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AGA Events Success

Proof that a Geology Degree *is* useful 20 years on.

Quiz Evening 2000_____

The second AGA Quiz Evening was held in the Crombie Hall Dining room on 23rd February 2000. Another excellent turnout, with 30 teams - around 135 people, battling for the honour to be geo-brains (Northern Lights?) of Aberdeen for the year.

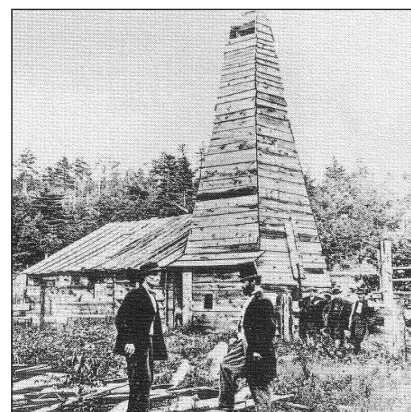
Overall YK2 compliant winners were "The Nosebags" from Baker Atlas Geoscience. Last years winners, the Geology Department lecturers' team ("The Ignorant Academics") won the geology rounds (two lots of questions plus rock samples). Andrew Hurst would like to settle any rumours suggesting that he set the geological questions this year - though you can still blame him for last year's! The wooden spoons once again went to a student team, confirming either that experience does actually pay or you just remember more trivia as you get older! The event raised about £570 in total.

Many thanks to all who donated corporate or personal gifts for the raffle and team prizes. Special thanks to our question master "I'm always right, even when I'm wrong" Martin Watt and his team of markers. Photos from the quiz evening plus a listing of prize sponsors can be seen on our web page on the University web site at:

www.abdn.ac.uk/geology/aga

Judging by the favourable feedback the quiz is now established as a regular annual occurrence - several teams have already "put their names down" for next year. To mark the event HRH have kindly offer to donate a trophy which will be awarded to the overall winners each year and will be engraved with winners' team

names for future generations of alumni to marvel at. If anyone out there would like to donate a trophy to be awarded for the geology round winners, please let us know.



Titusville - The worlds first oil well? - just one of the answers



Completely Shist - just one of the 30 teams at the quiz.

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Future Events _____

Evening Geology Cruise
From Stonehaven

18.30 hours on Wednesday
14th June 2000

Commentary on the shoreline
geology and opportunity to
view birdlife on the cliffs.

2 Boats reserved Max No 16

Cost £10 (this includes a
complimentary pint on return
to the shore)

Priority to AGA members due
to limited numbers, to reserve
a place contact Gordon Holm:

01224 233313 or
gordon.holm@elf.co.uk

Granite City Geology Ball _____

The tenth annual Granite City
Geology Ball was held at
Ardoe House Hotel on the
Saturday 18th March 2000.
450 people indulged in a four
course meal and were
entertained by the celidh
band "reel din" and the soul
band "Mafia". Charity roulette
was available in the reception
with the stunning prize of
Satalite TV for a year. The
Ardoe house was almost fully
booked and it was noted that
the numbers in the residents
bar after the ball were
equalled by those at breakfast
giving an indication of the
staminal of those
participating. The event which
has established its self as one
of the premier geo social
events was by all accounts a
great success.

All the donations of raffle
prizes were greatly
accepted. Prizes included an
antique map of Scotland
donated by Shell. However

this years prizes provided a
shock upset with the Hess
truck being replaced as cool
prize of the year by a remote
control Air Ship donated by
RDS.

The organisers Bryan Cronin,
Nicky Tessen (AGA),
Cameron Hercus (AGA) and
Mark Douglas (AGA) would
like to thank everyone for
their continued support of this
event.

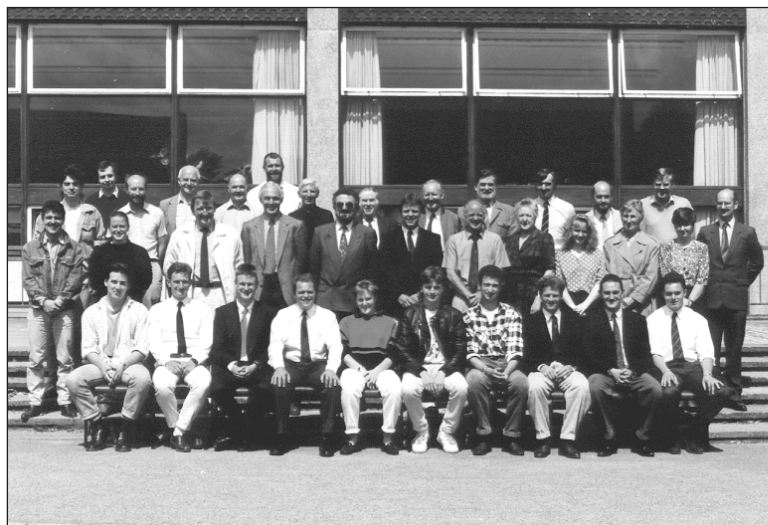
The 11th annual Granite City
Geology Ball is to be held on
Saturday 17th of March 2001
at the Hilton Hotel Springfield
Road Aberdeen.

If you have any feed back
regarding the ball or wish to
be included in the mailing list
for the next event can you
send it to:

m.g.douglas@abdn.ac.uk
or to Mark Douglas at the
departmental address.
Sponsorship of this event
would be gratefully accepted.

The Hons Class 1991 – 1992 _____

This official departmental
photo shows the staff and
honours year of 1991-1992
not to long ago 8 years.



If you were in this year and
have not yet joined the AGA
could you please contact
Rachael Charnock, her
address is on the front cover.
We intend to make contact
with as many previous years
as possible and we can
organise reunion events if
requested.

Web Sites of interest to geologists _____

In this electronic age where
everything is ".com" the AGA
is attempting to keep up with
the mood of the day, many
events and activities are
being advertised on the world
wide web and many post
event pictures can be seen on
the departmental web page:

www.abdn.ac.uk/geology/aga
the departmental pages
provide the history of the
department and also links to
most of the major oil
companies and related sites.

Although most people
associated with the AGA
would probably rather spend
there time in the great out
doors looking at rocks when
the weather closes in here
are some sites that may be of
interest to you:

<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/~gmi315/>



This web site brought to you by a phd student in the department, Christian Schrieber provides links to a wide variety of sites, we give this site: ☆☆☆☆☆

Also of interest are the NASA web sites providing a glimpse of intersellar geology and great pictures just go to:

<http://www.nasa.gov/>

The BBC also have an excellent screen saver at:

www.bbc.co.uk/nature/earth

Departmental Research Seminars —

Departmental Seminars are detailed below, these are open and may be attended by members of the AGA and if you wish to contribute to the next term of seminars and feel you can present something of geological interest to the department and friends Please contact:

John Parnell – at the dep. on tel: +44 (0) 1224 273433 or e-mail: j.parnell@abdn.ac.uk

Departmental Seminar series, Summer 2000 —

Due to the lateness of Easter and the imminence of exams, we have a restricted range of seminars in this half session. We are now using the new seminar slot:

1200 - 1300 on Tuesdays
All meetings in M122



The Class of 71 – If you have not yet joined the AGA please contact us.

Now you would not be entirely mistaken if you thought this was Aberdeen City council workers digging the drains for the new western peripheral, however the disturbing amount of standing about is due to recovery from the 60s - this is the class of 1971 carrying out a hammer-seismic field exercises in Belhelvie seismic survey. Data was recorded using a light galvanometer.

Jim Anderson is the person doing the hard work. The quality and disturbing quantity of facial hair should be noted.



The class shows a general lack of interest in the carboniferous forest is due to the list of opening times:



May 2000



Dear friends

As a graduate or friend of The Department of Geology & Petroleum Geology at the University of Aberdeen, Contact with the department, your class and industry can be maintained through Aberdeen Geological Alumni.

Members of the Alumni run a number of events including

Quiz Night, Stonehaven Boat Trip, Alumni Ceilidh, Wine tasting, Beer tasting, Geological Pub-Crawl, Old Aberdeen Geology Tour. The Alumni apart from these exceptional events also contribute to the cost of undergraduate fieldwork in the department and help run the infamous Granite City Geology Ball now in its 11th Year.

Alumni and friends will also be notified about departmental events and receive two newsletters a year informing them of the status of the organisation. A large number of oil companies contribute to the alumni and members can be found in all aspects of industry not just geology related.

At the time when Scotland only has two remaining departments of geology, Aberdeen's department has received renewed importance and the alumni aim to

"Providing a focus of peer-group support in order to preserve and promote the tradition of geoscience excellence at Aberdeen University."



So join now

Graduates & Friends **£10**

Students **£2**

Thanks

