

Welcome to Issue 33 of the Geological Society Library's bi-monthly newsletter.

In this issue we have news about free e-books for Fellows, recent additions to the archive collection and our exhibition celebrating female geologists.

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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

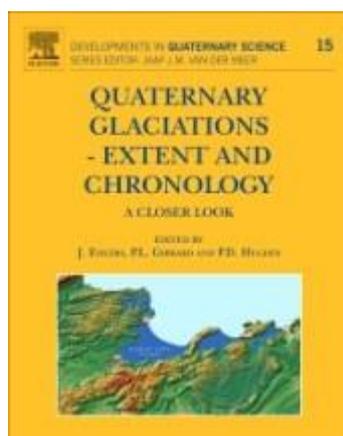
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4 new e-books - free for Fellows

We are pleased to announce that we have added 4 new titles to our e-book collection, which can be accessed for free using Athens logins.

- [Fluvial-tidal sedimentology](#)
- [Permo-Triassic salt provinces of Europe, North Africa and the Atlantic Margins](#)
- [Quaternary glaciations - extent and chronology](#)
- [Transform plate boundaries and fracture zones](#)

These are the latest of [56 e-books](#) available to Fellows as part of membership. If you have not signed up for an Athens account, please download and send us the [registration form](#).

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The First Women - a new exhibition



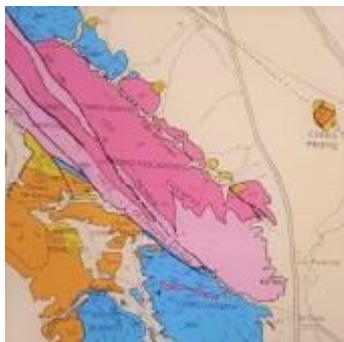
This year marks the 100th anniversary of the election of the first female Fellows of the Geological Society, on 21st May 1919.

To celebrate this landmark, a new exhibition - *The First Women* - is now on display at Burlington House. The exhibition highlights just a few of the firsts achieved by women in both the science and the Geological Society - the first paper published by a woman, the first female Fellow, the first detailed geological map of Singapore, and the Society's first female President.

The exhibition can be viewed in the Lower Library and Lyell Room at the Geological Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W1J 0BG until the autumn. [Find out more](#)

Image: Photograph of a Geologists' Association field trip to Leith Hill, 3 June 1912. GA Carreck Archive

[100 Years of Female Fellows](#)
[View online exhibition - 19th C Women Geologists](#)



VIEW THE MAP RECORD

From the Map Room - Baja California

Recently displayed during the Petroleum Group's *Geology of Mexico and Northern Caribbean* conference, the [Reconnaissance geologic map of the state of Baja California](#) covers a non-conventional potential hydrocarbon area. This image includes the Laguna Salada fault, one of the largest if quietest faults in the California region.

Published in 1973 by the Geological Survey of America, the map is at 1:250,000 scale and has an explanatory text, [GSA Memoir 140](#), which is also available from the Library.

We hold geological maps covering the whole of Mexico in the Map Room which can be consulted or borrowed (in person or by post) by Fellows and Corporate Patrons. For more information please [contact the Map Librarian](#).

[Visit the Map Room](#)

New archive collection - papers of William Archibald Macfadyen



**William Macfadyen
collection**

The Library has recently acquired the working documents of Britain's first professional geoconservationist, [William Archibald Macfadyen](#) (1893-1985).

The collection includes the notebooks, data cards, reports and correspondence relating to his work as chief geologist for the Nature Conservancy (1948-1971), surveying potential geoconservation sites around the country that could be designated as Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) or National Nature Reserves (NNR). If you are interested in consulting the material please [contact the archivist](#).

The Archive collections date from the Society's foundation in 1807 through to the present day, with particularly strong holdings for the 19th and early 20th centuries, as well as later material including the [Dan McKenzie Plate Tectonics archive](#).

[Search the archive catalogue](#)

[Contact the archivist](#)

Carboniferous Drawing Class - great fun had by all!



In April and May we were delighted to hold two [fossil drawing classes](#) in the Library, led by artist and geologist Emma Jude.

As part of the Society's 2019 Year of Carbon, participants were invited to travel back in time to the Carboniferous Period and learn about life on Earth over 300 million years ago, before drawing carboniferous fossils using charcoal. 50 people took part, producing some wonderful creations and learning lots of new techniques from Emma, who was on hand to offer one-to-one guidance as well as teaching the group as a whole.

Find out more and see a gallery of photos from the events [on our website](#).

Save the date!

The Library's next event will be part of the [Burlington House Courtyard Lates](#) evening on Friday 19 July - [contact us](#) to be notified when full details are available.



The Lyell Collection - have your say

We are gathering feedback on how users interact with the publication sites in the [Lyell Collection](#) and would like to hear from you.

We're considering making changes to all types of pages on the sites, for example:

TAKE THE SURVEY

- All publication homepages
- Journal and Book tables of contents
- Journal and Book article pages
- The login page
- Journal and Book archive pages

We'd like to know what you think could be improved: which useful features the sites are missing and which current features provide no benefit to you.

If you have any ideas or thoughts please take our [very brief survey](#). Three lucky participants will be chosen at random to win a print copy of a Special Publication or Memoir of their choice.

Society closure - Thursday 18 July

Please note that the Society (London and Bath) will be closed on Thursday 18 July for staff training. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

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