



The Ussher Society
Geoscience in South-West England
50th Annual Conference
Exmouth, Devon, 3rd – 5th January 2012



First Circular and call for papers

The Ussher Society is pleased to announce that its **50th Annual Conference** will be held at the **Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth, Devon** on **3rd-5th January 2012**. There will be two days of presentations followed by one day of field excursions.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The 50th Conference marks a significant milestone for the Society and we do hope that you will be able to participate. The conference is likely to be very well attended and we recommend early registration and booking of accommodation to avoid disappointment (we have a limit of 110 delegates for the presentations). Whilst many members traditionally wait for the Second Circular before making a commitment, it would be advisable to book early on this occasion. We would appreciate, where possible, return of the Conference Booking Form and payment by **Friday 7th October**. Note that as the Conference falls very close to the New Year, travelling for many will be necessary on Monday 2nd January which is a Bank Holiday.

Our intention is to run eight sessions that span the major research themes of the last 50 years (see over); most sessions will include a slightly longer keynote address summarising the advances in knowledge in that area. We are actively seeking contributions to the programme – so if you are able to present a talk or poster, please provide details on the enclosed form by **Friday 7th October** using the form provided. A bursary fund is available to contribute to the cost of full-time students wishing to attend the meeting to present a paper (contact Robin Shail for details). All presenting authors have the opportunity, and are encouraged, to submit their paper for publication, subject to peer review, in the Society's journal "Geoscience in South-West England".

- **Monday 2nd January – Registration and Reception**

Registration will be available 1700-2000 with an 'icebreaker' reception from 1900.

- **Tuesday 3rd January - Presentations**

Verbal and poster presentations.

The Scott Simpson Lecture on the geological evolution of the Wessex Basin will be presented by Professor John Underhill of the University of Edinburgh (to be confirmed).

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held at the end of the afternoon session.

The **Conference Dinner** will be held in Donato's Restaurant at the Royal Beacon Hotel.

- **Wednesday 4th January - Presentations**

Verbal and poster presentations.

- **Thursday 5th January – Field excursions**

Great company, scenery and geology – a perfect start to the New Year. Please see below for brief details and indicate your area(s) of interest on the Conference Booking Form; we will provide full details in the Second Circular.

Mark Anderson, Richard Scrivener and Robin Shail
Conference 2012 organizing committee

Provisional outline of programme sessions

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Tuesday 3rd January – Presentation of papers and posters

- 1) History of the Ussher Society / Historical Geology
Keynote: Tom Sharpe, National Museum Wales
- 2) Permian / Mesozoic geology and basin evolution
The Scott Simpson Lecture: John Underhill, University of Edinburgh
- 3) Quaternary
Keynote: Tony Brown, University of Southampton
- 4) Mesozoic / Cenozoic geology
Keynote: Malcolm Hart

Wednesday 4th January - Presentation of papers and posters

- 5) Upper Palaeozoic stratigraphy, sedimentology and tectonics
Keynote: Maurice Tucker, University of Durham
- 6) Granites and mineralisation
Keynote: Robin Shail, University of Exeter
- 7) Applied geoscience and the future
Keynote: Erika Palin, Hadley Centre, Met Office
- 8) Open session

Thursday 5th January – Field Excursions

- A) “Not the Jurassic Coast” - East Devon coastal stratigraphy – leader to be confirmed
- B) Kilve / Watchet, West Somerset - stratigraphy, sedimentology and structural evolution – leader Mark Anderson
- C) Igneous and sedimentary rocks of the Crediton Trough - leaders Sarita McVicar Wright and Richard Scrivener

Please return conference forms and payment by 7th October

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Offer of contribution to the conference programme

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If you wish to make a contribution to the conference programme, please either complete this form and post or e-mail the same information to Robin Shail (R.K.Shail@ex.ac.uk) as an attached MS Word compatible document by **Friday 7th October**. Confirmation of acceptance will be sent to the author(s) once the programme is finalised. Abstracts for both oral presentations and posters and will be published in the conference programme.

NAME (CORRESPONDING AUTHOR):

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE / E-MAIL:

I /WE INTEND TO OFFER AN: ORAL PRESENTATION **POSTER** **(tick)**

TITLE:

AUTHOR(S):

ABSTRACT (MAX.200 WORDS)

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

**The Ussher Society 50th Annual Conference – Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
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Please note that it is your responsibility to make arrangements and payment for the accommodation that you require before, during and after the conference.

The Conference Venue is the Royal Beacon Hotel. It occupies an elevated position and provides superb coastal views. Full details are available at: www.royalbeaconhotel.co.uk

Conference Accommodation – Royal Beacon Hotel

We have negotiated special rates, so please mention 'Ussher Society' when making your booking. The hotel can be contacted on 01395 264886.

Ussher Society rates

- Single Room £43.50 per night (bed and breakfast) – note limited number of single rooms
- Double / twin Room (double occupancy) £78.50 per night (bed and breakfast)
- Double / twin Room (single occupancy) £55.50 per night (bed and breakfast)

The Royal Beacon Hotel also offers a range of evening meals in the bar/restaurant; bookings for meals may be made at the same time as your accommodation reservation.

Alternative Conference Accommodation – Manor Hotel

Alternative accommodation has been arranged at the Manor Hotel (~70 metres from the Royal Beacon). Full details are available at: <http://www.manorexmouth.co.uk/> Please mention 'Ussher Society' when making your booking. The hotel can be contacted on 01395 272549.

Ussher Society rates

- Single Room £37.00 per person per night (bed and breakfast)
- Twin/double room £34.00 per person per night (bed and breakfast)

CONFERENCE BOOKING FORM

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NAME:

ADDRESS:

Telephone:

Mobile:

E-mail:

I wish to register for the conference as follows (*please tick where appropriate*)

Standard conference delegate

Both conference days (3rd / 4th January) @ £50

Tuesday 3rd January only @ £25 Wednesday 4th January only @ £25

Full-time student delegate

Both conference days (3rd / 4th January) @ £30

Thursday 3rd January only @ £15 Wednesday 4th January only @ £15

N.B. Registration includes morning / afternoon tea /coffee and buffet lunch

Conference Dinner on Tuesday 3rd January – carvery @ £20.00 for 3 courses at Donato's Restaurant at the Royal Beacon Hotel.

I wish to attend the Conference Dinner

I prefer/require a vegetarian meal

I enclose a cheque for £_____made payable to **Ussher Society Conference**

I am interested in participating in a field excursion on Thursday 5th January

- 1) East Devon coastal stratigraphy
- 2) West Somerset Coast
- 3) Crediton Trough

Please indicate, if applicable, the number of spaces in your car that you would be willing to offer to other field excursion participants.

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