



OPEN UNIVERSITY GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## SYMPOSIUM 2008

### The History of Geology

Royal Holloway, Egham, Surrey

8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> August 2008

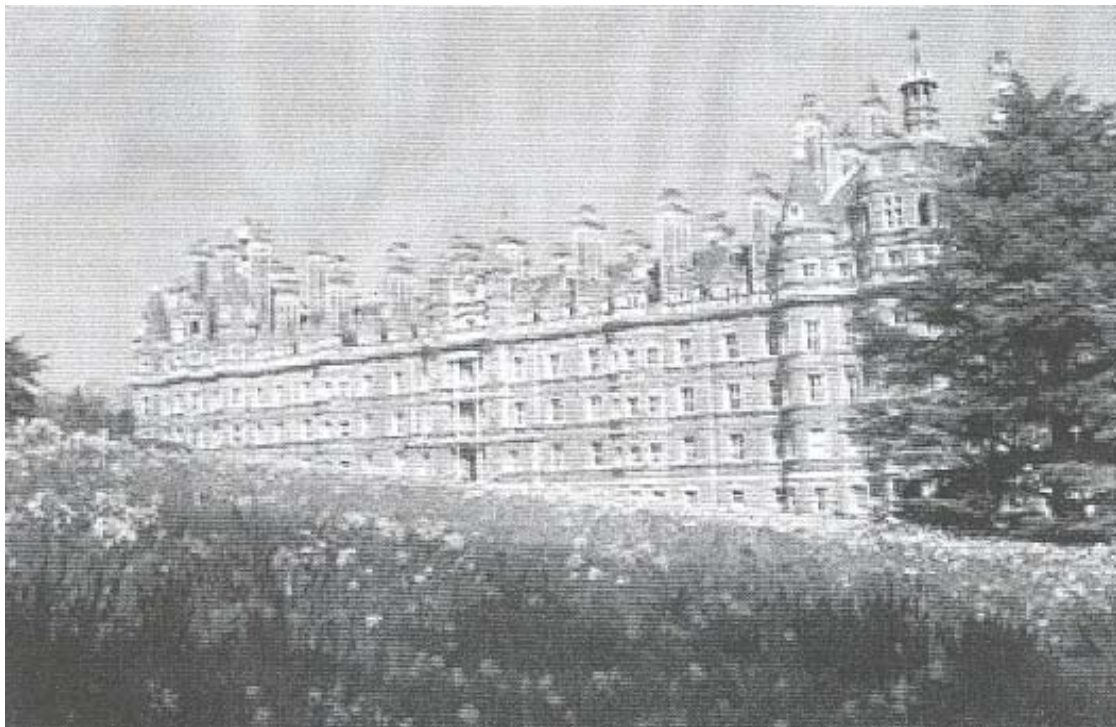
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## **OUGS Symposium 8-11 August 2008**

### **History of Geology**

The topic has been chosen to link in with the 150th anniversary of the Geologists' Association (to which the OUGS is affiliated), and the 200th anniversary of the Geological Society and their joint "Local Heroes" initiative.

### **Lectures include:**

Cynthia Burek - 'The role women played in developing the science of geology' (with special reference to Gertie Ellis and Catherine Raisin)  
Rob Butler - 'Understanding continental tectonics through mapping - from Peach and Horne to today'  
Chris Duffin - 'God's great plough' - Louis Agassiz and the Ice Age'  
Cherry Lewis - 'James Parkinson - medicine, the founding of the Geological Society and a little light treason'  
John Mather - 'Geologists versus engineers' - 19th century conflicts over the supply of water to London'. (Thomas Telford, Robert Stephenson and Samuel Collett Homersham versus James Charles Clutterbuck, John Dickinson and John Evans)  
Anne O'Connor - 'Nineteenth-century battles over bones and ice: Geikie versus Dawkins'  
Jane Randle - 'Ian Gass - our Founding Father'  
Ted Rose - 'World wars: a catalyst for British geological innovation'  
Tom Sharpe - 'Henry de la Beche' (full title in the making)  
Bob Spicer - 'Of Christmas cards and Family planning: the early years of British palaeobotany' (some tales of Marie Stopes and others)  
Barry Thomas - aspects of British geoconservation in the 19th century and beyond (full title in the making)  
Graham Worton - Local people in geological conservation in the Dudley area

### **Workshops**

The Geology Department of the University are keen to be involved and will be opening up the Department and labs for members to visit and look around. Many of the PhD students will also be attending and will be available to discuss their latest research projects, possibly also giving talks and holding workshops.

### **Social activities**

A dinner and ceilidh have been arranged for the Saturday evening and there will be a quiz on Sunday evening.

### **Monday events**

There will not be any field trips over the weekend as we wish to concentrate on the workshops and university facilities but there will be trips arranged for the Monday morning and details of local places of interest for members to attend on their way home. Trips will include the Albury Trail, Virginia Water, Brookwood Cemetery and the Museum of Oxford.

If you have not been to an OUGS symposium before, please do consider attending – the lectures are always interesting and the atmosphere very relaxed and informal. For more information and a copy of the Booking Form please go to:

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