

## **RON CLEEVELY AWARD FOR BEST JOURNAL ARTICLE**

The Award was established in appreciation of Ron Cleevely, former Senior Scientific Officer in the Department of Palaeontology, at the Natural History Museum, London. Although primarily an eminent palaeontologist, Ron's fame in palaeontological circles, lay more in his exceptional knowledge of 18th and 19th century collectors, their specimens and associated natural history works. He had undertaken extensive research on the Sowerby family in particular, and published a fascinating account of the development of early mineralogy in south-west England - "Collecting the New, Rare and Curious – Letters selected from the Correspondence of the Cornish Mineralogists Philip Rashleigh, John Hawkins and William Gregor".

Ron was always willing to impart some of his immense knowledge about collections and collectors, and he would have been supportive of any initiative which encouraged enthusiasts to document and record their researches.

In considering nominations for the award for the best Journal article published in the previous 12 months, members might wish to consider:

- Significance of the contribution to British mineralogy.
- Novelty value of the article.
- Quality of the illustrations.
- Bibliographic rigour to ensure a thorough literature search has been undertaken.

The Ron Cleevely Award will be presented to the author of the Journal article receiving most votes from attendees at the Annual Society Meeting.