



# British Branch Meeting 2013

Loughborough University, 3–5 September 2013

Glaciologists and scientists of related subjects travelled to the old stomping grounds of Robin Hood (Earl of Huntington) for the 2013 meeting of the British Branch hosted by Loughborough University. The meeting began with a Polar Science Film Festival, organized by Eleanor Darlington, a Loughborough graduate student in glaciology, on Tuesday evening, 3 September. The film festival began with a reception designed to introduce teaching materials (puzzles and 3-D scale models of ice sheets, polar clothing, etc.) available for early-childhood education curricula through the EducaPoles project of the International Polar Foundation. The main screening featured four short films introduced by their creators. The four films were: *Life in the Field* introduced by Alex Ingle, *Ice, Ash, Mud* introduced by Peter Abbott, *Lake Ellsworth* introduced by Martin Seigert, and excerpts from the television series *Frozen Planet* introduced by Mark Brandon. After the film screening, a question and answer session with the four film makers/presenters followed where the public was particularly interested in knowing more about how the polar regions figure into the problems posed by global climate change.

The meeting got under way midmorning on 4 September with statement of welcome by the meeting's organizer, Richard Hodgkins of the Loughborough University Department of Geography. Six oral sessions and one poster

session were held over the next two days. The session topics covered a full spectrum of topics being researched actively by the UK glaciological/geomorphological community, including: glacier variability, ice-sheet and ice-stream flow, oceanic forcing, glacial geomorphology and geology, atmospheric impacts on outlet glaciers and ice shelves, and finally biogeochemical forcing of the ocean by delivery of glaciogenic iron sediments. Of particular importance, was the fact that eight oral presentations of a total of 27 were given by postgraduate presenters (graduate students). The remainder of talks and posters were primarily given by early-career scientists who were just beyond the receipt of their PhD. Among the very valued 'old timers' presenting in the programme and, more importantly, lending their expertise to the younger scientists through their sage questions and comments, were Chris Stokes, Richard Hindmarsh, Edward King, Hilmar Gudmundsson, Peter Nienow, John Woodward, Doug MacAyeal and Magnús Magnússon. To make good use of the 'old timers' and 'mid-career' scientists present at the meeting, the UKPN presented a mentor panel entitled 'To the viva and beyond', with panel members Nick Rutter, Simon Carr, Laura Edwards, Anne Le Brocq and John Woodward, chaired by Tom Matthews. This event was followed by a wine reception at the Department of Geography, academic home of the local organizing committee.





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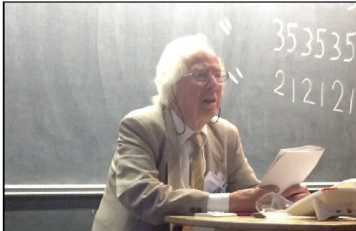
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## British Branch International Glaciological Society



Annual Dinner, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2013

### Starters

Spiced Sweet Potato & Coriander Soup, coconut cream,  
fennel seed & coriander bread

Galantine of Chicken Apricot & Dates, Moroccan-style apple chutney,  
baby gem lettuce

Tempura of Black Tiger Prawn, Orange Teriyaki sauce, cucumber salad

### Mains

Medallions of Beef with Wild Mushrooms,  
Madeira & Crème Fraiche sauce, braised leeks, fondant potato

Baked Sea Bass with Oregano, lemon & black olive mash

Homemade Pappadelle pasta, sweet leeks & Mascarpone

### Desserts

Hot Pear & Apple Oat Crumble, Crème Anglaise, cinnamon ice cream

Italian Tiramisu, Coffee biscuits, Tia Maria cream

Triple Chocolate Cheese Cake, Almond brittle,  
Belgian dark chocolate sauce





A strong component of this, as with previous, British Branch meetings was the delightful evening of social engagement associated with the Annual Dinner. This year's event was held at Radmoor Center next to the campus, and featured the services of student chefs, sommeliers and waiters who were part of the Loughborough College of Further Education. As meeting delegates took their places, the elegant table setting was amplified by the appearance of the evening's tablet de menu. The front face of the four-page menu featured a reproduction of the front cover of Vol. 3, No. 14 of the *Journal of Glaciology*, published in 1953. The second page of the menu displayed a reproduction of the inside cover of this issue, conspicuously showing the name of John W. Glen, who, with that particular issue, first joined the editorial board of the *Journal of Glaciology*. Paired with the display of select images from Vol. 3, No. 14, on the back page of the menu, was a display of the list of current editors of the current issue of the *Journal of Glaciology*, which also displays the name of John W. Glen. Thus, subtly through the hints present on the dinner menu, it became apparent to those present at the dinner that John Glen has served as an editor with the *Journal of Glaciology* (including years as a Chief Editor) for 60 years. The enthusiasm of the dinner guests attending the Annual Dinner was spurred even higher when, during the interlude between the main course and dessert, the President of the IGS presented the Richardson Medal to John Glen, who received it

with delight. A citation accompanying this award to John Glen, which also mentions John's long involvement in the activities of the British Branch, is presented elsewhere in this issue of *JCE*.

As toasts were presented during the Annual Dinner, several revellers took time from their merriment during an entertaining speech by Robert Bingham to express the wish that more senior academic advisors would accompany their students and postdoctoral scholars to the British Branch meetings in the future. Even if the academic advisors do not present papers (and perhaps it is even better if they don't), their presence in the audience giving sage advice and criticism would be greatly valuable and encouraged. As has become customary, the best student presentations were recognized with the award of the John Glen prizes, to Harold Lovell (Queen Mary University of London) for the best poster and to David Ashmore (University of Aberdeen) for the best talk.

The British Branch held its Annual General Meeting on the second and final day of the meeting, and adjourned late in the afternoon with the understanding that the Branch would meet again in 2014 in the city of Bristol.

**Richard Hodgkins**