

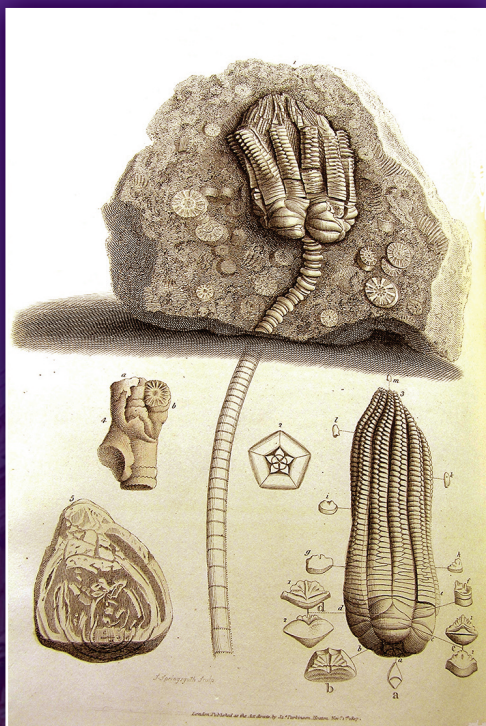


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Founders' Day

LECTURE & DINNER 2013



THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY WAS INAUGURATED ON FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 1807 BY THIRTEEN GENTLEMEN OVER DINNER AT THE FREEMASONS' TAVERN, COVENT GARDEN.

TO CELEBRATE THE SOCIETY'S INAUGURATION, WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR ANNUAL FOUNDERS' DAY LECTURE AND DINNER ON WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2013.

Founders' Day Lecture

James Parkinson and the Founding of the Geological Society

Speaker: Dr Cherry Lewis, *University of Bristol*

At the age of 16, James Parkinson (1755-1824) was apprenticed to his father to learn the 'art and mystery' of being an apothecary. Living all his life in Hoxton, then a village on the outskirts of London, his pioneering work in medicine led to him identifying the Shaking Palsy as a distinct medical condition, which eventually became known as Parkinson's disease. His favourite past time, however, was collecting fossils. This talk will review Parkinson's remarkable life, including his involvement in a plot to kill King George III, how he put the study of fossils on the scientific map of Britain through his three volume work *Organic Remains of a Former World*, and how his expertise as the country's only 'fossilist' led to him becoming one of the 13 founders of the Geological Society.

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Founders' Day Dinner

Venue: Le Meridien, Piccadilly · Dress: Black Tie · Ticket price: £80

After dinner speaker: TBC

Timings:

- 17.30 Tea & coffee served, Burlington House
- 18.00 Lecture by Dr Cherry Lewis
- 19.00 Drinks reception at Le Meridien (sponsored by Afren)
- 19.45 Presentation of The Neflex Earth Model Award
- 20.00 Dinner served
- 21.30 After dinner speaker
- 24.00 Carriages

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