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Dear Readers,

This is the first of a new style of emailed Bulletin to be sent to HOGG members and associates to provide up-to-date news of current and forthcoming events of interest to historians of geology. By issuing these Bulletins at approximately six-weekly intervals it is hoped to provide such news in a timelier manner than was possible under previous arrangements.

If you have news of events that should be included in the next Bulletin (mid-March), please send to hoggnewsletter@gmail.com by 10th March.

The format of the Bulletin will be simple:

1. Notifications
2. Forthcoming Events
3. Recent Publications
4. A.O.B.

1. Notifications

The HOGG Newsletter

The Newsletter itself will now be published just twice a year, in April and October. It will be printed, and the first edition will be sent to all HOGG members in April. It is hoped that the Newsletter will quickly develop to include more member-led content, with short papers, news of current research, essays and articles as well as reports of meetings, book reviews etc. as before. At present there is no forum for such things. Short of the fully peer-reviewed journal there is no way for shorter pieces of work or news of on-going research – or simply enthusiastic musings – to be shared with those of a like mind. It is hoped that the HOGG Newsletter might fill that gap and might, in time, encourage others to join the Group.

The success of this new initiative will depend on the participation of members, so if you have any news, or ideas for an article – however short, please do contact the editor, Peter Lincoln at hoggnewsletter@gmail.com.

Annual Subscriptions 2021 Reminder

Thank you to the many members who have already paid their subscriptions for this year.

The annual subscription of £15 (£5 for junior members) was due in January. If you have not yet paid, I should be grateful if you would arrange to do so as soon as possible.

The preferred method of is by standing order (a S.O. Mandate is attached to this email)

Otherwise, payment can be made:

- by cheque and sent by post to me at 3A Albemarle Road, Norwich, NR2 2DF,
- by PayPal <https://historyofgeologygroup.co.uk/join-us/>, or
- by making a bank transfer (please contact me for HOGG bank account details-
pfriches@hotmail.com)

Annual membership will be a requirement for receiving future Newsletters and, from March onwards, free access to the online lecture programme.

Peter Riches, Honorary Treasurer & Membership Secretary

HOGG Online History of Geology resource updated!

This recently updated and restored list of online sources makes a good starting point for anyone interested in following up a history of geology topic. The list includes links to kindred organisations and some thematic sites, as well as many other online resources: e.g. biographies, full texts of geological classics, geological map collections and catalogues of archives.

<https://www.geolsoc.org.uk/Groups-and-Networks/Specialist-Groups/History-of-Geology-Group/Online-Resources>

2. Forthcoming Events

HOGG Meetings

Wed, 10th February 2021 – 1.00pm-2.00pm Virtual Meeting

Geology and Hospital Planning: A Crimean War Map

by Dr Beverley Bergman

Following on from Richard Porter's discussion of Brunel's geological interests at the HOGG AGM, this talk will focus on the selection of the site for Brunel's hospital and the survey carried out by engineer, John Brunton.

This talk will be freely available to all. Please do encourage friends and others to attend.

Tickets are available at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/geology-and-hospital-planning-a-crimean-war-map-tickets-137826010307>

Further Virtual meetings, available only to HOGG members, are currently being planned, including:

Thurs 11th March 2021 (Lunchtime: 13.00-14.00) – *William Buckland: Glacial Impressions*

1. *Costume of the Glaciers: just a groovy cartoon?* Duncan Hawley
2. *A case of mistaken identity.* Tom Sharpe
3. *Buckland and evidence of glaciation in Wales.* Susan Newell (OUMNH)

Wed 12th May 2021 (11.00 start – 16.00 finish)

Postponed from 2020, HOGG International Conference

The Geological Society's Map: understanding George Bellas Greenough and his 1820 geological map project (full program in next Bulletin)

Thurs 17th June 2021 (provisional date, time tbc) – *Treasures from the Archive of the Sedgwick Museum* with Sandra Freshney

Thurs 29th July 2021 (Lunchtime: 13.00-14.00) – *Geology & Medicine* with Dr Chris Duffin

Fri - Sun 10th - 12th Sept 2021 – Field meeting (socially distanced as appropriate)

How the geology of Malvern was investigated, analysed and popularised as a health resort in the 19C

Thurs 14th October 2021 (provisional date & time tbc) – *The History of Petroleum Exploration*
with Tony Spencer

Fri 19th November 2021 (13.00-14.30) – HOGG AGM followed by
The 'Discovery' of the Silurian: following in the footsteps of Murchison
with Duncan Hawley

Geologists' Association (GA)

Fri 9th April 2021 – 6.00pm Virtual meeting

Pills and Politics: a new look at George Bellas Greenough and his Geological Map of 1820

by Prof. Hugh Torrens

[During the current pandemic, GA virtual lectures will be freely available to all. For further details: <https://geologistsassociation.org.uk/lectures/>]

International Conferences & Symposia (INIGEO &c.)

18–24 July 2021 46th INHIGEO Symposium, Krakow, Poland,

<http://www.inhigeo.com/firstcircular.pdf>

Conference topics are

1. History of geological surveys and biographies of their creators
2. History of geological societies
3. History and development of geological cartography
4. History of mineral extraction / Mining history
5. General contributions and biographies of famous geologists

25–31 July 2021 IUHPST/DHST Conference in Prague, Czech Republic,

All scientific events of the 26th ICSHT and the DHST General Assembly will be held online.

Please visit the conference website: <https://www.ichst2021.org>

Postponed 45th INHIGEO Symposium New Delhi, India rescheduled for **15–21 August 2021**

[IUGS hopes to be able to organize a virtual themed meeting early in 2022 in order to replace the 36th IGC. see <https://www.iugs.org/>]

3a. Recent publications by HOGG Members

Tom Sharpe, *THE FOSSIL WOMAN A Life of Mary Anning* *

published by The Dovecote Press £20

STRATA. William Smith's Geological Maps *

includes essays by Douglas Palmer, Peter Wigley, **Dave Williams**, **Tom Sharpe**, **Jill Darrell** & **Diana Clements**, **John Mather** and **John Henry**

published by Thames and Hudson £50

Peter Riches, ‘A recently discovered hand-coloured geological map of Norfolk and Suffolk attributed to Richard Cowling Taylor (1789–1851)’, *Archives of Natural History* 47.2, October 2020

Susan Newell, ‘Historical collections in museums: the legacy of William Buckland’s ‘Geological Museum’ collection at Oxford and its potential as a teaching resource today’, *The Geological Curator*, 11.4, December 2020

* to be reviewed in April Newsletter

3b. Other recently published books, papers & articles of interest

From *The Geological Curator* Vol. 11 No. 4 (December 2020)

- ‘Treasures in tins: historical packaging in natural history collections’
by Linzi Harvey
- ‘Keeping old giants at the service of a local community: The Arroyo del Vizcaíno collection (Sauce, Uruguay)’
by Mariana Di Giacomo, Martín Batallés, Luciano Varela, P. Sebastián Tambusso, Lucía Clavijo and Richard A. Farina
- ‘An overlooked contributor to palaeontology—the preparator Richard Hall (b. 1839) and his work on an armoured dinosaur and a giant sea dragon’
by Mark R. Graham, Jonathan D. Radley, and Dean R. Lomax
- ‘Historical collections in museums: the legacy of William Buckland’s ‘Geological Museum’ collection at Oxford and its potential as a teaching resource today’
by **Susan Newell**
- ‘The history, state and reinterpretation of the palaeontological collection at Folkestone Museum’ by Philip Hadland
- ‘The long walk from the Carboniferous: mysterious fossil tracks are rediscovered after 87 years’
by Carl M. Mehling and Ronald J. Buta
- ‘Matthew Alastair Parkes’
by Nigel T. Monaghan

From the *Magazine of the Geologists’ Association* Vol. 19 No. 4 (December 2020)

- ‘Earth Science depictions on British cigarette cards pre 1840’
by Stuart Baldwin
- ‘Conservation of the "Landslip " Panel at Lyme Regis Museum’
by Richard Bull

From *IUGS E-Bulletin* Issue 172 (December 2020) (available at <https://www.iugs.org/>)

- ‘Adolphe von Morlot's (1820-1867) Quaternary and Pleistocene - points of confusion’
by Marianne Klemun

4. A.O.B.

Missing Books No. 6

Hugh Torrens is looking for information about or copies of this rare book:

Scott, Isabella and Catherine, *A family biography, 1662 to 1908, drawn chiefly from old letters*. [With plates, including portraits, and genealogical tables.], 1908, (London: [For private circulation])

There were two editions. The first (50 copies) had illustrations and the second (75 or perhaps only 25 copies) has a printed **Second Appendix**, dated June 1917. There are copies of the second edition in the National Library of Scotland and the Bodleian.

Now Hugh is looking to discover the whereabouts of a) a first edition, b) the first of two **known** Appendices and c) information as to whether there were ever more than two appendices?

This information is sought in connection with research into the life of Sir Joseph Prestwich (1812-1896), uncle of the authors (and of C.P.Scott, the illustrious editor of the Manchester Guardian).

Please send any information directly to Hugh at h.s.torrens@keele.ac.uk.

New Exhibition

John Ruskin's personal collection of over 2,000 museum-quality mineral specimens is now on display at Brantwood, his former home overlooking Coniston Water in the Lake District.

For more information go to <https://www.brantwood.org.uk/thetreasury/>

Call for Submissions

This call comes from **Edge Hill University**. We include it here in case anyone might be interested in offering a case study from the history of geology.

www.edgehill.ac.uk/englishhistorycreativewriting/research/ehunineteen/womeninpower/

Women In Power: Female Agency in the Nineteenth Century will seek to challenge the view that the public sphere was overwhelmingly male, and reveal the many places in which Victorian women wielded power and agency.

This edited collection (editors: Dr. Fern Riddell, Dr. Emma Butcher, and Dr. Bob Nicholson) will showcase both the professional and domestic power held by women of the Victorian era. The goal is to normalise nineteenth-century female agency as everyday and pervasive, rather than transgressive and rare.

Submissions are welcome from all disciplines exploring women's lives in the nineteenth century and can include, but are not limited to, case studies of individuals, as well as broad themes and identities. It is intended for this to be an edited collection of chapters roughly 8-10,000 words in length, but at this stage only expressions of interest are sought.

Please email a title and abstract of 250-300 words to: wxminpower@gmail.com

Submission deadline: 28th February, 2021.