



**British Geological Survey**  
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL

**FREE public lecture**

# **William Smith**

(1769-1839)

and the new art of mineral surveying

by

**Hugh Torrens,**

Emeritus Professor, Keele University

**British Geological Survey, Keyworth**

6.30pm, 16th December 2009

Refreshments from 6.00 pm

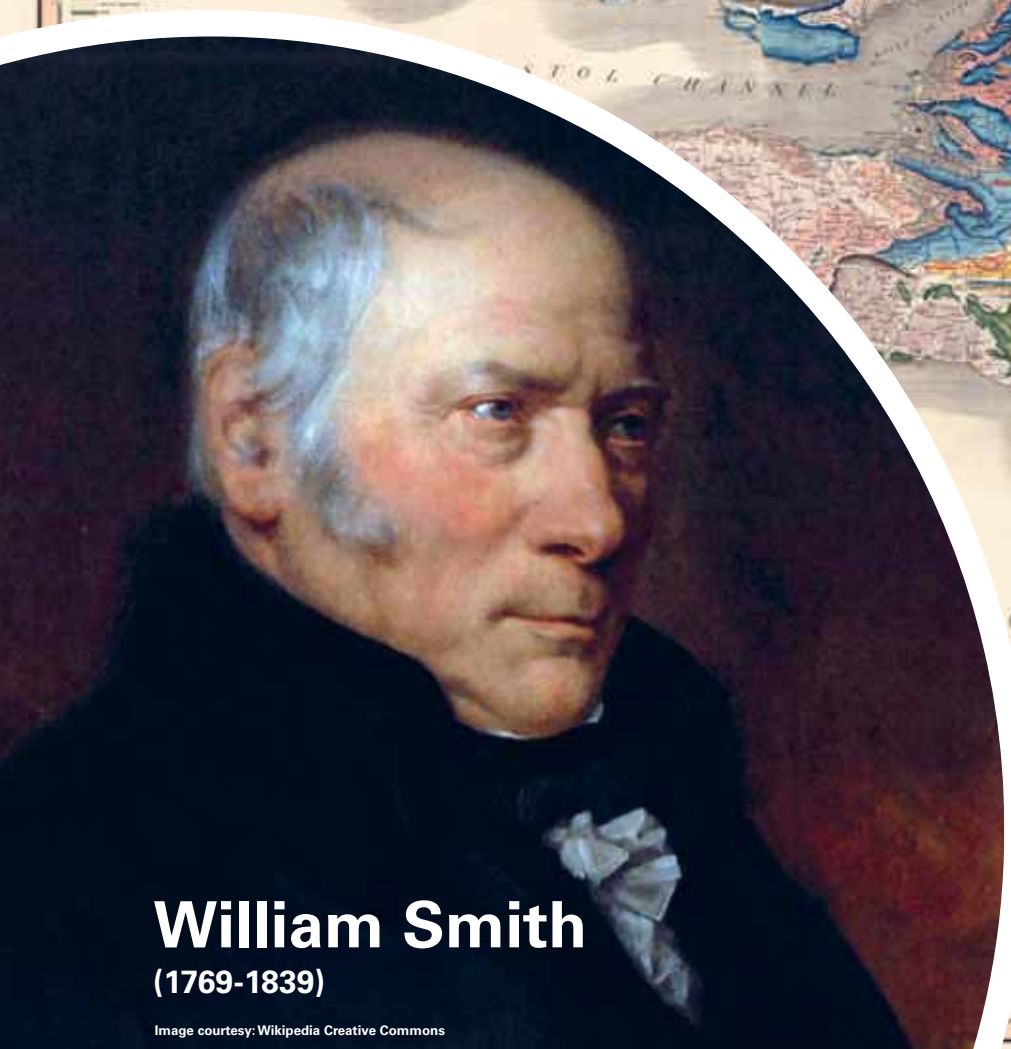
**How did the son of a blacksmith produce the world's first geological map? Our 2009 Christmas Lecture will tell the story of this 19th century pioneering geologist at the headquarters of the modern-day British Geological Survey – with mince pies too!**

You are warmly invited to the 3rd Christmas lecture hosted jointly by the East Midlands Regional Group of the Geological Society and the British Geological Survey, presented by leading expert, Hugh Torrens, a recent winner of the Geological Society of America Award for History of Geology.

The BGS's geology shop will be open beforehand offering unique Christmas gifts.

Booking not required. For more details about this or other Geological Society events in the East Midlands please contact:

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