

YORKSHIRE GEOLOGY, LANDSCAPES AND LITERATURE

JOINT CONFERENCE OF THE YORKSHIRE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, UNIVERSITY OF
HULL AND HULL GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 2019 , 09.30—17.30

UNIVERSITY OF HULL, Lecture Theatre 1, Allam Medical Building

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Malham Cove, by [Nilfanion](#)



Top Withens, Haworth, by [Tim Green](#)

Over the centuries, the diversity and natural beauty of Yorkshire's landscapes and geology have inspired and influenced many celebrated writers and observers, including at least two Poets Laureate (Wordsworth and Ted Hughes), significant novelists (e.g. the Brontës, Winifred Holtby), writers on geology (e.g. Adam Sedgwick and John Phillips) and travellers, with many contemporary poets and writers continuing this tradition.

Our full day [programme](#) of talks and readings brings together leading experts in geoscience, English literature and Yorkshire's landscape and culture. Speakers include (in alphabetical order): Patrick Boylan, Rose Horspool, Nina Morgan, Roger Osborne, Mike Stephenson, Jane Thomas, Hugh Torrens and Catherine Wynne.

Prose and poetry readings on the theme will be drawn from the writings of: Anne and Emily Brontë, Celia Feinnes, John Hutton, Winifred Holtby, Ted Hughes, John Leland, Édouard-Alfred Martel, Meaux Abbey Chronicle, Michael McKimm, Blake Morrison, John Phillips, Sylvia Plath, J B Priestley, Adam Sedgwick, Thomas Sheppard, Colin Speakman and William Wordsworth.

REGISTRATION AND HOSPITALITY

Participants wishing to join the speakers for a finger buffet lunch, including dessert and juice or mineral water are required to purchase lunch tickets in advance at £8.75 . Please see our [EVENTBRITE](#) page (<https://ygs23march2019.eventbrite.co.uk>) to book. Ticket sales close on 16th March 2019 .

For participants wishing to make their own lunch arrangements, registration on Eventbrite is NOT required and attendance is FREE. Pleasant indoor seating is available for those wanting to bring a packed lunch. Alternatively, the nearby Library Café and Students Union offer drinks and light refreshments to eat in or take away.

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PROGRAMME

- 09.30 **Coffee/Tea and Biscuits available**
- 10.00 **Welcome and Introduction:** Professor Jane Thomas, University of Hull
- 10.10 **Readings:** Early Travellers in Yorkshire: John Leland (1536-40), Celia Feinnes (1702), William Wordsworth (1819)
- 10.20 **Keynote: William Smith and his influences and troubles in the study of Yorkshire geology:** Professor Hugh Torrens, Keele University
- 11.00 **Readings:** Classic early geological writings, including Adam Sedgwick and John Phillips
- 11.10 **The early literature of Kirkdale Cave, Yorkshire: geology, international, theology, humour and invective:** Professor Patrick Boylan, School of Arts, City, University of London
- 11.40 **Readings:** Literature of the Yorkshire Dales, including caves and caving
- 12.00 **Reading:** Letter from John Phillips to his sister Anne, 25 July 1835 on an early railway journey
- 12.05 **Geology from the train:** Nina Morgan, geologist and science writer
- 12.35 **LUNCH** (see previous page for details)
- 14.00 **YGS Business:** presentation of the Society's Fearnside's Award to Rebecca Bennion
- 14.15 **More than Dracula: Bram Stoker, Henry James and the Du Mauriers in Whitby:** Dr Catherine Wynne, University of Hull
- 14.45 **Readings:** Yorkshire Coast prose and poetry
- 15.00 **Earth songs: The geology of Ted Hughes:** Prof Mike Stephenson, British Geological Survey
- 15.30 **Refreshments Break**
- 16.00 **Natural Piety: Humans in the landscape:** Roger Osborne, Curator of Geology, Whitby Museum
- 16.25 **Readings:** along the north bank of the Humber, from the Sea to North Ferriby
- 16.35 **Interpreting the Yorkshire Wolds through Art and Poetry:** Rose Horspool, Yorkshire Wolds National Trails Group
- 17.00 **Readings:** Yorkshire geology and landscapes in contemporary poetry
- 17.25 **Vote of thanks and close**

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