

Chairman's Report for the Annual General Meeting 2012

Again the Society continues to flourish, with a very interesting and stimulating programme of events. Thanks to our membership Secretary, our membership remains high at 97 at the end of 2011. We may be levelling out but I am hopeful we can increase during the year. For your information 'membership' attendance stands at around a third, at between 30 to 40. That number does not include 'walk-ins' for whom we are very grateful.

Last year's programme was very successful with many interesting talks and field trips; and that was echoed in the attendance numbers. The field trips were again varied and adventurous. I do hope that the replacement of the Club Evening by a lecture has not disappointed any of you.

Again many thanks to our journal Editor for producing a very professional and interesting journal. I know that a lot of time and energy is required for that to be successful.

We continue to work with WEGA and Bristol Nats in sharing field trips and I must thank Elizabeth Devon for her continuing ownership of the West Country Geology Blog and the considerable interest that it generates and the good it does for the geology in this area.

I must thank all the committee members for all their continuing hard work and of course, a special thanks again to Elizabeth Devon for the substantial time and effort she has (and continues) to give to this society, especially as the past Chairman. Thank you Elizabeth. And our unsung hero – our refreshments lady – what could we do without our coffee, tea and biscuits. A very special thanks to the BRSLI and Bob Draper and his team as well.

May I reiterate our past Chairman – this is your society and please feel free with your suggestions and thoughts.

Richard Pollock

Geologists' Association Burlington House 9th November 2012

Local Societies Meeting

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The Bath Geological Society has, as most of you will be aware, 'Affiliated Group' status with the Geologists' Association (GA). The other status is 'Local Group' status. Once a year all the societies/groups are invited to meet together at Burlington House under the auspices of the Geologists' Association to exchange ideas, review programmes etc. This is followed on the Saturday by the Festival of Geology; this year held in London, which some of our members attended. Indeed Elizabeth Devon and Isobel Geddes of the Wiltshire Geology Group (WGG) shared a table to exhibit the Box Rock Circus and the WGG's 'Explore' series of Landscape and Geology Trails around Wiltshire and surrounding areas.

The difference between 'Affiliated Group' status and 'Local Group' status is based on the number of members of each society who also belong to the Geologists' Association; and twelve (12) is the magic number! So I am asking that any of our members who are also members of the GA, please let me know. There will be some advantages in moving to become a 'Local Group'.

I also wanted to let you know of some upcoming dates of interesting geological events that are taking place in the next year with some of the GA Groups: more information about these events can and will be found on the GA website – www.geologistsassociation.org.uk

**Manchester Geological Society, 12th
January 2013**

**Oxford Geology Group, Oxford Colloquium,
16 March 2013**

**Lyme Regis Fossil Festival, First May Bank
Holiday 2013**

**Geologists' Association, 2013 Annual
Meeting, Durham – Onshore and Offshore
Geology, the vital link, 21st/22nd September
2013**

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