



Geologists' Association - South Wales Group Cymdeithas Y Daearegwyr - Grŵp De Cymru

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50 YEAR ARCHIVES 1960-2010 - INTRODUCTION

The Geologists' Association – South Wales Group (SWGA) held its inaugural meeting on Saturday 23rd January 1960.

It held its 50th anniversary meeting on Saturday 23rd January 2010.

During the winter of 2009-10, archive material from Alun Thomas (group Secretary 1966-1989) was given to the Group, prompting the opportunity to compile 50 years of the Group's activities.

This was completed in 2015. The full fifty year archive comprises, in 20 sections,
all the outstanding original paperwork,
a box with a copy of virtually all the Group's publications,
a roll of the posters prepared by the Group,
two DVDs containing all the computer files prepared from this material.

For each of the 20 sections, a digital compilation has been prepared, in .pdf file format.

The emphasis throughout the digital compilations has been the ability to search the text. This has been achieved for most of the sections.

Up to around 1990, the compilations have been based mainly on Alun Thomas's papers. For 1990-2010, further material has been added from the SWGA papers and digital archive of secretary Geraint Owen (1990-2009) and secretary Lynda Garfield (2009-).

Other members of the Group have also contributed: photographs, publications, newsletters, membership cards, Treasurer's papers, Programme Secretary's papers, parts of the Welsh Geological Quarterly and scans, 50th Anniversary material, and more. **All are thanked for their contributions.**

For this web version, placed on the SWGA website in 2017, on account of issues such as data protection, only 17 of the 20 sections have been uploaded.

Note: The Group's first session lasted from January 1960 to the first AGM on 5 April 1960.

The second session therefore started on 5 April 1960, continuing to the second AGM in 1961.

However, the Group has tended to include the programme up until September in each year in the previous year's "session".