



Welcome to Issue 17 of the Geological Society Library's bi-monthly newsletter.

In this issue we have news about our annual open day for Corporate Affiliate members, e-book and inter-library loan services and a special event on the geology of World War II.

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We hope you find this newsletter informative and useful. Do get in touch and let us know what you think.

Best wishes,

The Library Team

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Library Open Day for Corporate Affiliates

Members of Corporate Affiliate companies are invited to join us on Thursday 10 November for our 3rd annual Library Open Day, an informal afternoon where you can find out more about the Library's services.

This is an opportunity to:

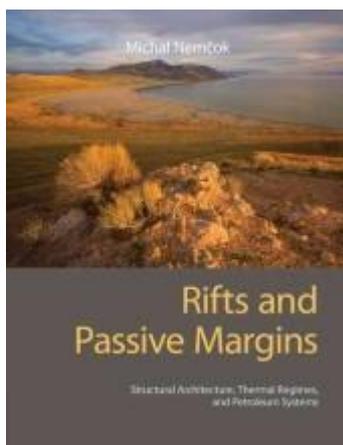
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For more information and to view a programme for the day please [visit the website](#). You can register online, or simply [send us an email](#).

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Send us your e-book wish list

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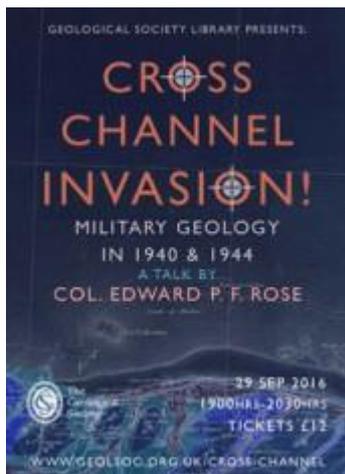
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Library Event - Military Geology of World War II

Tickets are on sale for the Library's next event, 'Cross Channel Invasion! Military Geology in 1940 and 1944', a talk by Colonel Edward P F Rose which will take place in the Upper Library on Thursday 29 September.

This talk will describe how geologists on opposing sides contributed to military planning and operations during Operation Sea Lion and the Normandy Landings, notably by preparation of specialist geotechnical maps interpreting beach terrain, groundwater resources, construction materials, and sites for rapid construction of temporary airfields.

Pre-booking for this special evening is essential. [Book online](#) or call +44(0)20 7432 0999.

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Read about our previous event [Geology at the Western Front](#)

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From the Map Room - 1:250,000 maps of India

The Map Room holds geological maps from all around the world which Fellows and Corporate Affiliate members can use and borrow.

Included in our collection is the 1:250,000 geological map series for India, of which we have approximately half of all of the sheets covering the majority of inland areas of the country. All sheets are flat and can be used either in the Library or borrowed via our postal loans service. You can download an Index sheet showing our holdings [here](#).

This is just one of many series of maps held - if you are interested in these maps or geological maps of any area of the world, please [contact the Map Librarian](#).

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Borrow from other libraries

The Library offers an inter-library Loan service to Fellows and members of Corporate Affiliate companies, so if there's a book or journal article not held in our collection please ask us to source it from elsewhere.

We have developed close working relationships with libraries around the world which allows us to provide material not held at the Geological Society. As always, you will be dealing directly with a member of staff who

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G.B. Greenough - exciting map discovery in the Library!

The pencil draft of the title sheet for the third edition of the Society's 'Geological Map of England and Wales' (1865) was recently discovered in one of the Library's stores.

The revised title included the phrase "on the basis of the original map of Wm Smith 1815", finally acknowledging the influence of William Smith's ground-breaking publication on the map. However it is unlikely that George Bellas Greenough, the original author of the earlier editions who died in 1855, would have agreed with this statement. Coincidentally Smith's nephew John Phillips (who served as President of the Society, 1858-1860) was a member of the committee which oversaw the map's revision and reissue!

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