

FROM THE SOCIETY ARCHIVE

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The Bath Geological Society Archive is not extensive but contains a collection of photographs of field trips, Society celebrations and general scenes of Society activity extending back to the early 1980's. Just as important is the collection of Society Programmes dating from the first in 1972 up to the 2012 edition and copies of the Society Journal dating from the first in 1982. In a future edition of the Journal, we will have extracts from some of the early editions. We also have copies of the 'Bath in Stone' book and all the editions of the Browns Folly Handbook compiled from field work by Society member, Ron Smith, who sadly, is no longer with us. The Archive also includes copies of the occasional information leaflets that have been issued by the Society.

In this look at the Archive, we see the first two programmes issued by the Society for 1972 and 1974, and then those for the 25th year of the Society 1995, and the Millenium year, 2000.

From the photograph archive we have made a selection showing field trip groups over the

years, particularly the popular visits to Hallsannery Field Centre near Bideford. Also pictured is a selection of the 25th anniversary celebrations, namely the field trip following the William Smith Trail on 20th May 1995, led by Bob Whitaker and Reg Bradshaw which was open to the general public. On the 15th June 1995, Bob Whitaker led the Building Stones of Bath walk and this was followed by the afternoon Garden Party held at Heleigh House, Box. Our visits to the GA Reunion is marked by Elizabeth in attendance on our stand in 1997, while, on the 5th April 2004, she is seen stirring up the mud at Wootton Bassett mud springs, with Isabel Geddes hanging on the rope in case Elizabeth became too enthusiastic and fell in.

Sadly, the supply of photographs has declined almost to nil in the last few years as a result of the storage of digital images on computers which means that the Society (and indeed most other similar organisations) will have no pictorial record onwards from the early years of the new millennium. If there are any members who have photographs of Society functions from about 2000 onwards or are able to print representative pictures, we will be very pleased to receive them. Please make sure the prints are dated and the locality/event recorded on the back and let me have them for entering in the archive.



Hallsannery Field weekend at Hartland Quay 18-20 May 1990



*Hallsannery Field weekend at Meadfoot Beach, Torquay
18-20 May 1990*



*Hallsannery Field weekend at Saunton Sands 18th-
20th May 1990*



Society Display in Bath Library 1993



*25th Anniversary William Smith walk 20th May
1995*



Brown's Folly public walk 27th July 1996