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Hello & Welcome

The AGA committee welcomes fellow alumni, students and friends of the Aberdeen University Department of Geology & Petroleum Geology to Offshore Europe 2001.

Come & See Us!

Some of the AGA Committee will be on the University Stand (#508) - halfway down the first hall behind the registration desk - on Thursday afternoon, 6th September, so feel free to drop in for a chat (no doubt you'll be passing us anyway!).

If you're an infrequent visitor to Aberdeen then why not take this opportunity to renew your links with the University and refresh some memories of the good old days! Take a beak from the Exhibition and drop into the Geology Department.



Wine tasting 2000

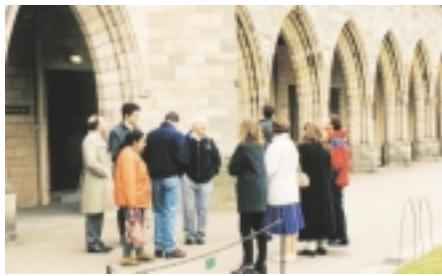
A Bit of Background

AGA was formed in 1998 and quickly became one of the more active Departmental Alumni Associations in the University. The Association aims to provide a catalyst to improve contact between students, the Department and graduates, facilitating opportunity for alumni and their industry colleagues to

maintain links with the Department.

Our mission statement:

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



AGA Geology tour of Old Aberdeen

We have developed a successful program of regular social events to which non-members are also usually invited. These have been our main means of bringing together students, staff, graduates and industry. The profits from these events and the annual subscriptions have so far enabled AGA to assist with the purchase of compass-clinometers, hand-lenses and grain-size comparators for undergraduate students. A field-work prize has also been provided.

The Social Scene

Each year to date we have kicked-off the academic year with a wine-tasting. Last October a packed, and increasingly boisterous audience heard about "Beaujolais from the roots up". This year's event will be on 3rd October - flavour and colour yet to be decided! November seems to be established as our Ceilidh month. Last year we had a great hooley in the Elphistone Hall. We will return there 10th November this year for another session of burlin', neeps & tatties to the strains of the "Iron Broo" ceilidh band.



February sees our intellectual interlude. The Quiz Evening creates a coming together of great minds - as the organisers try to devise questions that will outwit the teams! If only we could harness that energy! The Quiz now has an annual challenge trophy which is sponsored by HRH Limited, and the event attracts an entry of over 30 teams.

AGA Committee 2000 - 2001

Honorary President	J.T.C. Hay
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The HRH Quiz Trophy



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Thanks also to the many other contributors to our event raffles

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For the last two years we have rounded off the events calendar with a guided summer "cruise" along the coast from Stonehaven to view the Old Red Sandstone cliffs and the Highland Boundary Fault. This event is also a great hit with the ornithologists amongst us.



Stonehaven Boat Trip 2001

GCB

AGA assists the student organisers of the Granite City Ball, a very successful dinner and dance which raises funds for the RNLI. This year the cumulative GCB contribution to RNLI passed the £10,000 mark. The GCB 2002 will be held on 16th March next year at the Treetops Hotel.



RNLI - not at Stonehaven!
(Beneficiaries of GCB)



AGA Quiz 2001

Sponsors

Recent sponsors to AGA have been HRH (website & main Quiz evening sponsor) Reservoir Management Limited (Quiz prize sponsor), and Geomem (software & cash). Many other companies support our raffles and provide Quiz Evening prizes, for which we are eternally grateful.

We're always on the lookout for sponsors!!

If you or your company is able to assist via donation or sponsorship, please contact the Chairman, Roger Hinton or a committee member.

Remember that all our profits find their way back to helping Geology students, mainly to cope with the extra expenses incurred by fieldwork costs etc.

Alumni News

We're always interested in tracking down alumni who might have lost touch with the Department.

If you know the whereabouts of an Aberdeen Geology Graduate who is not a member of AGA please pass their name to Rachel Charnock or ask them to make to get in touch.

Membership

Come and join us - we really are having fun! All former graduates of the Geology Department of Aberdeen University are entitled to become AGA members for a subscription of only £10 per annum. Graduates are encouraged to contact us and join the Association in order to keep in touch with the Department. Our colleagues in Aberdeen (and beyond) are invited to join as "Friends of the Department". A newsletter is issued periodically (by e-mail and post). Information and joining instructions are also available from our website at:

www.abdn.ac.uk/geology/aga

For more information contact the Chairman, Roger Hinton (01224 323314) roger.hinton@aberdn.demon.co.uk or the Aberdeen University Alumnus Officer Rachel Charnock (01224 272092) r.charnock@abdn.ac.uk

AGA Events to watch out for

- 3rd October
- 10th November
- February 2002
- 16th March 2002
- Wine tasting - our annual "icebreaker".
- Ceilidh at Elphinstone Hall with "Iron Broo".
- The HRH Quiz Challenge Evening.
- Granite City Ball at the Treetops Hotel.

Updates and more information on the AGA Website:

www.abdn.ac.uk/geology/aga

AGA Membership Application

Surname: _____ First Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Type of Membership: Alumni Friend Student (circle one) Membership: _____

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 Alumni/Friend £10

Graduation Year: _____

Post Code: _____

Telephone: _____

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Please return the completed form and cheque/DD mandate to:

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