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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. Members are reminded to inform HOGG if their email address changes.
- Please send news of events etc. for the next Bulletin, to Co-ordinator, Andrew Hopkins at bulletin.hogg@gmail.com by 10th September.
- 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.

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 upload is the recent HOGG online lunchtime talk *Geological drugs and prophylactics* with Chris Duffin. This and other presentations can be viewed online - either by streaming or download - via the HOGG Google Drive links emailed to all members.

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.

CANCELLED: Fri to Sun 10th to 12th Sept 2021 HOGG field meeting, *Malvern Rocks: Geology in a Victorian Health Resort* with Tim Carter. This meeting will hopefully be rearranged for a later date TBA.

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

Thur 5th August (09.30 to 16.30) *A Bias in the Fossil Record* – an online conference on diversifying and decolonising the history of palaeontology organized by the School of Earth and Environment, University of Leeds. More information and registration details for this free event can be found at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bias-in-the-fossil-record-online-workshop-tickets-163504082111>

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>

3. Recent publications

a. By HOGG Members

- Stephen Donovan 2021. Louis Leakey and Piltdown Man. *Proceedings of the Geologists' Association*, 132, 405-406.
- Stephen Donovan 2021. John Phillips: Yorkshire's Traveller through Time. *Proceedings of the Geologists' Association*, 132, 407.
- Geoffrey Walton, 2021. *The early history of an applied geoscience consultancy*. Down Stone Books, £15.00. An account of how an extractive industry firm was set up and developed.
- M. Simpson and H. Torrens 2021. Opinion Article: Lessons from a Letter? *Magazine of the Geologists' Association*. 20/2, June 2021, 39-42.
- Peter Lincoln, 2021. *Ten Views of a Landslip*. "A personal appreciation and analysis of the Great Bindon Landslip [of 1859] in its historical and scientific context." Available to download free from the Lyme Regis Museum website: https://www.lymeregismuseum.co.uk/lrm/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/10_views_final_version_-21_-June_-2021.pdf

b. Other publications of interest

- Celâl Sengör, 2020. *Revising the revisions: James Hutton's reputation among geologists in the late Eighteenth and Nineteenth centuries*. Geological Society of America, open access download from <https://pubs.geoscienceworld.org>. Seeks to counter the recent trend in the history of geology of downplaying Hutton's importance.
- Clive Gamble, 2021. *Making deep history: zeal, perseverance and the time revolution of 1859*. Oxford University Press. £25.00 Hardcover. "In the space of a calendar year, and at a furious pace, the belief that all human history could be fitted into 6,000 years was shattered."

4. Also of Interest

- A crowdsourcing project to transcribe the notebooks of Sir Humphrey Davy (1778-1829) has been launched by the Royal Institution together with partners from academia and industry. See: <https://wp.lancs.ac.uk/davynotebooks>. Davy is best known for his work in chemistry, but he also made some notable contributions in the fields of geology and mineralogy. To take part in transcribing Davy's notebooks, sign up at <https://www.zooniverse.org/projects/humphrydavy/davy-notebooks-project>.
- All places on the visit to the Oxford University Museum of Natural History on 22nd October to view their collection of 'Geological Maps of the British Islands' to which HOGG members and associates were recently invited are now taken. If you would like to be put on the reserve list, please contact Nina Morgan at nina.morgan@cooptel.net.
- Not strictly HOGG, *The Geology of Oxford Gravestones* is a new exhibit in the Blackwell Hall, Weston Library, Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3BG which highlights the geological features and social history revealed in Oxford graveyards. The exhibit runs from 17th July to 12th September. It is free to visit and there is no need to book. For further information see <https://visit.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/event/geology-oxford-gravestones> and www.gravestonegeology.uk.