



Welcome to Issue 25 of the Geological Society Library's bi-monthly newsletter.

In this issue we have news about the Library's collections and services, the latest fossils in our bookshop and an exhibition about the building stones of the Houses of Parliament.

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

Best wishes,

The Library Team

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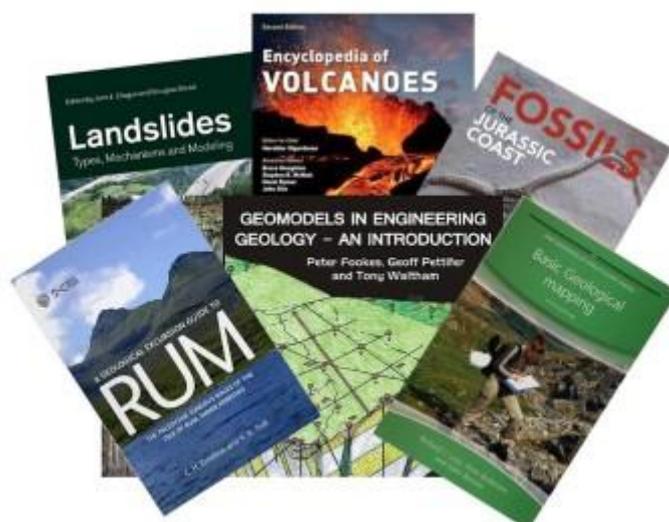
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**New exhibition - Building Stones of the Houses of Parliament**



As part of the Society's 2018 Year of Resources celebrations, a new exhibition exploring the building stones of the Houses of Parliament can now be viewed at Burlington House.

*A Stone Most Fit and Proper* looks at the history of the selection of the stone for the new Palace of Westminster in 1838, by figures including the geologists William Smith and Henry de la Beche, alongside stone samples and reports from the current conservation of the Houses of Parliament, generously donated by David Jefferson FGS (Jefferson Consulting Ltd.)

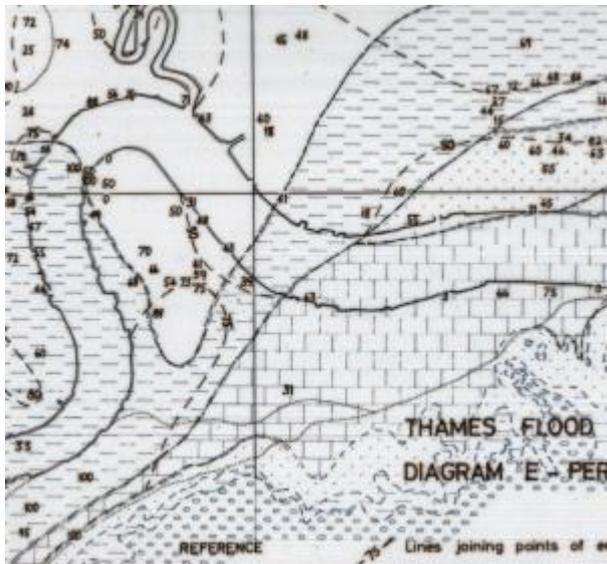
The exhibition can be viewed in the Lower Library and Lyell Room at the Geological Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W1J 0BG until April.

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### From the Map Room - Thames flood prevention investigation

The Map Room contains a wide variety of materials beyond standard geological mapping, such as the [Thames flood prevention investigation](#), a set of maps and overlays showing the distribution of flood plain deposits of the Thames between Chiswick and Beckton.

Produced by NERC in 1970, this was part of the preliminary work done on Thames flood prevention and the construction of the Thames Flood Barrier. This material can be hard to obtain now, and its use of overlays and a base map to show information make it hard to reproduce online outside of a GIS system, meaning this information is still invaluable for those working on projects adjacent to the Thames.

If you are interested in using or borrowing these or other maps from the collection, please [contact the Map Librarian](#).

The Map Librarian has also written some recent articles on the Society's blog about the more [unusual historical maps](#) in the collection.

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## Geosphere and Lithosphere now Open Access

Two journals published by the Geological Society of America have recently been made Open Access. All issues of [Geosphere](#), which covers all fields of geosciences, and [Lithosphere](#), focusing on tectonic processes, are now freely available to read online.

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## New range of fossils for sale!

We've expanded our fantastic range of fossils in the Burlington House Bookshop. In addition to Moroccan trilobites and Brazilian fossil fish you can now buy Whitby ammonites, orthoceras sculptures and amethyst.

Visit us upstairs in the Library at Burlington House or view our [new Fossils webpage](#) to see what we have on offer. With prices starting at £3 they will make perfect gifts or additions to your own collection.

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