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Cover Illustration: The south end of Ullswater where the landscape has been greatly influenced by glacial erosion forming coves and valleys. Photograph John Rodgers.

Introduction

As the first edition of The Cumberland Geologist was being printed the first lockdown started and the AGM was cancelled. So, I want to thank Chris Thompson for distributing the publication. This edition is different as all our planned excursions in 2020 were cancelled, and the pandemic affected the opportunities for members to be out in the field and obtain results; however, we are fortunate in having additional articles from members.

Thanks are due to Myles Hamilton for organising zoom so that lectures, the 2021 AGM and Council meetings could resume on-line. Disappointingly, the proposed in -person Members Evening on 15 December 2021 had to be cancelled at short notice on account of the new variant Omicron.

The excursions in 2021, organised by our new Excursion Secretary, Peter Sapsford, have continued to reveal new geological features to the participants. It is hoped that the detailed accounts will enable any reader to undertake the excursions on their own. We are most fortunate in having new articles about our local area. I thank all our contributors, especially those who have made multiple contributions, for their articles and excursion reports.

This publication has benefitted from the expertise and attention to detail of Chris Thompson who has reviewed all the articles and I thank him for his hard work.

Council has decided that The Cumbrian Geologist should become an annual publication. Contributions to future editions are most welcome, so please contact the editor if you are considering writing an article.

The Council of the Society was pleased to welcome Fi Harwood and Phil Davies. Fi has taken on the role of Treasurer and Phil has made several contributions to this edition and led excursions. Council suffered the resignations of Margaret Bennett, Noel Pearson and Chris Wilson and the death of Alan Wise. Margaret had been treasurer for a number of years and Noel was a previous recipient of the Charles Edmonds award. We will miss their contributions. David Powell had resigned from Council in 2019. A presentation, to thank Dai and Margaret for their exceptional contributions, was made after the evening excursion in Pooley Bridge.

At the start of the first field trip of 2021, led by Phil Davies, to Wythop Woods, there was the opportunity to chat to Mervyn Dodd before he moved away from Cumbria to be closer to his family. Mervyn is our only remaining founder member. He has been a prominent member of the Society for decades, leading field trips,



Mervyn Dodd and participants on the Wythop Woods excursion at Wythop Woods car park 9 June 2021 (photo Dai Powell)

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Marking the retirement from council of Dai and Margaret at Pooley Bridge 7 July 2021. (photo Kay Bennett)

editing Society guides on Cumbrian geology and writing "Iron Ore Mining in West Cumbria".

In Blea Tarn carpark, before the start of the Langdale Caldera Excursion, Clive Boulter was presented with the Charles Edmond Prize in recognition of the significant contributions he has made towards furthering the understanding of geology in Cumbria. He has run u3a courses, led many field trips, given talks for the Society, and created a free website, http://www.englishlakedistrictgeology.org.uk/. In a recent newsletter John Rodgers, our President wrote 'This is a superb major work which goes into considerable detail with fine photographs and explanatory illustrations. There are chapters on Lake District Evolution in a Plate Tectonics Context, Skiddaw Group, Borrowdale and Eycott Group, Windermere Group, Acadian Orogeny, The Cumbrian Ring, and Quaternary. There are also highly informative field trip descriptions to a number of sites within the Borrowdale Volcanic Group.'



Presentation of the Charles Edmonds award to Clive at Blea Tarn carpark 19 June 2021. (photo Helen James)

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