

Bulletin Autumn 2009

**Royal
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About the Society

The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) is a leading world centre for geographers and geographical learning dedicated to the development and promotion of knowledge together with its application to the challenges facing society and the environment. Founded in 1830, it has been one of the most active learned societies ever since. Today, the Society supports and promotes geographical research, education, fieldwork and expeditions, and geography in society; it also advises on policy issues. The Society has substantial Collections, accessible to all.

The Society is a charity with a broad-based membership that supports its mission and aims. The Society welcomes all those with an enthusiasm for geography to join. Please contact the Membership Office **T** +44 (0)20 7591 3080.

To find out more visit us **W** www.rgs.org

A message from the President

If I've learnt anything from my television journeys it's the importance of listening and learning and communicating. With this in mind I'm very much looking forward to introducing some of our Monday lectures when they start up again in late September, and in addition I will be presenting an occasional interview series of my own called *Michael meets...* (page 9) in which I talk to the sort of people I meet on my travels. Not well-known, but with great stories to tell. I shall also be very much involved in the next phase of fundraising for improvements to Lowther Lodge. The President's Appeal (page 2) is seeking to raise some £860,000 for a brand-new Members' Room and for renovation of the neglected, but remarkable North Face of our headquarters, which will give us a shining aspect onto Hyde Park! I'm well aware that these are straitened times for us all, but with the continued pre-eminence of the Society at stake, I hope members

and Fellows will give as generously as they have in the past. Nor shall we be sitting still. A review of how we can best support the creation of new knowledge about our changing world is about to begin and Council will have a progress report at the December meeting and make recommendations in April.

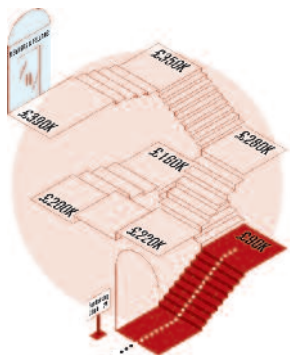
A dual priority of my Presidency is to make sure the Society continues to be as attractive as possible to new members and as friendly and communicative as possible to all our existing members, wherever they are in the country or indeed the world. In these turbulent times, the geographer's role has never been more important. I'm immensely proud to be your President, and immensely proud of the staff who do all the hard work. But it's a two-way business and I hope you, the members and Fellows, will keep us up to the mark!

Michael Palin



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Society news



President's Appeal

The President's first major project is leading the appeal to raise an estimated £860,000 to create a Members' Room in the old library and to make essential repairs to the North Face of Lowther Lodge, facing Hyde Park.

We know many Fellows and members would like a dedicated space to read, work, meet and relax, but as public funds are unavailable for members' spaces not in regular public use, and we have few sources of revenue to support building repairs, we will need your help to make this a reality.

W www.rgs.org/donate

Council elections

The new Council members elected at the June AGM are:

Barnaby Lenon, Headmaster at Harrow School, **Vice-President Education**; Professor David Petley, a field scientist at Durham University, **Honorary Secretary Expeditions and Fieldwork**; and **Ordinary Members of Council**, Mike Ashby, Head of Geography at Latymer Upper School **Education**, Dr Nick Middleton, geographer, writer, presenter and traveller **Expeditions and Fieldwork**, and Professor Susan Owens, Cambridge University **Research**.

Special General Meeting

Held on Monday 18 May, the votes cast were a clear majority against the motion. Of the 40% of Fellows who voted, 62% were against and 38% voted in favour.

One point that came through strongly during the process was the need to find ways of better communicating what the Society does. Improvements have already been made to the grants section of our website **W** www.rgs.org/grants, showcasing the kinds of projects that win our competitive, highly-prized funding.

Two of our autumn lectures will be given by leaders of projects.

Geographical magazine will also feature, from the autumn, case studies of the Society in action. We are also exploring other communications ideas, so please send any thoughts you have about cost-effective options to **E** director@rgs.org

Forthcoming review

The review to consider how best, in the coming ten years, the Society can support the generation of new geographical knowledge through research and scientific expeditions, began this summer as originally planned. The President will be taking a keen interest in this open and inclusive review.

The intention is to evaluate the success of our recent approaches and the options going forward, noting the SGM vote and the wider context as well as the wishes

of researchers themselves and the views of Fellows and members. Consultation will take place primarily during October and November. For further details, visit **W** www.rgs.org/review If you want to receive the consultation materials by post, contact **E** review@rgs.org **T** +44 (0)207 591 3073

Award for Antarctica website

The GeoScience Information Society has awarded joint first prize to the Society's *Discovering Antarctica* website, recognising its contribution to educating young people about this environmentally fragile area. **W** www.discoveringantarctica.org.uk

Congratulations

To Fellows David Lyon, former Honorary Treasurer, for his recognition with an MBE and Professor Mike Batty, on his election as a Fellow of the Royal Society.

Members' and public events

The Society really does have something for everyone in the autumn programme. Bigger than ever before and embracing our very broad church of interests, it features almost 100 events taking place at Lowther Lodge, Clothworkers' Hall (the City lectures) and our regional branches. There are so many that we have re-organised the events section of the Bulletin to make it easier to use.

For children there is the very popular Christmas lecture – this year on animal diaries. For Collections fans, we start our new *Be inspired...* series of monthly Monday afternoon events (page 16) Planning an expedition? Then the *Explore* weekend in November is not to be missed. If you like to be involved in public discussions and learning more about the geographical issues affecting our lives, then the two *21st Century Challenges* events – the first on 'importing

goods, exporting drought' – are well worth attending. For keen travellers – there are two *Hidden...* days (page 5) and our *Discovering the Canadian Arctic* evening. The professional development days for teachers and A2 level students – three this term – are always popular. Find out more about the fascinating Wilbur Smith at this term's *Discovering People* event. If you live outside London and are dying to hear Ben Fogle recount his adventures, head off to one of our regional theatres. Ben will also lecture at the Society on Monday 30 November. If your interests are in active scholarship, then why not consider the Society's research group seminars and conferences (pages 8 and 13)?

All this is in addition to our regional, City and Monday lectures where you can be entertained by Andy Cave and Sara Wheeler (pictured); learn more about the research and discovery the Society



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supports with Nick Drake and Charlie Bristow; see Nick Danziger's award-winning images (pictured); or let Mike Hulme explain 'why we disagree about climate change' in the City lectures. There is just as much interest and diversity in the regional programme, with speakers ranging from Alastair Humphreys and Lise Hanssen to Dr Richard Cresswell and Professor Chris Turney.

Hidden... travel events

For those planning travel or simply wishing to learn more about potential destinations, this autumn sees two, day-long events for for the fascinating Australian Outback and Antarctica. With inspiring sessions by experts on the geography, wildlife and culture of each country, *Hidden...* travel days take the user 'beyond the guidebook' (pages 7 and 8).

Lectures at a glance

Monday evening London lectures 6.30-7.45pm at RGS (with IBG), 1 Kensington Gore, SW7 2AR

Month	Open to	Title	Speaker(s)
September			
28	M	Rock art of the Sahara	David Coulson
October			
5	M	Far horizons	Frank Gardner
12	M+G	Future Hope	Tim Grandage
19	M	Thin White Line	Andy Cave
26	M	The Magnetic North: notes from the Arctic Circle	Sara Wheeler
November			
2	M	Around the world in 80 photographs	Nick Danziger
9	M+G	Hidden Histories of exploration	Felix Driver
16	M+G	Why we disagree about climate change	Mike Hulme
23	M+G	Shorelines in the Sahara: North Africa when the desert was green	Nick Drake and Charlie Bristow
30	M	An audience with Ben Fogle	Ben Fogle
December			
7	M+G	An ecologist's journey: Borneo to Beijing	Sir Gordon Conway
14	M+G	Journey to the sinking lands	Dan Box

London City lectures 7.00pm at The Clothworkers' Hall, Dunster Court, Mincing Lane, EC3R 7AH

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October			
6	M+G	Journey to the sinking lands	Dan Box
November			
24	M+G	Thin White Line	Andy Cave
December			
8	M+G	Why we disagree about climate change	Mike Hulme

Events section

London & the South East

Society London events

RGS-IBG members are reminded to bring their membership cards to gain entrance to RGS-IBG events. To book events please use the booking form on page 30, book online **W** www.rgs.org/whatson or **T** 020 7591 3100. Please note that all tickets are non-refundable.

Supper

Supper is available after Monday night lectures, priced at £25 per head (two courses, two glasses of wine and coffee). Bookings must be made by midday the preceding Friday (please state dietary requirements). We regret that supper bookings cannot be taken on the day or evening of a lecture. Cancellations must be received by noon on the preceding Friday, otherwise a full charge will apply. Please refer to the booking form on page 30 or **T** 020 7591 3100.

Accessibility

Wheelchair spaces are available in the Ondaatje Theatre. A toilet is also provided for wheelchair users. A personal assistant or carer can usually be accommodated. Please contact the Events Office in advance on **E** events@rgs.org. Registered assistance dogs welcome. The Ondaatje Theatre has an induction loop for those with hearing impairments.

Key to events

- B** Prior booking required
- M** Members only
- M+G** Members plus one guest
- FR** Fundraising event

B Saturday 12 September 10.30am-6.00pm

Travel event

Responsible Travel - Antarctica

To mark the Antarctic Treaty's 50th year, this day of talks, workshops and discussions, led by experts, presents the latest advice for travellers to Antarctica. In association with IAATO and the British Antarctic Survey. Tickets include evening lecture, RGS-IBG members £5, non-members £10. **W** www.rgs.org/responsibletravel

M Monday 28 September at 6.30pm

Lecture – RGS-IBG members only

Rock art of the Sahara

David Coulson

The extraordinary rock art of the Sahara is a testimony to indigenous peoples and the dramatic climate changes that transformed this once fertile region into the world's largest desert.

M Monday 5 October at 6.30pm

Lecture – RGS-IBG members only

Far horizons

Frank Gardner

Frank recalls a lifetime of extraordinary travels and the often strange, sometimes dangerous, adventures he has had in many of the world's most out of the way places. [This is a repeat of Frank's summer lectures.](#)

M+G Tuesday 6 October at 7.00pm

City Lecture – RGS-IBG members + one guest

Journey to the sinking lands

Dan Box (Journey of a Lifetime Award recipient)

Dan travelled with people from the Carteret Islands of Papua New Guinea, in the first evacuation of a population as a result of climate change. Venue: The Clothworkers' Hall, London EC3R 7AH. This lecture is repeated on 14 December at the Society.

B Friday 9 October at 5.15pm

Lecture

Global Health

Prof Sir Michael Marmot. Chair Prof Graham Moon. Organised by the Geography of Health Research Group. Venue: Education Centre, RGS-IBG. Open to RGS-IBG members. Places limited. Please book in advance through Nicola Shelton [E n.shelton@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:n.shelton@ucl.ac.uk)

M+G Monday 12 October at 6.30pm

Lecture – RGS-IBG members + one guest

Future Hope

Tim Grandage

An inspiring talk by Tim, Founder of Future Hope, on the lost and abandoned children who live on the streets and railway stations of Kolkata, India.

B Wednesday 14 October at 7.00pm

21st century challenges

Importing goods, exporting drought

We require far more water to support our lifestyles than most of us imagine. The goods we consume have hidden costs. Join our expert panel and put your questions to them. Tickets: RGS-IBG members £7, non-members £10. [W www.21stcenturychallenges.org](http://www.21stcenturychallenges.org)

B Thursday 15 October at 6.30pm

Annual EGR Taylor lecture

Captain Joseph Huddart (1741-1816)

Susanna Fisher introduced by Prof Will Ryan FBA. Susanna will talk about the life and work of Captain Huddart, a mariner and distinguished man of science. Joint event with Hakluyt Society, RIN and SNR. Supper tickets: £25 (there is no cost to attend the lecture)

B Saturday 17 October from 10.30am-6.00pm

Travel event

Hidden...Outback

A day of talks, workshops and seminars led by key experts, presenting high quality, informative and inspiring sessions for the discerning independent traveller to Australia's Outback, the Northern Territory. Supported by the Northern Territory, Australia. Tickets include an evening lecture. Tickets: RGS-IBG members £5, non-members £10

M Monday 19 October at 6.30pm

Lecture – RGS-IBG members only

Thin White Line

Andy Cave

Set in Patagonia, Norway and Alaska, leading mountaineer Andy vividly recreates the joy and despair of modern alpine climbing and the wild landscapes through which he travels. This lecture is repeated on 24 November in the City.

M Monday 26 October at 6.30pm

Lecture – RGS-IBG members only

The Magnetic North: notes from the Arctic Circle

Sara Wheeler

Smashing through the Arctic Ocean with the crew of a Russian icebreaker and shadowing the Trans-Alaskan pipeline with truckers, Sara uncovers the beautiful, brutal reality of the Arctic.

M Monday 2 November at 6.30pm

Lecture – RGS-IBG members only

Around the world in 80 photographs

Nick Danziger

Award-winning photographer Nick, talks about people whose lives have been affected by climate change, poverty, civil strife, and war in the 21st Century.

M+G Monday 9 November at 6.30pm

Lecture – RGS-IBG members + one guest

Hidden Histories of exploration

Felix Driver

This illustrated lecture takes a new look at the history of exploration as represented in the Society's remarkable Collections. It coincides with a major new exhibition in the Pavilion and Foyle Reading Room.

B Wednesday 11 November at 6.30pm

Lecture (Hammersmith)

Slums, dogs, but few millionaires: what else can we learn from slums?

Dr Gareth Jones

Since June 2006 more of the world lives in urban rather than rural areas, most of these in slums. What is the future of slums? Venue: Edward Latymer Theatre, Latymer Upper School, 237 King Street, London W6 9LR. Tickets: free but admission by ticket only. Details and tickets: Mike Ashby E mca@latymer-upper.org T 0845 638 5800

B Wednesday 11 November from 7.00-9.00pm

Discovering places travel evening

Discovering the Canadian Arctic

An informative evening for travellers wishing to experience the Canadian Arctic Circle for the first time, ask questions of our expert panel and discover more at the exhibitor stands. Tickets: RGS-IBG members £10, non-members £15. Price includes wine and an information pack.

M+G Monday 16 November at 6.30pm

Lecture – RGS-IBG members + one guest

Why we disagree about climate change

Mike Hulme

A survey of the diverse ways in which climate change is understood. Instead of trying to 'solve' climate change, Mike argues that the idea of climate change should be used to re-focus attention on more tractable goals. This lecture is repeated on 8 December in the City.

B Wednesday 18 November at 7.00pm**Michael meets... Musa Ibrahim**

Michael Palin talks to Musa about his extraordinary journey from Somalia to Britain. An eloquent insight into what it means to be a refugee and a way of looking at our world through someone else's eyes. Tickets: free, booking essential, 2 per RGS-IBG member.

B Friday 20 November at 7.00pm

Young Members' event

Ceilidh

A fun-filled opportunity to mix and mingle at the popular Scottish celebration dinner with Ceilidh dancing. No dancing skill necessary – come and have fun! All welcome. Tickets: RGS-IBG members £35, non-members £40. Limited places, book early (max 4 tickets per member). Dress code: black tie

M+G Monday 23 November at 6.30pm

Lecture – RGS-IBG members + one guest

Shorelines in the Sahara: North Africa when the desert was green

Charlie Bristow and Nick Drake

Charlie and Nick, recipients of Society related research grants, talk about their scientific expeditions investigating climate change in North Africa including Chad, 'the dustiest place on earth'.

M+G Tuesday 24 November at 7.00pm

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M Monday 30 November at 6.30pm

Lecture – RGS-IBG members only

An audience with Ben Fogle

From Taransay in the Outer Hebrides to racing to the South Pole with James Cracknell, join much loved presenter Ben as he recounts his adventures around the globe.

B Tuesday 1 December at 7.00pm

21st century challenges

Digital divide?

Does the internet's rapid evolution threaten to leave some sections of society behind? How can we create digital equality? **Tickets:** RGS-IBG members £7, non-members £10. **W** www.21stcenturychallenges.org

B Thursday 3 December at 7.00pm

Discovering people

Wilbur Smith

Join Mary Rhodes talking to the No.1 bestselling author Wilbur Smith about his love of Africa, and the inspirations and experiences that have shaped the life of this great storyteller. **Tickets:** RGS-IBG members £7, non-members £10

M+G Monday 7 December at 6.30pm

Lecture – RGS-IBG members + one guest

An ecologist's journey: Borneo to Beijing

Sir Gordon Conway

Sir Gordon's personal and scientific journey, which begins in the rainforest of North Borneo and ends in the Chinese corridor of power. Along the way are the Chiang Mai and Hunza valleys, the slums of Mumbai and Dar, and the Loess Plateau. **To celebrate Sir Gordon's term as President, the lecture (free to attend) will be followed by a black tie dinner in the Main Hall. Book in advance, tickets £40, to include three courses, wine and coffee.**

M+G Tuesday 8 December at 7.00pm

City Lecture – RGS-IBG members + one guest

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B Saturday 12 December at 2.30pm

Children's lecture

Animal diaries

Rory Wilson

Animals can now write their own diaries! Rory explains how his automatic diaries can help us to understand animals' secret lives and advance conservation. **Tickets:** free to RGS-IBG members (max 5 tickets per member). Apply early to avoid disappointment.

M+G Monday 14 December at 6.30pm

Lecture – RGS-IBG members + one guest

Journey to the sinking lands

Dan Box (Journey of a Lifetime Award recipient)

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B Wednesday 16 December at 7.00pm

Young Members' event

Christmas quiz

Come on your own or bring a team (max 5 people) to test your general and geographical knowledge at a festive quiz organised by the Young Members' Committee. All welcome. **Tickets:** RGS-IBG members £8, non-members £10 (includes cold buffet). Limited places, book early (max 5 tickets per member).

B Thursday 17 December at 6.00pm

Social

Christmas carols

Join us for our annual carols and readings with a geographical theme. Followed by mince pies and mulled wine. **Tickets:** £7.50 (free for children)

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Courses and conferences

B Wednesday 26 - Friday 28 August

Conference (Manchester)

**RGS-IBG Annual International Conference
Geography Knowledge and Society**

Chair: Prof Stuart Lane

Venue: University of Manchester.

Details: **E** AC2009@rgs.org **T** 020 7591 3027

W www.rgs.org/AC2009

B Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 September

Conference (Loughborough)

Geographies of Education Conference

Sponsored by SCGRG, GCYFRG and HPGRG research groups of the Society. **Venue:** Loughborough University. Details: **E** P.J.Hubbard@lboro.ac.uk

W www.lboro.ac.uk/departments/gg/goe.html

B Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 September

Fieldwork and Expeditions event (Hereford)

Land Rover Driver Training

In partnership with our corporate benefactors Land Rover, Geography Outdoors, offers practical driver training courses covering key driving and safety techniques for work in remote areas. **Venue:** Eastnor Castle, Nr Ledbury. **Cost:** £150 (incl VAT). Details:

W www.rgs.org/GOseminars **E** go@rgs.org

T 020 7591 3030

B Tuesday 22 September from 6.30-9.30pm

Environment and society forum

Tourism and climate change

The third in our series of joint events with the Tourism Society; join us for domestic and international case studies and to discover the projects that help mitigate tourism's impact on climate change. **Booking: download booking form at [W www.rgs.org/tourism](http://www.rgs.org/tourism) or call the Events Office on [T 020 7591 3100](tel:02075913100)**

B Monday 5 October

Conference

Creativity, project planning and teaching geography at KS2

Led by one of our Chartered Geographers, this conference will give ideas and support for teaching geography at KS2. **Cost: free, funded by the Action Plan for Geography. To book: Claire Wheeler [E c.wheeler@rgs.org](mailto:c.wheeler@rgs.org) [T 020 7591 3053](tel:02075913053)**

B Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 October

Fieldwork and Expeditions event

Off-site safety management course

A two-day course for anyone responsible for safety management on educational visits either in UK or overseas; recommended for teachers and youth workers, university lecturers, and professional visit leaders. **Cost: £211.50 (incl VAT) includes lunch. Accommodation is not provided. Details: [W www.rgs.org/GOseminars](http://www.rgs.org/GOseminars) [E go@rgs.org](mailto:go@rgs.org) [T 020 7591 3030](tel:02075913030)**

B Thursday 15 October from 5.30-7.30pm

The first of a three session certificated training course

Building confidence with GIS

Dr Joana Barros and Sam Waples

Hands on sessions for teachers and educators using freely available web-based materials and proprietary software to achieve a range of GIS competencies including mapping data, interrogation and analysis. Limited places. **Cost (for all three sessions): £176.25 (incl VAT). Details: [W www.rgs.org/cpd](http://www.rgs.org/cpd)**

[E education@rgs.org](mailto:education@rgs.org) [T 020 7591 3013](tel:02075913013). The second session will take place on **Thursday 5 November.**

The third and final session will take place on

Thursday 19 November.**B Friday 16 October**

Fieldwork and Expeditions event

BS 8848 compliance workshop

For those who want to assess the safety management systems of their overseas ventures using the new British Standard, including field research, adventure travel and educational visits. **Cost: £176.25 (incl VAT) includes lunch and refreshments.**

Details: [W www.rgs.org/GOseminars](http://www.rgs.org/GOseminars)

[E go@rgs.org](mailto:go@rgs.org) [T 020 7591 3030](tel:02075913030)

B Tuesday 20 October

Fieldwork and Expeditions event

Google Earth training

Coordinated by Jamie Buchanan-Dunlop

This practical workshop shows participants the basics of Google Earth, and demonstrates how GPS and digital cameras can be used to capture geo-referenced data and to create a virtual tour of their journeys. **Cost: £141 (incl VAT). Membership discounts.**

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[E go@rgs.org](mailto:go@rgs.org) [T 020 7591 3030](tel:02075913030)

B Thursday 22 October at 10.00am

Education event

A2 Study Day

A study day exclusively for A2 students to learn from geographical experts and to update their knowledge and skills in key areas of study. (Please note this day is not suitable for AS students) **Tickets: RGS-IBG members £10, non-members £15 (including sandwich lunch). Details: [W www.rgs.org/study](http://www.rgs.org/study) [E education@rgs.org](mailto:education@rgs.org) [T 020 7591 3013](tel:02075913013)**

B Tuesday 3 November

Seminar (Shepton Mallet)

Planning a rural future – land use priorities

For further details, please see the West of England & South Wales regional events listing on page 22.

B Wednesday 4 November

Conference (London)

Practising historical geography

The 15th annual postgraduate and undergraduate one-day conference organised by the Historical Geography Research Group. **Venue: Royal Holloway, University of London. Details: Heidi V. Scott [E hvs@aber.ac.uk](mailto:hvs@aber.ac.uk) [T 01970 622647](tel:01970622647)**

B Thursday 5 and Friday 6 November

Conference (Swansea)

Global cities now

The RGS-IBG Urban Geography Research Group's Annual Conference aims to provide a forum for researchers working on, and contributing to debates about, the broad theme of globalization and the city. **Venue: Centre for Urban Theory, Swansea University. Details: [W www.urban-geography.org.uk](http://www.urban-geography.org.uk)**

B Tuesday 10 November

Fieldwork and Expeditions event

Training for new Educational Visit Coordinators in independent and foundation schools

This course covers the EVC's role and responsibilities; risk assessment and safety management; leader competence and supervision; and the implications for your school. **Cost: £176.25 (incl VAT) includes notes, lunch and refreshments. Membership discounts. Details: [W www.rgs.org/GOseminars](http://www.rgs.org/GOseminars) [E go@rgs.org](mailto:go@rgs.org) [T 020 7591 3030](tel:02075913030)**

B Wednesday 11 November

Fieldwork and Expeditions event

Update for existing EVCs in independent and foundation schools

Safety management practices and procedures evolve over time. The purpose of this course is to give trained EVCs the opportunity to look at currently available material in more depth in the company of EVCs from other Independent Schools and share good practice. **Cost: £176.25 (incl VAT) includes notes, lunch and refreshments. Membership discounts. [E go@rgs.org](mailto:go@rgs.org) [W www.rgs.org/GOseminars](http://www.rgs.org/GOseminars) [T 020 7591 3030](tel:02075913030)**

B Friday 13, Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 November

Fieldwork and Expeditions event

Explore 2009 – expedition and fieldwork planning seminar

The starting point for many innovative field research projects and expeditions. Over 100 field scientists and explorers give lectures, run workshops and exhibits, to provide inspiration, contacts and practical advice on projects in a variety of environments and research disciplines. **Cost: Student price £65, full price £100. Group rates available. [W www.rgs.org/GOseminars](http://www.rgs.org/GOseminars) [E go@rgs.org](mailto:go@rgs.org) [T 020 7591 3030](tel:02075913030)**

B Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 November

Fieldwork and Expeditions event (Hereford)

Land Rover Driver Training

Details: see earlier event on page 11.

B Wednesday 25 November

Workshops (Chesterfield)

Teaching the new GCSE specifications

Eight all day CPD workshops specific to each awarding body's specifications will be held in a neutral setting.

Each workshop will cover controlled assessment, resources, fieldwork and more. **Venue:** St Mary's RC High School, Chesterfield. **Cost:** free, funded by the Action Plan for Geography. **To book:** Claire Wheeler

E c.wheeler@rgs.org **T** 020 7591 3053

B Thursday 26 November

Lecture and workshops

CPD Day: covering assessment, new GCSEs and Polar resources

Our annual CPD day will this year include a keynote speech from David Gardner QCA, workshops based around the new GCSEs run by each awarding body and a chance to hear about the RGS-IBG's new online Polar resources. **Cost:** free, funded by the Action Plan for Geography. **To book:** Claire Wheeler

E c.wheeler@rgs.org **T** 020 7591 3053

B Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 December

Fieldwork and Expeditions event

Off-site safety management course

Details: see earlier event on page 12.

B Thursday 3 December from 10.30am-2.30pm

Going Places with Geography for Year 9 pupils

An opportunity for Year 9 pupils to sample some GCSE geography before making their option choices. Workshops will be lively and hands-on, led by our geography ambassadors. Besides curriculum content they will give an insight into the opportunities offered by geography at university and in the world of work.

Places limited to 25 per school. Free but must book in advance **E** ambassadors@rgs.org

For details of other forthcoming geographical events including RGS-IBG Research Group activities that are not held at the Society please visit our website.

W http://www.rgs.org/geo_listings

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Exhibitions

Unless otherwise stated, the exhibitions listed below can be found in the Pavilion of the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR. Please use the Exhibition Road entrance. **All exhibitions in the Pavilion are free and open to members of the public.**

Wednesday 26 August from 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Mapping Manchester, Cartographic Stories of the City

Venue: Rylands Gallery, Manchester. Free to RGS-IBG members. **Details:** **E** rhed@rgs.org

2 September - 8 October

Monday to Friday from 10.00am-5.00pm

Between Heaven and Earth:

a journey through Christian Ethiopia

Award-winning photographer Nick Danziger documents Ethiopia's little-known Christian church during the country's Millenium celebrations (page 36).

15 October - 10 December

Monday to Friday from 10.00am-5.00pm

Hidden Histories of Exploration

Discover more about the remarkable contribution of local inhabitants and indigenous peoples to histories of exploration through a Society and Royal Holloway University of London project, funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (page 35).

W www.rgs.org/hiddenhistories

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Foyle Reading Room

Courses and Society showcases

Popular daytime courses and showcases open to all and providing an ideal way to learn more about the Society's unique Collections. All start at 2.30pm. Meet at the Exhibition Road reception.

Advance booking essential, refreshments provided.

Tickets: free to RGS-IBG members and educational users, non-members £5, payable in advance.

To book: **E** showcase@rgs.org **T** 020 7591 3044

B David Livingstone's African achievements

Duration: 2 hours

Missionary, explorer and anti-slavery campaigner, David Livingstone's association with Africa lasted thirty years. This showcase looks at the African achievements of this double gold medal winner.

Tuesdays 22 September, 29 September

Thursdays 24 September, 1 October

B How to use the Foyle Reading Room course

Duration: 2 hours

An excellent introduction to the Foyle Reading Room, showing users how to get the best out of the Society's Collections.

Tuesdays 6 October, 27 October

Thursdays 8 October, 29 October

B The Great Game

Duration: 2 hours

Exploration and espionage in High Asia with the surveyors, soldiers and spies who lived and died at the point where three empires met. We will look broadly at the exploration of and secret mapping of Central Asia and at the military adventures which took place in this remote region.

Tuesdays 13 October, 20 October

Thursdays 15 October, 22 October

B Hidden Histories

Duration: 2 hours

A further opportunity to see materials linked to the 'Hidden Histories' exhibition.

Tuesdays 3 November, 10 November

Thursdays 5 November, 12 November

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Be inspired

A new series of afternoon talks based on the Society's Collections 2-4pm

Monthly afternoon talks, given by speakers who have used the Collections to inspire their writing, travel or personal researches, intended to kindle interest from members and non-members alike in using our rich resources for their own projects. Tickets: free to RGS-IBG members and educational users. Non-members: £5 payable in advance. Venue: Education Centre, RGS-IBG. Pre-booking required: T 020 7591 3044 E showcase@rgs.org

B Monday 21 September Arabian Sands

Alexander Maitland, FRGS

B Monday 26 October Images of Travel and Exploration

Professor Felix Driver, FRGS Royal Holloway, University of London

B Monday 23 November Travel Planning using the Collections

David Lyon, FRGS

B Monday 7 December A Photographer's Life The work of Captain John Noel

Sandra Noel, FRGS

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Society regional events

RGS-IBG members are reminded to please bring their membership cards to each event. A bar serving drinks and/or tea and coffee is available at some regional lectures. As a variety of venues are used, please contact the venue directly to ascertain the level of facilities available, and disabled access. Details can also be found at **W** www.rgs.org/regions

For events in Singapore please contact the Events Office in London **T** 020 7591 3100 or **E** events@rgs.org
For events in Hong Kong please contact Rupert McCowan **T**+852 2583 9700 **W** www.rgshk.org.hk
For events in Scotland please contact RSGS **T** 01738 455050

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Cheshire and North Wales

Unless stated otherwise, events in this region are organised by the Society's Cheshire and North Wales Regional Committee. Local contact: Chris Rodway, 12 Kipling Way, Crewe CW1 5JQ. For tickets and details of events below please telephone (evenings only) **T** 01270 582803.

Wednesday 26 August at 6.45pm

Lecture (Manchester)

Darwin and Landforms

Mike Summerfield (University of Edinburgh)
Open lecture at RGS-IBG Annual Conference.
Venue: University Place, University of Manchester.
Free to RGS-IBG Members. Details **E** rhed@rgs.org

Wednesday 7 October at 7.45pm

Lecture (Chester)

Round the World-by bike!

Alastair Humphreys

A second chance to hear Alastair talk about a four year journey that Sir Ranulph Fiennes described as an "outstanding feat." Joint event with Chester Literature Festival. Venue: Chester University, Parkgate Road, Chester. Tickets must be applied for by 30 September.

Friday 16 October at 7.30pm

Lecture (Wilmslow)

Jordan, Haven of Peace

Tony Escritt

A fascinating look at Jordan's peaceful desert landscapes. Although not far apart, they are different in appearance owing to different local conditions. Joint lecture with Wilmslow Guild. Venue: 1 Bourne Street, Wilmslow

Thursday 19 November at 7.30pm

Lecture (Chester)

Discovering, exploring and conserving in Tibet

Roger Smith

Roger talks about an incredible journey with hundreds of yaks along "Friendship Highway" with opportunities to witness changes in nature and to clear up rubbish. Joint event with Chester Lecture Society. Venue: The Grosvenor Museum, Grosvenor Street, Chester

Friday 27 November at 7.30pm

Lecture (Chester)

Wildlife conservation in a former war zone

Lise Hanssen

Lise works in the zone bordered by Namibia, Angola and Botswana. Hear how recent hostilities affect the work of conservation. Joint meeting with Fauna and Flora International. Venue: Chester Zoo Lecture Theatre, Upton, Cheshire. Buffet costs £3.50

Monday 7 December at 7.30pm

Lecture (Chester)

Libya awakens

Chris Bradley

Libya is a unique country with its Phoenician, Greek and Roman remains existing alongside the indigenous cultures of the Gramantians and Berbers, it is especially interesting now as it emerges from isolation. Joint lecture with the Geography Department of Chester University, the Chester GA and the Society of Thirteen. Venue: Chester University (Best Building), Parkgate Road, Chester

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East Anglia

Unless stated otherwise, events in this region are organised by the Society's East Anglia Regional Committee. Local RGS-IBG contact: Mike Hand, 4 Cotman Road, Norwich, Norfolk NR1 4AF. E hands.on@talktalk.net T 01603 616427

Monday 14 September at 7.30pm

Lecture (Norwich)

How the Norfolk coastline has changed over the last 1000 years

Jonathan Hooton considers the dynamic natural and man-made changes to the north and east coasts of the county over the past millennium. Joint meeting with the GA. Venue: Easton College

Wednesday 7 October at 3.00pm and 8.00pm

Regional theatres programme (King's Lynn)

An audience with Ben Fogle

From Taransay in the Outer Hebrides to racing to the South Pole with James Cracknell, join much loved presenter Ben as he recounts his adventures around the globe. **Venue:** King's Lynn Arts Centre, 27-29 King Street, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE30 1HA. **Tickets:** RGS-IBG members and one guest £10 (quote membership number). **Box Office:** T 01553 764864

Thursday 8 October at 2.30pm and 8.00pm

Regional theatres programme (Stamford)

An audience with Ben Fogle

From Taransay in the Outer Hebrides to racing to the South Pole with James Cracknell, join much loved presenter Ben as he recounts his adventures around the globe. **Venue:** Stamford Arts Centre, 27 St Mary's Street, Stamford, Lincs, PE9 2DL **Tickets:** RGS-IBG members and one guest £15 (quote membership number). **Box Office:** T 01780 763203

Thursday 12 November at 7.30pm

Lecture (Norwich)

Trek Global

Nick and Lesley Poole

They got caught up in political turmoil, suffered sickness and endured mechanical gremlins in the jungle; 89,000 miles later Nick and Lesley have returned to Norfolk to share their experiences. **Venue:** Kent Room, Assembly House, Theatre Street, Norwich

Thursday 3 December at 7.30pm

Social (Norwich)

Ten Slides in Ten Minutes

An opportunity to talk for 10-15 minutes on a journey, holiday, expedition or adventure – with the aid of a seasonal glass of wine and a mince pie. **Venue:** Kent Room, Assembly House, Theatre Street, Norwich. Please register interest in presenting and attending by 30 November **E** hands.on@talktalk.net

Midlands

Regional Chair: Martin Haslett 16 Beverley Road, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV32 6PJ
T 01926 429254

North West

Unless stated otherwise, events in this region are organised by the Society's North West Regional Committee. Regional Chair: Robin Ashcroft. For all events please contact the organisers listed below.

Wednesday 14 October at 7.30pm

Lecture (Lancaster)

Gulf War illness and uranium weapons: health and environmental consequences

Prof Randy Parrish Leicester University and Director of NIGL
Randy (Science Coordinator for Depleted Uranium Research, NERC) outlines the background to this politically-charged topic, and shows how laboratory-based measurements of uranium can help resolve fact from fiction and guide policy. Joint talk with Lancaster Environment Centre, Lancaster University. **Venue:** Biology Lecture Theatre, Lancaster Environment Centre, LA1 4YQ. **Tickets:** free from Tracy Quilliam **E** t.quilliam@lancaster.ac.uk **T** 01524 593891 Places available on the day but are subject to availability.

Friday 16 October at 7.30pm Drinks at 7.00pm

Lecture (Windermere, Cumbria)

Climate change

Prof John Pyle FRS
Professor of Atmospheric Chemistry, University of Cambridge, John Pyle provides a different slant for geographers on evidence of climate change. A shared event with regional alumni of University of Cambridge. **Venue:** Crompton Hall, Windermere St Anne's School, Patterdale Road (A592), Windermere, Cumbria, LA23 1NW. **Tickets:** free to RGS-IBG members. To book: **E** reception@wsaschool.com **T** 015394 46164

Sunday 18 October at 3.00pm and 8.00pm

Regional theatres programme (Keswick)

An audience with Ben Fogle

From Taransay in the Outer Hebrides to racing to the South Pole with James Cracknell, join much loved presenter Ben as he recounts his adventures around the globe. **Venue:** Theatre by the Lake, Lakeside, Keswick, CA12 5DJ. **Tickets:** RGS-IBG members and one guest £12.50 (quote membership number). **Box Office:** T 017687 74411

Wednesday 21 October at 8.00pm

Lecture (Kendal)

A mountain to climb

Richard Leaf CEO, Lake District National Park Authority
A new vision for the future of the Lake District National Park and the ways in which the park is changing, especially in response to the challenges of climate change. **Venue:** Brewery Arts Centre (The Warehouse) Highgate, Kendal, LA9 4HE. **Tickets:** free but need to be reserved **T** 01539 725133

Friday 13 November at 7.30pm

Lecture (Penrith)

40 years of Survival International

Robin Hanbury-Tenison
A founder and President of Survival International, Robin discusses this charity's work. Having been on over 30 expeditions, and lived with the Yanomami, he reflects on the future for vulnerable tribes. **Venue:** Rheged Centre, Penrith CA11 0DQ. **Tickets:** free to RGS-IBG members (quote membership number), others £8 **W** www.rheged.com **T** 01768 868000

South

Unless stated otherwise, events in this region are organised by the Society's Southern Region Committee. Local RGS-IBG contact: John Leonard, 15 Elan Court, Kings Worthy, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 7LN. **E** jp.leonard@btinternet.com **T** 01962 886380. For ticketed events, please enclose an s.a.e. and make cheques payable to RGS-IBG.

Monday 14 to Friday 18 September

Field visit to Cherbourg, Normandy

Explore this ancient city, visit Cité de la Mer for a guided glimpse of potential outcomes from scientific exploration of the world's oceans, and lots more!
Contact: Outline programme and booking form available from Tony Cooper, Birch Coppice, 7 Stour Way, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 2PF. Applications to be received by 31 August (max.30 places).

Wednesday 7 October at 6.00pm

Lecture (Portsmouth)

The Battle of the Solent 1545

Dr Dominic Fontana

Dominic describes the geographical model of the events surrounding the loss of the Mary Rose. Developed from a contemporary wall painting, this has provided new insights into her sinking. Joint event with the University of Portsmouth and The Mary Rose Trust. **Venue:** Portland Building, Portland Street, Portsmouth PO1 3AH. **Optional visit to the University Map Library beforehand.** **Tickets:** free but places limited.

To book: **E** events@port.ac.uk **T** 023 9284 3757

Saturday 17 October at 6.30pm

Lecture and supper (Canford)

Wallace, natural selection and Broadstone

Dr George Beccaloni

An evolutionary biologist and entomologist, George is also a great Alfred Russel Wallace enthusiast. He will describe the part Wallace played in the 'Darwin events' that we celebrate this year. **Venue:** Layard Theatre, Canford School, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 3AD. **Lecture tickets:** free to RGS-IBG members and the School, non-members £7.50. **Supper tickets:** £12.50. **Contact:** John Berridge, 29 Silverdale Road, Southampton SO15 2NG by 17 September.

Tuesday 27 October at 8.00pm

Regional theatres programme (Southampton)

An evening with Ben Fogle

From Taransay in the Outer Hebrides to racing to the South Pole with James Cracknell, join much loved presenter Ben as he recounts his adventures around the globe. **Venue:** Turner Sims Concert Hall, University of Southampton, Highfield, Southampton, SO171BJ. **Tickets:** RGS-IBG members and one guest £10 (quote membership number). **Box Office:** **T** 023 8059 5151

Tuesday 3 November at 7.00pm

Lecture (Winchester)

Measuring and mapping population: from the whole of the UK to local areas

Prof David Martin

David will review current trends in UK population change, and demonstrate how census and neighbourhood statistics can be obtained and used for local areas. Joint event with the Hampshire GA. **Venue:** Science Centre Lecture Theatre, Peter Symonds' College, Bereweke Road, Winchester SO22 6RX. **Tickets:** free to RGS-IBG and GA members (non-members £5). **Contact:** Dr Debbie Milton, 12 Heathlands Close, Chandler's Ford, Hampshire SO53 1GY

Thursday 3 December at 7.30pm

Social (Romsey)

RGS-IBG Members' evening

Share your experiences: 10-12 slides, maximum 10 minutes. Specialist subjects / travel accounts and traditional or digital slides equally welcome. Indicate proposed topic when applying for tickets. Non-speakers very welcome. **Venue:** King John's House, Church Street, Romsey SO51 8BT. **Tickets:** £6 (including refreshments). **Contact:** Send cheque (payable to RGS-IBG) with s.a.e. to Paul Newby, 9 Merrytree Close, West Wellow, Romsey SO51 6RB by 26 November.

South West

Unless stated otherwise, events in this region are organised by the Society's South West Regional Committee. Local RGS-IBG contact: Chris Brightman, 61 Exeter Road, Topsham, Exeter, Devon EX3 0LX. **T** 01392 877630. For ticketed events, please enclose a s.a.e. and make cheques payable to RGS-IBG SW Region.

Tuesday 29 September at 7.00pm

Lecture (Wellington)

Bones, rocks and stars: the science of when things happened

Prof Chris Turney

Chris will explain time, the age of the earth, ice ages and human evolution. Joint event with the GA. **Venue:** Wellington School, Alan Rogers Building, South Street, Wellington TA21 8NT

Tuesday 6 October at 7.00pm

Lecture (Tavistock)

Across the Canadian barren lands

John Harrison

John describes a 600 mile canoe journey from the Great Slave Lake to Hudson Bay in the brief tundra summer. **Venue:** Kelly College, PL19 0HZ, one mile north of Tavistock, west of A386. **Pub meal afterwards,** **Booking:** John Killingbeck **T** 01822 834171

Thursday 15 October 7.45pm

Regional theatres programme (Taunton)

An evening with Ben Fogle

From Taransay in the Outer Hebrides to racing to the South Pole with James Cracknell, join much loved presenter Ben as he recounts his adventures around the globe. **Venue:** The Brewhouse Theatre, Coal Orchard, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 1JL. **Tickets:** RGS-IBG members and one guest £11 in Bands B&C (quote membership number). **Box Office:** **T** 01823 283244 **W** www.thebrewhouse.net

Tuesday 17 November at 7.00pm

Lecture (Tiverton)

Arunachal Pradesh – a walk in the land of dawnlit mountains

Philip Evans

An illustrated account of a plant hunting journey amongst the mountains and rivers of the Upper Subansiri and West Siang regions of India's most north easterly State. **Venue:** The Ondaatje Hall, Blundell's School, Halberton Road, Tiverton EX16 4DN. **Meal after talk at Tiverton hotel.** **Booking:** Alison Nelson **T** 01884 855276

West of England & South Wales

Unless stated otherwise, events in this region are organised by the Society's West of England and South Wales Regional Committee. Regional Committee Chair: Dr Kathryn Monk. For tickets and event details please see details below.

Saturday 5 September at 10.00am

Field Day (South Gloucestershire)

Carboniferous to Triassic: the geology of South Gloucestershire

Leader: John Toller

A glimpse into the geological past of South Gloucestershire with visits to a local quarry and Aust Cliff on the River Severn. Meet Chipping Sodbury Church (ST727823) Ticket: (s.a.e. please) £5 (cheques payable to RGS-IBG) and details Alan Bamforth, 43 Cope Park, Almondsbury, Bristol BS32 4EZ T 01454 613017 Numbers limited to 15, bring packed lunch. The visit will involve driving between sites.

Please see our Courses and Conferences section on page 11 for further details on **Land Rover Driver Training** taking place on **Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 September** and **Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 November** at Eastnor Castle, near Ledbury.

Wednesday 14 October at 7.30pm

Lecture (Pontypridd)

The marine biogeography of Pembrokeshire marine survey results for 2009

Vicky Swales

The process of marine biological surveying and the results of the 2009 surveys of the Pembrokeshire coast marine environment and their importance will be described. Venue: Glyntaff Campus, University of Glamorgan. Pontypridd. South Wales. Contact: Simon Jones T 01443 654490

Friday 16 October at 7.45pm

Regional theatres programme (Brecon)

An evening with Ben Fogle

From Taransay in the Outer Hebrides to racing to the South Pole with James Cracknell, join much loved presenter Ben as he recounts his adventures around the globe. Venue: Theatr Brycheiniog, Canal Wharf, Brecon, LD3 7EW. Tickets: RGS-IBG members and one guest £9.50 (quote membership number). Box Office: T 01874 611622

Tuesday 3 November

Seminar (Shepton Mallet)

Planning a rural future – land use priorities

Chaired by the Earl of Selborne, speakers will include: Lord Cameron, Dr Richard Cresswell, Prof Sir Brian Hoskins and Prof Ian Mercer.

Run jointly with the Royal Bath & West of England Society the seminar will examine some of the problems and solutions relating to planning for future sustainable land use in rural areas using the West Country as a model. Venue: Royal Bath & West Show Ground. Cost (including coffee, lunch and tea): RGS-IBG members £20; non-members £25. Contact: John Hemsley T 01761 221675

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Yorkshire and North East

Unless stated otherwise, events in this region are organised by the Society's Yorkshire and North East Regional Committee. Local RGS-IBG contact: Sam Watson T 01653 648227 Ext. 35 E watsonsam@talk21.com Please check the website for details of other forthcoming events. W www.rgs.org/YorkshireNorthEast

Tuesday 22 September at 7.15pm

Lecture (Huddersfield)

Sun, sea, wind and wood: can they save the planet?

Dr. Patricia Thornley, Tyndell Centre, Manchester Mitigating the threat of climate change requires drastic reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions. The UK's electricity supply sector is responding, but what are our options? Joint event with the Huddersfield and Halifax GA. Venue: W5/10 Technology Building at Huddersfield University. Tickets: free to RGS-IBG members (£2 for non-members). No need to book in advance.

Thursday 8 October at 7.30pm

Lecture (York)

The Sahara – A Fragile Beauty

Sam Watson

Impressions of the world's largest desert given by an experienced desert guide. Far from an empty wasteland, the talk touches on many aspects of this fragile ecosystem. Joint event with the Forest of Galtres Society. Venue: Parish Rooms, Easingwold, York. Cost: £3. Contact: Sam Watson E watsonsam@talk21.com

Friday 9 and Saturday 10 October

Field visit

Hadrian's Wall – the Limit of Empire

Gary Reed

A weekend exploration of Hadrian's Wall, the northern limit of the Roman Empire, and of the lands around the wall. Venue: National Parks Visitor Centre, Once Brewed. Accommodation can be provided and evening entertainment is possible depending on numbers interested. Further details: Gary Reed E gary@hadrianswall.ltd.uk

Wednesday 14 October at 7.00pm

Lecture (Leeds)

The British Army Antarctic Expedition

Major Richard Pattison

An account of the recent expedition to the remote Danco Coast and Forbidden Plateau region of the Antarctic Peninsula and of exploration of the region by sailing and mountaineering. Venue: Leeds University School of Geography. Cost: £2. Contact: Sam Watson E watsonsam@talk21.com

Sunday 18 October at 11.00am

Field visit

Malham Tarn House

Peter Smith

A visit to the Field Studies Centre and Nature Reserve. Afterwards there will be a walk around the Tarn and/or to a local Bronze Age viewpoint. Venue: Malham Tarn House Field Studies Centre. Further details: Sam Watson E watsonsam@talk21.com

Tuesday 20 October at 8.00pm

Regional theatres programme (Darlington)

An evening with Ben Fogle

From Taransay in the Outer Hebrides to racing to the South Pole with James Cracknell, join much loved presenter Ben as he recounts his adventures around the globe. Venue: Darlington Arts Centre, Vane Terrace, Darlington. DL3 7AX Tickets: RGS-IBG members and one guest £10.50 (quote membership number). Box Office: T 01325 486555

Monday 16 November at 7.30pm

Lecture (York)

Celestial navigation – following your star

Sam Watson

Celestial objects have been used as aids to navigation since before the time of the Vikings. This talk touches on various methods used historically and those in use today. Jointly hosted by PLACE and Yorkshire Philosophical Society. **Venue:** The Hospitium, Yorkshire Museum Gardens, York. **Cost:** £3. **Contact:** Sam Watson **E** watsonsam@talk21.com

Wednesday 18 November at 6.00pm

Lecture (Newcastle)

The Latitude expedition

Spike Reid

An account of a 22,000 mile circumnavigation of the world along the line of 50 degrees North by the first recipients of RGS-IBG/Land Rover 'Go Beyond' Bursary who conducted socio-geographical case studies along the way. Joint event with Northumbria University. **Venue:** Northumbria University City Campus East, Newcastle. **Tickets:** free **E** pr.events@northumbria.ac.uk **T** 0191 227 3025

Non-Society events

The following events are not organised by the Society but are held on our premises. For further information and tickets please contact the organisers listed directly.

Tuesday 8 September at 6.00pm

Reception and lecture

Adventures in a flying car

The Skycar Expedition Team welcome you to a talk about their extraordinary journey from London to Timbuktu in the world's first road legal flying car. **FR** Alive and

Kicking. **Tickets:** £15. Cheques (with contact details) made payable to 'Skycar Expedition 2009', to 24 Castle Court, 1 Brewhouse Lane, London SW15 2JJ.

Tuesday 15 September at 7.00pm

Galapagos Day 2009

Three men and an archipelago

Sir David Attenborough, GCT President, Andrew Marr and CDF Director, Felipe Cruz

Guest speakers Sir David Attenborough, Andrew Marr and Felipe Cruz come together to celebrate and discuss 50 years of the Charles Darwin Foundation and the Galapagos National Park. **FR** Galapagos Conservation Trust. **Tickets** £30 lecture and reception. **T** 020 7629 5049

Thursday 17 September at 7.00pm

Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust lecture

50 years of Saving Species from Extinction

Dr Lee Durrell

It's time to celebrate 50 years of conservation! Learn about how Durrell is responding to conservation challenges around the world and what challenges we face in the future. **FR** Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust. **Suggested donation from non-Durrell members:** £10. **W** www.durrell.org **E** Natalie.ranise@durrell.org **T** 01534 860013

Friday 18 September from 11.00pm-2.00am

Maggie's 2009 London Night Hike

A through-the-night hike of 20 miles, beginning with a night flight on the London eye and taking in new buildings and old, including an opportunity to visit the Society's public rooms and enjoy a cup of tea, a biscuit and a rest, whilst raising funds for new Maggie's Cancer Caring Centres. **FR** Maggie's Cancer Caring Centres **W** www.maggiescentres.org/nighthike

Saturday 19 September from 10.00am-5.00pm

Architectural festival

The Society will reopen the doors to the general public on Saturday as part of the capital's biggest celebration of excellence in architecture. 'Show and Tell' from the Collections in the Foyle Reading Room at 10.00am, 12.30pm and 3.00pm; maximum 25 visitors per tour. **W** www.openhouse.org.uk

Thursday 24 September at 6.00pm

Lecture

Ethiopia, a land close to heaven

Speaker to be announced

An evening of engagement with the ancient and unfolding history of the homeland of humankind, on the eastern threshold of Africa; the Axumite kingdom, rock-hewn churches and much more. **Talk to be followed by a buffet supper/reception at the nearby Ethiopian Embassy.** **Tickets:** £20 **E** a.macleod@rgs.org **T** 020 7591 3015

Thursday 24 September at 7.00pm

Homes in Zimbabwe Lecture

The Britishness of Mugabe

Heidi Holland

The internationally acclaimed author explains why she believes Mugabe's descent from freedom fighter to despot is directly linked to his deep love for Britain and an even deeper sense of rejection by the former colonial power. **FR** Supporting elderly pensioners still living in Zimbabwe. **Tickets:** £15. **T** 0161 236 4177 **E** homesinzimbabwe@btinternet.com

Friday 25 September at 7.00pm

AMREF UK Lecture

Is there anybody out there?

Jon Snow, newscaster for Channel 4 News

Hacking through the jungle in the digital age... from wind-up cameras in Downing Street to transmitting instantly from a village with no evidence of the invention of the wheel. Jon Snow asks whether the human can keep up in a world of the Web, the mobile and the iPod. **FR** AMREF UK. **Tickets:** £10. **E** events@amrefuk.org **T** 020 7269 5520

Wednesday 30 September at 7.00pm

Trailfinders lecture

Wildlife Photography Around The World

Andy Rouse

Award-winning wildlife photographer Andy Rouse will entertain with tales and stunning photos from his travels around the World. **Tickets:** £10. **Book online** **W** www.rgs.org/whatson or **T** 020 7591 3100 **Further information:** **W** www.trailfinders.com/news

Thursday 1 October at 7.00pm

Venice in Peril Lecture

Stealing the Mystic Lamb: the true story of the world's most frequently stolen masterpiece

Noah Charney and Det. Sgt. Vernon Rapley

The founding director of the Association for Research into Crimes against Art is joined by the leader of the Metropolitan Police Art & Antiques Unit. **FR** Venice In Peril. **Tickets:** £15 members VIP/£20 non-members. **E** info@veniceinperil.org **T** 020 7736 6891

Wednesday 7 October at 7.00pm

Stanfords lecture and book-signing

Nine Lives

William Dalrymple

The renowned author talks about twenty-five years of exploring India and writing about its religious traditions in support of his first travel book for a decade, *Nine Lives, In Search of the Sacred in Modern India*. Tickets: £10

W www.stanfords.co.uk/events **E** sales@stanfords.co.uk
T 020 7836 1321

Thursday 8 October at 6.30pm

Lecture and reception

National Trust for Scotland Annual Lecture

Lieutenant General Sir Alistair Irwin, KCB, CBE

Of Scotland, a Fairy, a Roué and Some Small Houses.

FR National Trust for Scotland. Tickets: £20 lecture - £30 (lecture and reception). **W** www.nts.org.uk

E camitchell@nts.org.uk **T** 01793 731815

Tuesday 13 October at 7.00pm

Awards ceremony

Wanderlust Paul Morrison Guide Award

Bill Bryson, Mark Carwardine and special guests

A unique event honouring those unsung heroes of the travel world – the tour guide. Hundreds of guides were nominated by readers of Wanderlust and The Daily Telegraph. **W** www.wanderlust.co.uk/guides

E topguide@wanderlust.co.uk **T** 01753 620426

Thursday 15 October at 7.00pm

Earthwatch lecture

Meeting Marine Needs

Dennis Sammy & Nienke van Geel. Chair: Nigel Winser

Human activities and climate change pose multiple threats to marine species. Hear about Earthwatch's research in projects as wide ranging as Trinidad's leatherback sea turtles and Hebridean whales and dolphins. Tickets and details:

W www.earthwatch.org/europe/get_involved/events09
E events@earthwatch.org.uk

Wednesday 21 October from 9.00am to 4.00pm

Forum, debate, networking

TEP Annual Forum - Designing the Thames

Eugene Dreyer, Chris Baines, Brian McDonald, Martin Hall

The Forum will give an insight into different forces which designed the Thames in the past as well as the actions that will influence its future shape and design. Tickets: £50 / £70. **W** www.thamesweb.com

E tep@thamesweb.com **T** 020 7679 0540

Thursday 22 October at 7.00pm

Lecture

Wild Vision: images and stories from the wilderness

John Beatty

The leading nature, travel and adventure photographer talks about his assignments: from the teeming wildlife of Africa to the wonder of the Galapagos Islands. Tickets: £12. **W** www.speakersfromtheedge.com

E rebecca@speakersfromtheedge.com
T 0114 250 8048

Friday 23 October at 4.40pm

Lecture

Wild adventures, wild photography

Michael 'Nick' Nichols

A unique chance to hear from the 'Indiana Jones of Photography'. Nick is an award-winning and innovative wildlife and environmental photographer, and *National Geographic* editor at large. Tickets: £9 (£7 for RGS members). **E** wildphotos@wildscreen.org.uk

T 0117 328 5975

Friday 23 and Saturday 24 October

Nature Photography Symposium

Wildphotos 2009

Chris Packham introduces

award-winning nature photographers

A two-day event bringing together many of the world's best wildlife and landscape photographers to offer insights, tips and visions. A must for everyone with an interest in natural imagery. Single day £105 / £85 concessions; both days £175 / 135 concessions. **W** www.wildphotos.org.uk **T** 0117 328 5975

Tuesday 27 October at 7.30pm

Lecture

Last Chance to See

Stephen Fry and Mark Carwardine

Stephen and Mark update us on their quest to follow up the story of the Northern White Rhino for BBC2's autumn series, *Last Chance to See*. **FR** Save the Rhino Tickets £20 **W** www.savetherhino.org

T 020 7357 7474

Wednesday 28 October at 7.00pm

Lecture and book signing

WMF Lecture Series: History and things

Dr David Starkey

The acclaimed historian will demonstrate how 'things' – buildings, weapons, textiles – can put the reign of Henry VIII in a new light. Sponsored by Grayling.com.

FR World Monuments Fund Britain. Tickets: £10 WMF members, £15 non members **T** 020 7730 5344

W www.wmf.org.uk/activities

Wednesday 4 November at 7.00pm

Lecture and book signing

WMF Lecture Series: Remarkable Creatures

Tracey Chevalier

Author of *Girl With A Pearl Earring* discusses her new novel *Remarkable Creatures*, exploring fossil-hunter Mary Anning's pre-Darwinian finds. Sponsored by Symm.co.uk. **FR** World Monuments Fund Britain. Tickets: £10 WMF members, £15 non members.

W www.wmf.org.uk/activities **T** 020 7730 5344

Thursday 5 November from 2.00-3.30pm

Royal College of Pathologists' lecture and tea

Hearts at High Altitudes

Speaker: to be confirmed on website

Climbing a mountain challenges the heart and circulation to cope with lower levels of oxygen at high altitude. Find out about the body's remarkable ability to adapt to changing environmental conditions. Tickets: £5. **W** www.nationalpathologyweek.org

E maxine.mantle@rcpath.org **T** 020 7451 6714

Thursday 5 November at 7.00pm

Mount Everest Foundation lecture

Adventurous Travels – Poles and Oceans

Paul Rose

Join explorer, BBC Broadcaster and author for an engaging talk on his lifetime of adventurous travel, including the highly acclaimed BBC Oceans series.

FR Mount Everest Foundation. Tickets: £15 (£10 students). **W** www.mef.org.uk **E** mef@scott.co.uk **T** 020 7722 3687

Tuesday 10 November at 6.00pm

South Georgia Heritage Trust lecture & reception

Filming Penguins and Pipits in South Georgia – how do you do that?

Nigel Marven

Full details on website. **FR** South Georgia Heritage Trust. Tickets: £15 / £35 with reception & exhibition.

W www.sght.org **E** Alison.neil@sght.org

Wednesday 11 November at 7.00pm

Transglobe annual event

Top Dogs

John Simpson, Robin-Knox Johnston and Ran Fiennes

Following their BBC adventures, follow the Top Dogs for tales of war, sea and lice, with Paul Heinney and Libby Purves. **FR** Transglobe Expedition Trust.

Tickets: £25 **E** TGExpedition@aol.com **T** 01728 604434

Tuesday 17 November at 7.00pm

The Iran Society lecture

The Triumph of Colour**The Islamic Architecture of Iran**

Professor Bernard O’Kane, American University of Cairo

Modern architects seeking ways to incorporate colour and decoration within buildings would do well to look to Iranian architecture, which has employed innovative approaches to such matters for centuries. **FR** The Iran Society. Tickets: £15 cheque + s.a.e. to The Iran Society, 2 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PJ.

W www.iransociety.org

Thursday 19 November at 7.00pm**Earthwatch debate**

Chair: Award-winning broadcaster Andrea Catherwood

Three experts will be joined by an enterprising member of the public to present solutions to the looming crisis of access to water for drinking and sanitation, to be interrogated ‘Dragons’ Den’ style before the audience’s deciding vote. Tickets and details:

W www.earthwatch.org/europe/get_involved/events09 **E** events@earthwatch.org.uk

Tuesday 24 November at 7.00pm

Porters’ Progress UK annual lecture

British Style Mountaineering: from the Ben to the Himalaya – an evening with Ian Parnell

Expect breathtaking images from Ian, a professional photographer and four times nominee of the world’s most coveted mountaineering award, the Piolet D’Or, plus a lot of laughter and tales of the world’s worst campsites. **FR** Porters’ Progress UK. Tickets: £10.

E www.worldexpeditions.co.uk **T** 020 8545 9030

Thursday 26 November at 6.45pm

Tusk Conservation lecture and reception

The Dinka of Southern Sudan

Angela Fisher and Carol Beckwith

To coincide with their latest book, the highly respected authors and photographers give an evocative talk on the Dinka people and their unique relationships with the land and their animals. **FR** Tusk Trust. Tickets: £12 lecture only and £25 including reception.

W www.tusk.org **E** adele@tusk.org **T** 01747 831005

Friday 27 November at 7.00pm

World Land Trust presentations and debate

The Great Ape Debate

The pros and cons of Orang-utan rehabilitation, and key conservation issues relating to the survival of this species, will be debated by a panel of experts and then followed by open discussion. **FR** WLT’s Orang-utan Appeal. Tickets: £10-£12. **W** www.worldlandtrust.org **E** crichardson@worldlandtrust.org **T** 01986 874422

Wednesday 2 December at 7.00pm

Travel Africa Magazine lecture and reception

Gorillas: The Gentle Giants

Ian Redmond, Martin Harvey & Letitia Farris-Toussaint

Gorillas: insights, experiences and stunning images by Letitia Farris-Toussaint and photographer Martin Harvey. Ian Redmond OBE discusses: Save Gorillas, Save the World. **FR** The Gorilla Organisation. Tickets: £20 (with welcome drink, then pay bar).

W www.travelafricamag.com **T** 01844 278883

Friday 4 – Sunday 6 December**The Christmas Eco Fair**

Eco-friendly, ethically traded, home made, original world goods and organic food. Preview: Friday 5.30–7.30pm, free to RGS-IBG members. Free entry to general public: Saturday 9.30am-5.00pm and Sunday 10.00am-4.00pm. **W** www.biggreenmarket.co.uk **E** jane@biggreenmarket.co.uk

Tuesday 8 December at 7.00pm

Travel Africa Magazine lecture and reception

Mara Watch 09

Paul Goldstein, Chris Haslam and Simon Calder

A dazzling photographic journey around the Mara with an award winning wildlife photographer. Introduced by journalist Chris Haslam and featuring LBC’s Simon Calder. **FR** Exodus Aitong Project. Tickets: £18 (with welcome drink, then pay bar)

W www.travelafricamag.com **T** 01844 278883

Wednesday 9 December at 6.30pm

Lecture and sale of merchandise

Animals, anthu and ancestors: relationships between Malawians and the world of wildlife

Professor Brian Morris

A lively and fascinating insight into the forces that motivate Malawians in their relationship with, and attitudes towards, the wildlife around them. **FR** Nyika National Park / Vwaza Wildlife Reserve. Tickets £15.

W www.nyika-vwaza-trust.org **T** 01752 892632

Tuesday 15 December at 7.00pm**Stanfords lecture and book-signing**

See website for further details. Tickets: £10

W www.stanfords.co.uk/events

E sales@stanfords.co.uk **T** 020 7836 1321

RGS-IBG Members' booking form Autumn 2009

Please indicate the **quantity** and **costs** of the tickets you wish to purchase. Tickets are non-refundable.

Date	Tickets	No.	Cost	Total
12 Sept	Responsible travel – Antarctica			
	Member	.....	£5	.....
	Non-member	.....	£10	.....
14 Oct	21st century challenges			
	Member	.....	£7	.....
	Non-member	.....	£10	.....
15 Oct	EGR Taylor lecture <small>List dietary requirements</small>			
	Dinner following the lecture	.....	£25	.....
17 Oct	Hidden...Outback			
	Member	.....	£5	.....
	Non-member	.....	£10	.....
11 Nov	Discovering the Canadian Arctic			
	Member	.....	£10	.....
	Non-member	.....	£15	.....
18 Nov	Michael meets... Musa			
	<small>Max.2 tickets per RGS-IBG member</small>	.....	FREE	.....
20 Nov	YM ceilidh <small>Max.4 tickets per booking</small>			
	Member	.....	£35	.....
	Non-member	.....	£40	.....
1 Dec	21st century challenges			
	Member	.....	£7	.....
	Non-member	.....	£10	.....
3 Dec	Discovering people <small>Wilbur Smith</small>			
	Member	.....	£7	.....
	Non-member	.....	£10	.....
12 Dec	Childrens lecture			
	<small>Max.5 tickets per RGS-IBG member</small>	.....	FREE	.....
16 Dec	YM Christmas quiz <small>Max.5 tickets per booking</small>			
	Member	.....	£8	.....
	Non-member	.....	£10	.....
17 Dec	Christmas carols			
		.....	£7.50	.....
	Total	.....		.....

Monday evening suppers

For Monday suppers please book by midday on the preceding Friday. Please check the status of the lecture as bookings can not be taken for guests when the lecture is for members only. We regret we cannot take bookings on the day or evening of the supper. To cancel a booking at no charge please inform us by midday on the preceding Friday otherwise full charge will apply.

Date	Status	No.	Cost	Total
.....	£25
.....	£25
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.....	£25
7 Dec	Sir Gordon Conway black tie dinner	£40
	Total

Please list any dietary requirements and whether you would like fruit salad or pudding for dessert.

Please complete the address details below

RGS-IBG Membership No.

Name

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Daytime Tel Number

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Please complete the payment details below

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- I enclose a cheque (payable to RGS-IBG)
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Policy & public affairs

A key objective of the Society's policy work is to champion geography and to assist as far as possible in safeguarding its position within schools and universities. Not only does the health and contribution of the discipline in the future depend on this, but just as importantly, a geographically literate younger generation is essential for dealing with the world's challenges at a time of rapid global change.

Education and outdoor learning

Thanks in good measure to the work of the Society, geography looks set to take its rightful place in forthcoming curriculum changes. The new Diploma in Humanities and Social Sciences for 14-19 year olds, currently in development, has topics with strong geographical flavours at each of the three levels. At the younger end of the spectrum, the *Rose Review* of primary education sees geography and history making up one of the six key strands of learning.

In higher education, we are keeping a careful eye on whether the introduction of fees further erodes the ability of young people to undertake independent expeditions while at university. Many organisations that support independent undergraduate expeditions, including the Society, have noticed a declining number of applications in recent years.

Research funding

The Society is leading, in partnership with the Heads of Department for Geography and others, strong representation to the Higher Education Funding Council for England about the funding settlement for geography following the recent Research Assessment Exercise.

Fieldwork & expeditions

Explore 2009

Explore, one of the most important events in the Society's expedition and fieldwork calendar, will take place at Lowther Lodge from 13-15 November 2009. An unparalleled selection of exciting speakers will enthuse and advise on all aspects of expeditions: from staying safe in challenging situations, to operating effectively in a range of environments, and how to source advice and funding. A variety of presentations will show how projects can develop from the smallest ideas into reality and make an impact. For more information, video clips from 2008 and booking details visit

W www.rgs.org/explore

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Geo-blogging journeys

A new handbook explaining how anyone can set up a travel, expedition or project blog is now available from

W www.rgs.org/gopubs

Learning & Leading

This autumn will see five undergraduate fieldwork apprentices and six geographical gap year scholars return to the UK from places such as Jordan, Iceland, South Africa, and Japan. They have all been supported by the Society's *Learning & Leading* project, which helps build confidence and leadership through fieldwork and travelling with a purpose, for young people from less advantaged backgrounds.

Designed for A level students and first year university undergraduates, the next closing dates for applications are:

Gap Scholarships 16.10.09

Undergraduate Fieldwork Apprenticeships 29.01.10

For further details and to find out more about the individuals supported through this project, visit

W www.rgs.org/learning&leading

Investigating the world

One of the most important ways in which the Society develops new geographical knowledge is by providing funding for wide-ranging geographical research and scientific expeditions across all seven continents. The 23 different grant programmes fall into three broad categories.

Some £140,000 is available in grants for established researchers – at various career stages and working on any geographical topic anywhere in the world. Around £55,000, and the use of two Land Rovers, is available in grants to largely undergraduate expedition teams and for intrepid travellers. £4,000 is available in grants for teachers.

If you are interested in undertaking research independently or in an expedition team, have innovative ideas about teaching geography, or would like to take a Journey of a Lifetime, 'Go Beyond' your normal boundaries, or push yourself through

intellectual or physical challenges, you could apply for one of the Society's grants. The deadline for the first set is 25 September 2009.

For application information, and to find out more about the projects that the Society has chosen to support from the many applications it receives, visit

W www.rgs.org/grants or contact

E grants@rgs.org

Journey of a Lifetime

This year's *Journey of a Lifetime* grant recipient Dan Box joined the people of the Carteret Islands (Papua New Guinea), as they abandoned their home forever, owing to rising sea levels. Dan will share his experiences in a Radio 4 broadcast on Friday 11 September and in a lecture at the Society on Monday 14 December. Read more about Dan's journey at

W www.journeytothesinkinglands.wordpress.com

Education

Regional networks

Our growing numbers of Chartered Geographer Teachers have been setting up regional professional development networks across England. These bring together local teachers at training events to develop the potential of fieldwork and share experiences.

Nine networks are already running from Brighton to Preston, with 13 more to begin over the autumn term. For details of these, if you would like to attend your local network's events, or receive some 'set-up' funding for a new network, visit the Chartered Geographer (Teacher) or Fieldwork sections of the Society's *Action Plan for Geography* website

W www.geographyteachingtoday.org.uk

Innovative teaching grants

Five grants of up to £800 each will be awarded this year to secondary schools

developing innovative teaching methods and resources. The closing date for applications is 16 October 2009.

W www.rgs.org/grants

Climate4classrooms

We are delighted to be working with the Royal Meteorological Society and the British Council to develop a new climate change educational website – currently at pilot stage – to support learning about how climate change will affect individual countries, and to foster inter-cultural dialogue between students in different countries about this key issue.

W www.climate4classrooms.org

Autumn courses

A2 Study Day (page 13)
22.10.09 (Not suitable for AS students)

Assessment and GCSE (page 14)
25.11.09 Chesterfield
26.11.09 London

W www.rgs.org/study for further details.

Research & higher education

New climate change journal

In association with Wiley-Blackwell and the Royal Meteorological Society, the Society will launch *WIREs Climate Change* at the end of this year. It will provide an encyclopedic reference for climate change research with the most up-to-date articles. Topics will include the causes, predictions and impacts of climate change; climate ecology and conservation; climate economics, policy and governance, and perceptions, behaviour and communication of climate change. You can sign up for complimentary institutional access at

W www.wiley.com/wires/climatechange

Hidden Histories of Exploration

Discover more about the remarkable contributions of local inhabitants and indigenous peoples to the history of exploration this autumn. Drawing on the rich resources of the Society's Collections, the activities will include Foyle Reading

Room showcases, research workshops and online resources. It culminates in an exhibition featuring images of some of English artist and explorer Thomas Baines' extraordinary paintings, and a lecture on Monday 9 November.

The project is a partnership between the Society and Royal Holloway University of London, funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council.

Study geography

To find out more about studying geography at university visit

W www.studygeography.rgs.org

Our resources include guidance on how to select the best course for you, tips on strengthening your application, and ideas about the many careers geography can lead to.

Exhibitions & resources

Britain from the Air

The Society has formed a new partnership with open-air exhibition specialists WeCommunic8 to create a thrilling new street gallery exhibition *Britain from the Air* (front cover image). With more than 100 photographs celebrating the UK's awe inspiring landscapes, it is due for launch sometime next year.

Autumn showcases

The latest showcase programme in the Foyle Reading Room's successful series includes *The Great Game*, examining exploration and espionage in High Asia, and *David Livingstone's African Achievements*. A perfect opportunity to learn first-hand about the historical and geographical relevance of items from our unique collections. Popular showcases are also available at **W** www.rgs.org/collections

Be Inspired...

A new series of monthly Monday afternoon talks from a diverse range of writers, travellers, photographers and others; illustrating how the Society's collections have inspired them.

Speakers include Alexander Maitland, official biographer of Wilfred Thesiger, and Sandra Noel, daughter of photographer Capt. John Noel (page 16).

Between Heaven and Earth: a journey through Christian Ethiopia

In 2007, the British Council commissioned award winning photographer Nick Danziger to document the little-known Ethiopian Tewahedo Orthodox Christian church during the country's Millenium celebrations. Capturing the institution's breathtaking antiquity and tentative entry into a globalised world, this exhibition sheds light on an ancient culture facing new challenges (page 15).

Membership offers

Young Geographer

An ideal gift for geography GCSE, A level, or undergraduate university students. For £40 a year, it includes a monthly subscription to *Geographical* magazine, unique access to online resources to support learning geography, and all other members' benefits (with the exception of bringing guests to lectures).

Corporate Membership

Membership is open to all private and public organisations with an interest in geography and the environment. Corporate Members enjoy a wide range of benefits including events, venue hire, access to our collections and corporate hospitality. Those with an interest in corporate social responsibility may become more actively engaged with our work and there are also opportunities for staff volunteering.

Gift Membership

Fuel your friends' and relatives' enthusiasm for discovering the world with a gift membership for birthday or Christmas. For details of this and all our membership offers visit **W** www.rgs.org/joinus

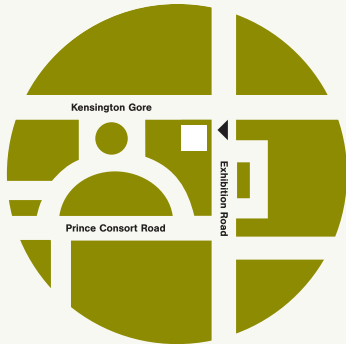
Merchandise

A new range of merchandise, including seasonal cards, calendars, and a striking RGS-IBG tie, will be available later this year. Visit **W** www.rgs.org/members

New discounts at Stanfords and Nomad

Stanfords is offering 10% off merchandise to all members, either online, or in-store on production of a membership card. Nomad Travel Stores and Clinics are also offering a 15% discount on kit and 10% on vaccines. For details of these offers, our 15% discount with **Cotswold Outdoor**, and seasonal promotions visit **W** www.rgs.org/members

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