

Douglas Stuart Weedon, MA, DPhil, FGS.

Douglas Weedon belonged to the distinguished generation of igneous petrologists who were associated with the late Lawrence Wager. After service as a pilot in the Royal Air Force in the latter part of the Second World War he studied geology at Oxford and took part in Wager's celebrated East Greenland Expedition of 1953 when, along with Malcolm Brown, Alex Deer and others, he was involved in pioneering investigations of the Skaergaard Intrusion. He will best be remembered, however, for his studies of the basic and ultrabasic rocks of the Cuillins in the Isle of Skye. He published papers on the Sgurr Dubh ultrabasic rocks and the Garsbheinn sill, and also on the ultrabasic/igneous rocks of the Huntly region. As Secretary of the Society in the 1960s he presided over a series of splendid annual dinners which were held at that time and later held office as President. Doug and his wife Sue developed a great love for the Isle of Skye and the Cuillins and they planned to settle there after he retired. Tragically this ambition was frustrated by the untimely death of Sue. He never fully recovered from the effects of this event and later family bereavement and died after a long illness on 28th February 1997 at the age of 73. Doug's quiet good humour and generous nature combined with enthusiasm and the ability to communicate his wide and deep knowledge of geology endeared him to successive generations of students.

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