



# HOGG Bulletin No 4

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This Bulletin is emailed to HOGG members and associates to provide up-to-date news of current and forthcoming events of interest to historians of geology. Please send news of events for the next Bulletin, to Co-ordinator, Andrew Hopkins at [bulletin.hogg@gmail.com](mailto:bulletin.hogg@gmail.com) by 30<sup>th</sup> July. Associates are invited to benefit from HOGG membership -£15 Ordinary or £5 Young member. See: <https://historyofgeologygroup.co.uk/join-us/> or for enquiries email: [pfriches@hotmail.com](mailto:pfriches@hotmail.com)

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## 1. Notifications

### HOGG ONLINE HISTORY OF GEOLOGY

The HOGG webpage has a number of useful links and is a good starting point for anyone interested in following up a history of geology topic: <https://www.geolsoc.org.uk/Groups-and-Networks/Specialist-Groups/History-of-Geology-Group/Online-Resources>

### HOGG RECORDED MEETINGS ON GOOGLE DRIVE

HOGG members now have access to view previous meetings (streamed or download) via a dedicated HOGG Google Drive account. The latest uploads are eleven presentations from the recent HOGG conference *The Geological Society's Map: Understanding George Bellas Greenough and his 1820 map project* (these can be viewed individually), and the recent *Treasures of the Sedgwick Museum Archive* presentation. These can be accessed via the HOGG Google Drive links emailed to all members.

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## 2. Forthcoming Events

### HOGG MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

Except for the September meeting, these will be held virtually during 2021.

For HOGG members, admission to all online meetings is free. Associates and guests are welcome to attend meetings for a small admission charge. Registration is via Eventbrite where an outline of each event can be found. An exclusive HOGG member link for each online meeting is emailed out to members. The associates and guests registration link for each event is listed below.

**Thurs 29th July 2021** (Lunchtime: 13.00 to 14.00) *Geology & Prophylactics* with Dr Chris Duffin. The talk will consider some case histories of certain rocks, minerals, fossils and earths to illustrate how a comprehensive geological collection might protect the owner against poisons and all manner of diseases. For associates and guests the link is: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/155218802617>

**Fri to Sun 10th to 12th Sept 2021** HOGG field meeting, *Malvern Rocks: Geology in a Victorian Health Resort* with Tim Carter. Geology and fossil collecting were additional attractions for visitors to what was a premier resort, with its famous 'water cure', based on the springs flowing from the hills. The meeting in Malvern will look at how the complex geology of the Malvern Hills and surrounds was investigated and came to be understood during the nineteenth century. £30 for associates and guests via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/146144854193>. £25 for HOGG members who will receive an exclusive emailed link. N.B. This event has an alternative limited number socially-distanced option, should Covid public health restrictions be applicable in late summer.

**Thurs 14th October 2021** (Lunchtime: 13.00 to 14.00) *The history of petroleum exploration: how a handful of principles interacted with evolving technologies* with Tony Spencer. Associates and guests can register at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/155511211219>

**Fri 19th November 2021** (Lunchtime: 13.00 to 14.30) HOGG AGM followed by: *The 'Discovery' of the Silurian: following in the footsteps of Murchison* with Duncan Hawley. A registration link will be available in due course.

## OTHER MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

**Fri 1st October 2021** (rescheduled from 9th April) *Pills and Politics: a new look at George Bellas Greenough and his Geological Map of 1820* with Prof. Hugh Torrens. See: <https://geologistsassociation.org.uk/calendars>

**Tues to Thurs 19th to 21st October** The Geological Society's William Smith Virtual Meeting 2021: *Geological Mapping - of our world and others*. Themes include *The history of geological mapping and lessons learned*. See: <https://www.geolsoc.org.uk/wsmith21>

**Weds 20th October** (19.00) *Eileen Hendricks, pioneering stratigrapher of Cornwall*. with Dr. Jenny Bennett. Geological Society Discussion Group meeting. Venue TBC. See: <https://www.geolsoc.org.uk/DG-Eileen-Hendricks-pioneering-stratigrapher-of-Cornwall>

### International Conferences:

**18-24 July 2021** The 46<sup>th</sup> Symposium of The International Commission on the History of Geological Sciences (INHIGEO) will be held on-line from the Polish Geological Institute-National Research Institute Headquarters in Warsaw. See <http://www.inhigeo.com/symposia.html>

[The postponed 45<sup>th</sup> INHIGEO Symposium which was due to have been held in New Delhi, India last year has now been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The 47<sup>th</sup> INHIGEO Symposium is scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in Les Eyzies, France.]

**25-31 July 2021** The 26<sup>th</sup> International Congress of History of Science and Technology (ICHST) in Prague, Czech Republic will include a Symposium organized by INHIGEO members entitled *Great to Small: Spatial and Temporal Scales in the History of the Geosciences*. See: <https://www.ichst2021.org/>

The International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) hopes to be able to organize a virtual themed meeting early in 2022 in order to replace the cancelled 36<sup>th</sup> International Geological Congress (IGC). See: <https://www.iugs.org/>

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### 3. Recent publications

#### a. By HOGG Members

- Gordon Chancellor, 2021. *Lyell, Darwin and the principle of reasoning in geology*. Published on the Darwin Online website: [http://darwin-online.org.uk/EditorialIntroductions/Chancellor\\_LyellsPrinciplesOfGeology.html](http://darwin-online.org.uk/EditorialIntroductions/Chancellor_LyellsPrinciplesOfGeology.html)

#### b. Other publications of interest

- Graham Park, 2019 *Breakthroughs in Geology: Ideas that Transformed Earth Science*. Dunedin Academic Press. £25 Hardcover. Includes chapters on uniformitarianism, continental drift, mantle convection, plate tectonics, ophiolites and sequence stratigraphy among others.
- Suryakanthie Chetty, 2021 *Africa Forms the Key: Alex Du Toit and the History of Continental Drift*. Springer. £65 e-book download. Examines the work of prominent South African geologist Alex Du Toit as a means of understanding the debate around continental drift both in segregation-era South Africa and internationally. It focuses on the divisions in geology caused by drift theory, tracing the vigorous intellectual debate and dissent indicative of the ideological milieu within which scientific thought is constructed.
- Nick Davidson, 2021 *The Greywacke: How a Priest, a Soldier and a Schoolteacher Uncovered 300 Million Years of History*. Profile Books. £20 Hardcover. Follows the footsteps of Sedgwick, Murchison and Lapworth and draws on maps, diaries, letters, field notes and contemporary accounts to relay their personal and intellectual pursuits in uncovering the narrative framework of Palaeozoic stratigraphy.

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### 4. Also of Interest

- The Geological Society Library has a new online exhibition, *Mary Anning and the Geological Society* which reveals the famous fossil collector's presence and influence in the Society's collections through her direct and indirect relationships with its Fellows. The exhibition features images and letters from the Library and Archive, many of which are available online for the first time, including a letter from Anning to her friend and fellow fossil collector Charlotte Murchison. See: <https://www.geolsoc.org.uk/MaryAnning>
- The Geological Curators' Group Blog has an interesting recent article on *GeoCASE 2.0 and the Evolution of Data from Physical Specimen to the Digital* by Dr Rachel Walcott, Principal Curator, Earth Systems, National Museums Scotland. See: <https://geocollnews.wordpress.com/2021/06/10/geocase-2-0-and-the-evolution-of-data-from-physical-specimen-to-the-digital/>
- Eight papers on *Nicolaus Steno and Earth Science in Early Modern Italy* arising from a conference in Florence in October 2019 have recently been published online by the journal *Substantia*. They are available on open access and are freed to download. See: <https://riviste.fupress.net/index.php/subs/issue/view/61>