former Institution of Geologists and created a professional grade of membership, Chartered Geologist with the post nominal 'CGeol'.

This year in September marks the quarter century anniversary of the introduction of this title.

[Read about Chartership and the upcoming celebrations](#)

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Society News



Edmund Nickless is retiring at the end of September after eighteen years as Executive Secretary, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him most sincerely for his long and loyal service to the Society.



I am sure that many Fellows will want to send Edmund their best wishes. Please send these to Stephanie Jones; by email stephanie.jones@geolsoc.org.uk or by post to Burlington House (written on a piece of plain paper) and they will be included in a bound book.

If you wish to make a contribution towards a gift please send a cheque, payable to the Geological Society, to Stephanie Jones before the end of September.

*David Manning
President of the Geological Society*

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Jobs at the Society - Two Library Assistants

The Geological Society is seeking to appoint two Library Assistants on a 3-month contract to provide support to the Library team working on a major collection management project.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 28 August**.

[For more information and details on how to apply visit the website](#)

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Publications

JGS Cover Photo Competition

BE ON OUR COVER!

Could one of your photos be on the 2016 cover of the Journal of the Geological Society?

We are looking for our next cover image for Volume 173 and would like to hear from you.

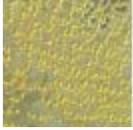
Send your photos to JGS Production Editor [Patricia Pantos](#) by **15 September**. Please also include a 50-word description of the image with your entry.



Note: We are looking for a banner image 100mm wide x 310mm (1181 x 3661 pixels) at 300dpi that will appear on the side and spine of the journal. The image should be simple and easily understood in monotone; rock face images or something similar will work best. [An image of our](#)

[current cover can be found in the Lyell Collection.](#)

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Library and Information Services

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 the August section.

- [Climate impact on ecosystem changes and human responses during the Last Glacial and Early Holocene](#)
- [Groundwater characterization and management](#)
- [Quaternary research across the Americas](#)
- [Wenchuan earthquake](#)



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

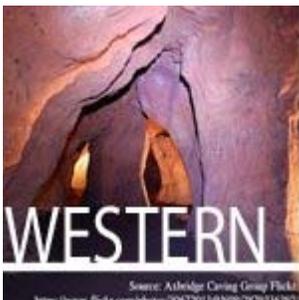
[Visit the Virtual Library for more information](#)

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Upcoming Events

Western Regional Group: Trip to Redcliffe Caves



Date: 9 September
Venue: Redcliffe Caves, Bristol

This two hour tour offers a rare opportunity to explore the Redcliffe caves. There will be a 45 minute guided tour with commentary explaining the historical significance of the area followed by 1 1/4 hour underground. While underground we will be guided through a section of the passages learning about the geology and history of the caves.

The tour has a maximum capacity of 25 people and will be on a first come first serve basis.

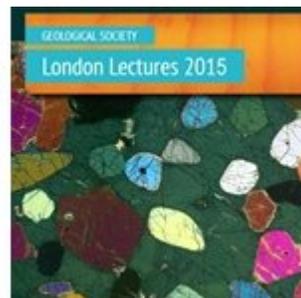
[Find out more about the trip on the Western group page](#)
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London Lecture: Hidden Colours of Volcanoes

For the September London Lecture, John Maclennan of the University of Cambridge gives a talk on the 'Hidden Colours of Volcanoes'. In the lecture he will try to show how beautiful images of igneous rocks under the microscope can help to understand the inner workings of volcanoes.

BALLOT NOW OPEN

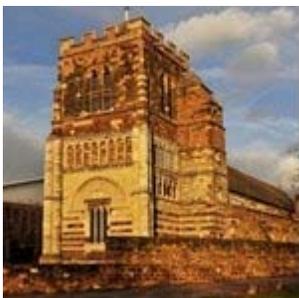
The talk will be given twice on the same day, once at 3pm and once at 6pm - please note that if you would like to attend, the 3pm matinees generally have more availability. The talks will be exactly the same in the afternoon and evening.



[Complete the Ballot form to apply for a place on the afternoon or evening lecture](#)
[Find out more about this London Lecture](#)

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Other Events



East Midlands Open University: [Field Trip - William Smith's Last Resting Place](#)

Date: 6 September

Venue: St Peter's Church, Northampton

A rare opportunity to visit St. Peter's Church in Northampton. It is a fine Norman church and contains a memorial to William Smith, who is buried in the churchyard in an obscure grave, having died at nearby Hazelrigg House on 28 August 1839.

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Geologists' Association: [Field Trip - the Lower Thames Gravels](#)

Date: 6 September

Venue: Purfleet, Kent

The group will visit classic sites in the Lower Thames including Wansunt Pit (Dartford Heath), Swanscombe Skull Site NNR, Purfleet (Greenlands Quarry) and Lion Pit Tramway Cutting.



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Institute of Civil Engineers: [Coastal Management 2015](#)

Date: 7 - 9 September

Venue: Amsterdam, The Netherlands



The Institute of Civil Engineer's 8th Conference on Coastal Management will bring together engineers, scientists and coastal managers from around the world.

[Registration is open through the Conference website](#)

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Oliver Kinross: [The Africa Oil & Gas Expo](#)

Date: 8 - 9 September

Venue: Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg

The Africa Oil & Gas Summit provides a unique platform for hundreds of African and International key decision makers to discuss the latest developments, challenges and opportunities, embrace innovative solutions, fresh ideas and best-in-class strategies to improve overall business performance and investment in Africa.



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Policy & Media

Resourcing the Future - Global initiative meets challenges of climate change head on



The challenges of climate change and sustainable development cannot be met without also addressing the issue of adequate and reliable supplies of mineral raw materials. Despite this, the issue of mineral resource adequacy has received very little attention from global policy makers.

From July 25 - 30, the [Resourcing Future Generations \(RFG\)](#) initiative met in Namibia to develop an expert consensus document, aiming to raise the profile of this issue at the highest level of international decision making.

[The group began by identifying a few key premises which you can read about on the RFG page.](#)

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Other News

Part-time Courses from the University of Cambridge ICE



The University of Cambridge, Institute of Continuing Education (ICE) is inviting applications for its 2015/16 programme of part-time Certificate and Diploma courses.

All of the courses lead to full University of Cambridge qualifications. The deadline for applications is **7 September 2015**.

[More information is available on our website](#)
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Highways England is Recruiting

Highways England is recruiting a Principal Geotechnical Advisor, who will also be the Midlands Team Leader.

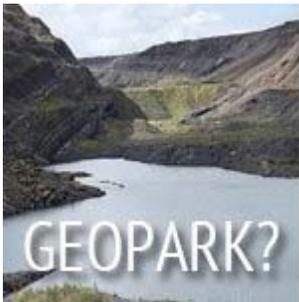
This is an excellent opportunity to apply your geotechnical expertise with Highways England, where you'll be providing technical oversight, working with a high level of autonomy.



Closing Date: **6 September 2015**

[See the full job description and apply on the Highways England website.](#)
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Scottish Coal Mine to Geopark?



Would you be interested in this former Scottish coal mining site becoming a coal-themed geopark?

Please share your views in this 5 minute survey for a chance to win £200 to spend on Amazon: <http://poll.visitrac.co.uk>



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