



Welcome to the inaugural Volcanic and Magmatic Studies Group Newsletter! This bi-monthly publication will keep you up-to-date with VMSG activities and business, and provide information on forthcoming events and opportunities relevant to the VMSG community. The newsletter will be distributed to all members of the VMSG mailing list. We hope that it will provide a more regular link between the group and its members, and help to promote an even greater sense of VMSG community spirit. If you would like to advertise details of a conference, field trip, job, or even a ground-breaking piece of research relevant to the community, then contact David Brown (David.Brown@ges.gla.ac.uk) and we'll be happy to accommodate you. The ever-expanding VMSG membership currently comprises approximately 500 people. Details of activities will also be posted on our website (www.vmsg.org.uk).

Committee Positions Available

We are currently seeking a new Chair, Secretary and 2 Ordinary Members for the Committee. These positions are available for 3 years, and are a great way to get involved with, and contribute to, the VMSG community. Nominations should be e-mailed to the current Secretary, Kathryn Goodenough (kmgo@bgs.ac.uk), by the end of September.

Annual Meeting: Bournemouth 2009

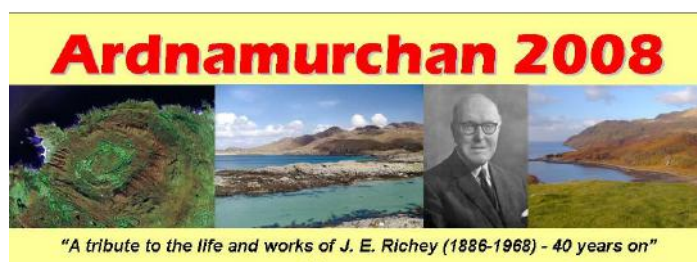
The 2009 Annual Meeting will be held in sunny Bournemouth from the **4th to 6th January**. The meeting will comprise the usual mixture of talks and posters, with a particular emphasis on student presentations. In response to feedback from the VMSG community, the first evening will comprise an extended poster session (complete with icebreaker drinks), so please allow for this in your travel plans. More information and online registration will soon be available on the website (www.vmsg.org.uk). The meeting is being organised by Nick Thompson and Nick Petford of Bournemouth University.



Bournemouth Pier!

The Wild West: Ardnamurchan Field Workshop

Arrangements for the VMSG Field Workshop to Ardnamurchan (5th – 10th September 2008), the most



westerly point of the UK mainland, are progressing well. Over 30 delegates, including participants from Russia, Sweden and South Africa, have registered. The workshop is a tribute to the life and works of James Richey, a British Survey Geologist, famous for his research on Ardnamurchan and other Palaeogene volcanic centres in Scotland and Ireland. We look forward to lively discussion on intrusion emplacement and caldera/cauldron subsidence. If you would like to attend we *may* still be able to squeeze you in – please contact David Brown (David.Brown@ges.gla.ac.uk). We hope the weather is as good as last year's workshop on the Isle of Rum! A detailed report on the Golden Rum workshop can be found at: <http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/gsl/geoscientist/features/page3345.html>



Kathryn Goodenough, Dougal Jerram, Henry Emeleus and Val Troll on the summit of Hallival, Rum, with the Cuillins of Skye in the background.

Allez Auvergne!

Next year's VMSG Field Workshop will take place in the Auvergne from 12th-18th April (provisional dates). Organised by Ben van Wyk de Vries, the workshop will provide an introduction to the volcanology of the Chaîne de Puys and Monts Dore stratovolcanoes, with the days divided into classic field locations, optional recreational activities and evening discussion animated by local produce! More details will follow in subsequent newsletters, and on the website.

Other Forthcoming VMSG Events

Mineralogical Society Annual Meeting 2009, "MAPT – Micro-Analysis, Processes, Time": 31st Aug - 2nd Sep, Uni. of Edinburgh. Includes VMSG session on "Frontiers in microanalysis and microtextures in magmatic rocks." See: <http://www.minersoc.org/pages/meetings/MAPT/MAPT.html>

VMSG Annual Meeting 2010: Uni. of Glasgow, early January.

Money, Money, Money!

The VMSG welcomes applications for travel funding from postgraduate researchers registered at UK universities who wish to present their work at an international or national meeting. The next deadline is 15th December 2008. See: <http://www.dur.ac.uk/d.a.jerram/VMSG/funding.html>



Dougal Jerram demonstrates perfect lunging technique at Erta Ale volcano, Ethiopia.

Website Makeover

Our website has been given a makeover courtesy of Dougal Earth! Sincere thanks are due to Dougal Jerram for his work on this project.

VMSG Award

Thank you for your nominations for this year's VMSG Award. The Committee has made its decision and the recipient will be awarded at the Bournemouth meeting. Last year's inaugural winner was Marian Holness of the University of Cambridge.

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La Chaîne de Puys, Auvergne

Editorial

I hope you have enjoyed this inaugural newsletter and feel it is a good addition to the VMSG. I intend to publish 6 editions a year (February, April, June, August, October and December) so please bear these dates in mind when submitting any material for the newsletter (allow sufficient time for conference registration, abstract submission, job deadlines etc).

On occasion I may still send e-mail notices, via the mailing list, for special announcements and important reminders that fall between newsletters.

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