



Welcome to Issue 32 of the Geological Society Library's bi-monthly newsletter.

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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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250 Years of William Smith



A new exhibition marking the 250th anniversary of the birth of William Smith, 'The Father of English Geology', is now on display at Burlington House. The exhibition includes 42 of William Smith's own fossils, on loan from the Natural History Museum, which he used to identify the strata of England and Wales.

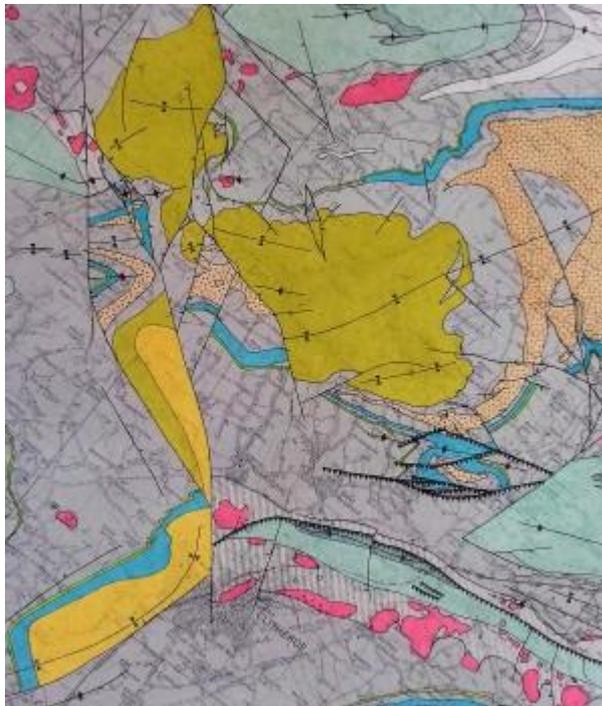
The exhibition coincides with the publication of *William Smith's Fossils Reunited*, which was launched at the Society last Friday 22nd March at a gala evening attended by Sir David Attenborough.

William Smith's Fossils Reunited features photographs of Smith's surviving stratigraphical type fossils alongside reprints of his two publications about them - *Strata Identified by Organized Fossils* (1815-1819) and *Stratigraphical System of Organized Fossils* (1817). The book is available [online](#) and from the [Library bookshop](#).

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

Images: William Smith fossils; Sir David Attenborough; authors Diana Clements, Jill Darrell & Peter Wigley; birthday cake for William Smith (photographs by Will Amlot)

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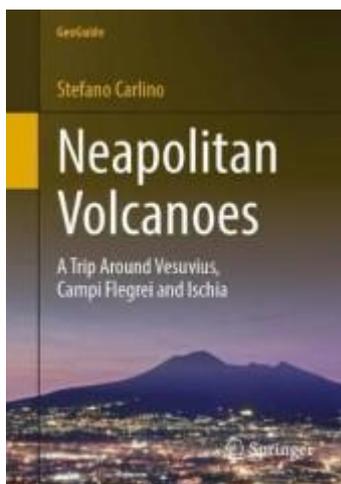
From the Map Room - East Irish Sea and Solway Basin

We are grateful to Les Oldham of Oldham Associates for donating maps and a report of his work surveying the East Irish Sea and Solway Basin.

The maps show comprehensive coverage of the area at various scales as well as onshore geology for NW England and are accompanied by a number of geophysical overlays. The maps and report can be consulted in the Library - [contact us for more information](#).

We are always happy to consider donations of published material or your own work for our map collection. If you would like to make your work available to Library users, please [contact the Map Librarian](#)

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New *GeoGuides* available to borrow

We have recently added four titles from the the Springer *GeoGuide* series to the Library's collection. The *GeoGuide* series publishes travel guide type short monographs focussed on areas and regions of geo-morphological and geological importance including Geoparks, National Parks, World Heritage areas and Geosites.

These titles can be borrowed by Fellows and Corporate Affiliate members of the Society (in person or by post).

- [The glorious geology of Iceland's Golden Circle](#)
- [Iceland from the west to the south](#)

FIND OUT MORE

- [Neapolitan volcanoes: a trip around Vesuvius, Campi Flegrei and Ischia](#)
- [Understanding Ethiopia: geology and scenery](#)

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Open Access e-journals and e-books

GeoArabia and the *Netherlands Journal of Geoscience* have recently become Open Access.

All issues of [GeoArabia](#), covering petroleum geoscience studies in the Middle East, can be accessed for free on the GeoScienceWorld platform, while the [Netherlands Journal of Geosciences](#) is available from Vol. 79 (2000) onwards.

We have also added two new titles to our carefully selected list of Open Access e-books - [Handbook of mathematical geosciences](#) and [Volcanic unrest: from science to society](#)

READ THIS E-JOURNAL

Fellows are reminded that a further [100+ e-journals and 50+ e-books](#) are available for free using Athens logins. If you have not yet signed-up for an Athens account please download and email us the [registration form](#).

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UCL Greenough Society visit



Last month we had the pleasure of welcoming a group from the Greenough Society, the student geological society from University College London.

The twenty-five students were given a tour of the Upper Library and Map Room before being shown a range of material relating to 19th Century geologist George Bellas Greenough. These treasures from our archive included Greenough's 1820 geological map of England and Wales, his geological hammer and even his leather specimen bag.

If you would like to arrange a similar tour for your university geological society or year-group we would be very happy to provide one. [Send us an email](#) to enquire.

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