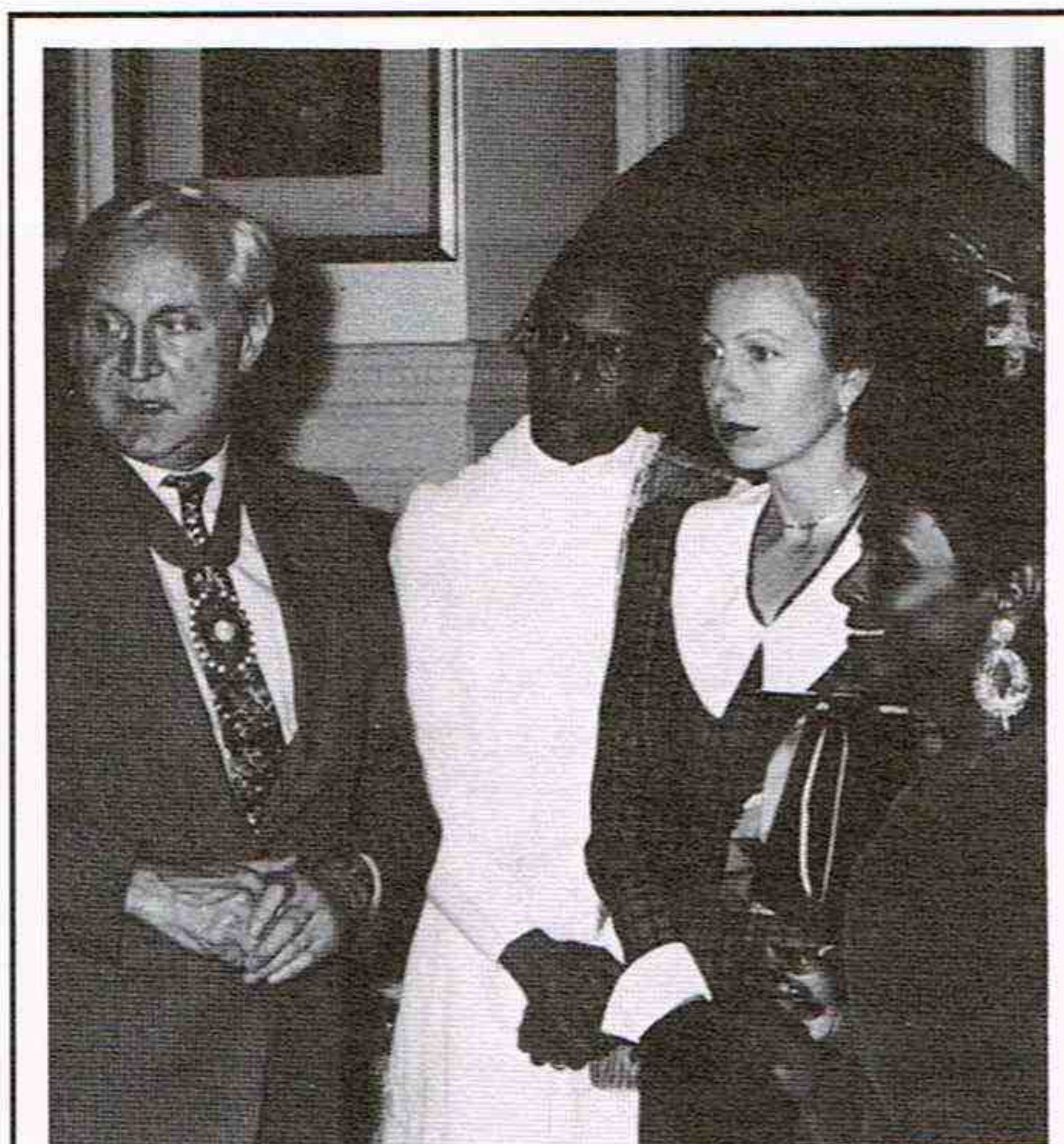


## New appointment helps conference planning

The Society has appointed a Geographical Officer to help run the programme of environmental conferences and technical meetings held at 1 Kensington Gore.

Alison Glazebrook, a geography graduate with first class honours from Bristol Polytechnic, joined the RGS last month.

The three year appointment is funded by the Baring Foundation, to strengthen the Society's role as a forum for debating environmental issues.



The Princess Royal was greeted by RGS President Sir Crispin Tickell when she opened the Ethiopian Trilogy Exhibition of photographs by Santha Faiia, (above right) and traditional crafts from the three provinces of Gondar, Harar and Borana - in September.

## In brief.....

The *Geographical Journal* has responded to requests from teachers for more detailed information about the results of the 1987/88 RGS Maraca Rainforest Project in Brazil by producing supplement sets of three key papers from the latest edition (November) of the *Journal*. Contact the General Office for details.

There will be a book sale in the Library from Monday 7th to Monday 21st January 1991. Fellows and Members are welcome. Library opening hours are 10 - 5 Monday to Friday.

Picture Library Manager, Rachel Duncan, has a stock of empty boxes for 35mm slides available, free to Fellows. Call in to pick them up before the end of the year.

Don't forget that excellent lunches are served at the RGS from 12.30pm to 1.45pm, Monday to Friday.

## Letter from the Director



November is increasingly becoming the "expeditions month" at the RGS. The centrepiece of this activity is the training weekend; the "Planning a Small Expedition Seminar", when some two hundred delegates descend on the Society's House from all parts of the country. It is a very lively gathering.

The Expedition Advisory Centre assembles a galaxy of experts, to advise on every aspect of expedition organisation. There are meetings on such common concerns as team management, financial control and budgeting, medicine, research methods and fund-raising.

At other times, workshop sessions tackle logistical aspects of different terrains, such as deserts, tropical forests, caves, mountains and glaciers, or oceans. Other panels deal with the scientific objectives of small expeditions, suggesting research opportunities and outlining working techniques.

Lowther Lodge really comes to life, and I am sure that the great explorers whose names look down from the lecture-theatre cornice would be pleased to see what is happening, gratified by the numbers of

enthusiastic delegates, and envious of the superb new equipment available to them and the ease of reaching remote destinations.

This year there have been innovations in the expedition training programme. One was an Expedition Road Show in which our assistant director, Nigel Winser, and Nicholas McWilliam of the EAC took their advice to regional centres.

Another new venture was on Saturday 27th October. During that afternoon there was the Expeditions Forum, at which a dozen expeditions were invited to make presentations about their achievements to a concerned and critical audience of fellow expeditioners. That evening, there was the traditional Welcome Home Party. This is the gathering at which each year's crop of expeditioners can meet others, and swap yarns about their adventures.

Shane Winser, who runs the EAC so admirably, will shortly announce another new event for next spring: a seminar on the special needs of women travellers, to complement the very successful Independent Travellers Seminar. Shell International generously sponsor the Expedition Advisory Centre. They are well pleased with its success, for in addition to all these meetings, the EAC publishes a range of excellent manuals and daily dispenses advice to dozens of enquirers. This country is proudly the world leader in the number of expeditions leaving our shores. Their growth and achievements owe much to the efforts of Shane Winser's team.

DR JOHN HEMMING

## Fellows' Forum

A generous note from Cypriot Fellow, Onisiphoros Neophytou: "It will be my pleasure if any of the Fellows from England visits Cyprus, my country, to receive him and give him any possible help." His address: Kavafi 7, Nicosia 130, Cyprus. Tel: 02/423657.

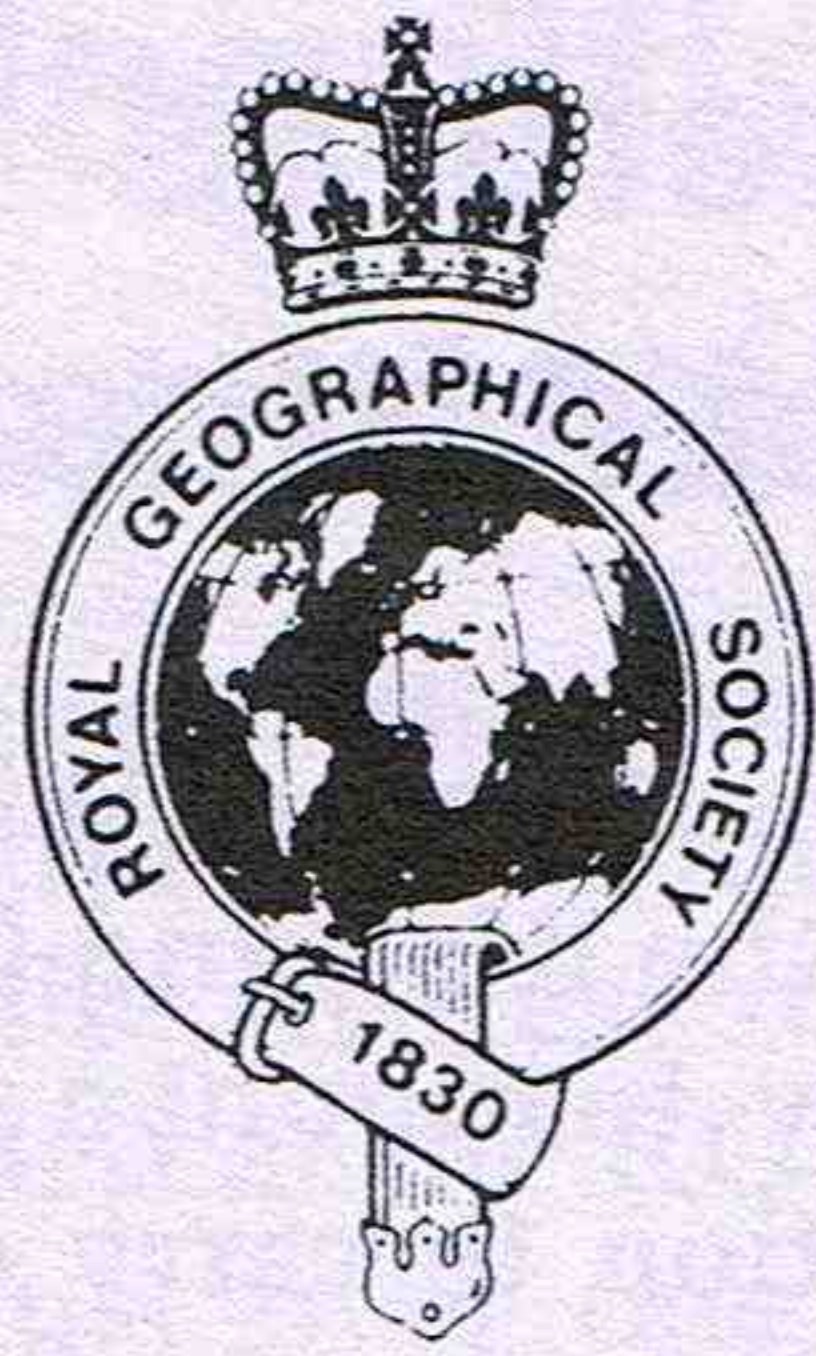
For a bibliography of Charles Tilstone Beke 1800-1874; author of numerous books, articles, and letters on biblical matters and Nile exploration. I will appreciate information or any collections of his works and any bibliographic sources. Contact: Burke E Casari, 1436 C Street, Lincoln, NE 68502, U.S.A.

David Johnson, Head of Geography at Bentham School, has uncovered a stock of back issues of the *Geographical Magazine* - mostly in good condition. Those available are: all issues from 1960-1977 and incomplete runs for 1957-59 and 1978-86. Contact Mr Johnson at Bentham School, Lancaster, LA2 7DB.

If you have any information or requests for Fellow's Forum in February 1991, please write to Debbie Macklin at the RGS before 15th January 1991.



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## Remote Source at the RGS

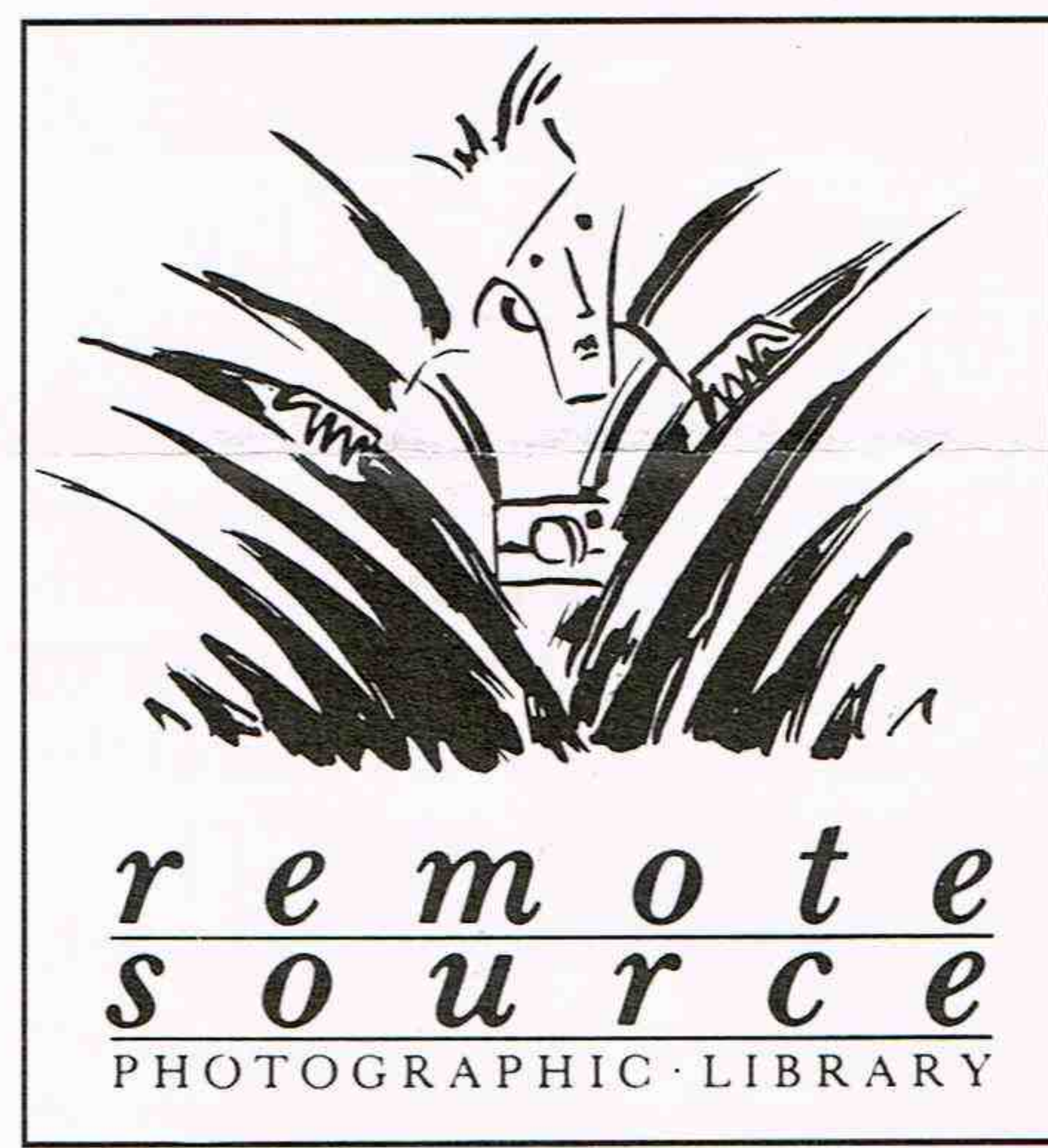
Remote Source, the picture library whose photographers reach parts of the world others only dream about, will merge with the RGS next month.

The Remote Source collection, with its emphasis on contemporary shots of places, people and

cultures in remote corners of the globe - will complement the Society's own picture library of 150,000 slides and prints, which includes unique archive records of historic moments in exploration dating back to the 1850's.

Remote Source also operates a directory of more than 200 selected photographers, whose skills behind the lens are matched by their wanderlust.

Set up five years ago, Remote Source developed a strong reputation among picture researchers, book and magazine editors, advertising agencies and designers for providing rapid access to one-off shots of arctic wastelands,



windswept plateaux or steaming rainforests.

The combined collections and directory service - to be managed by RGS picture library manager, Rachel Duncan - now represent Britain's definitive source of modern and archival expedition images.

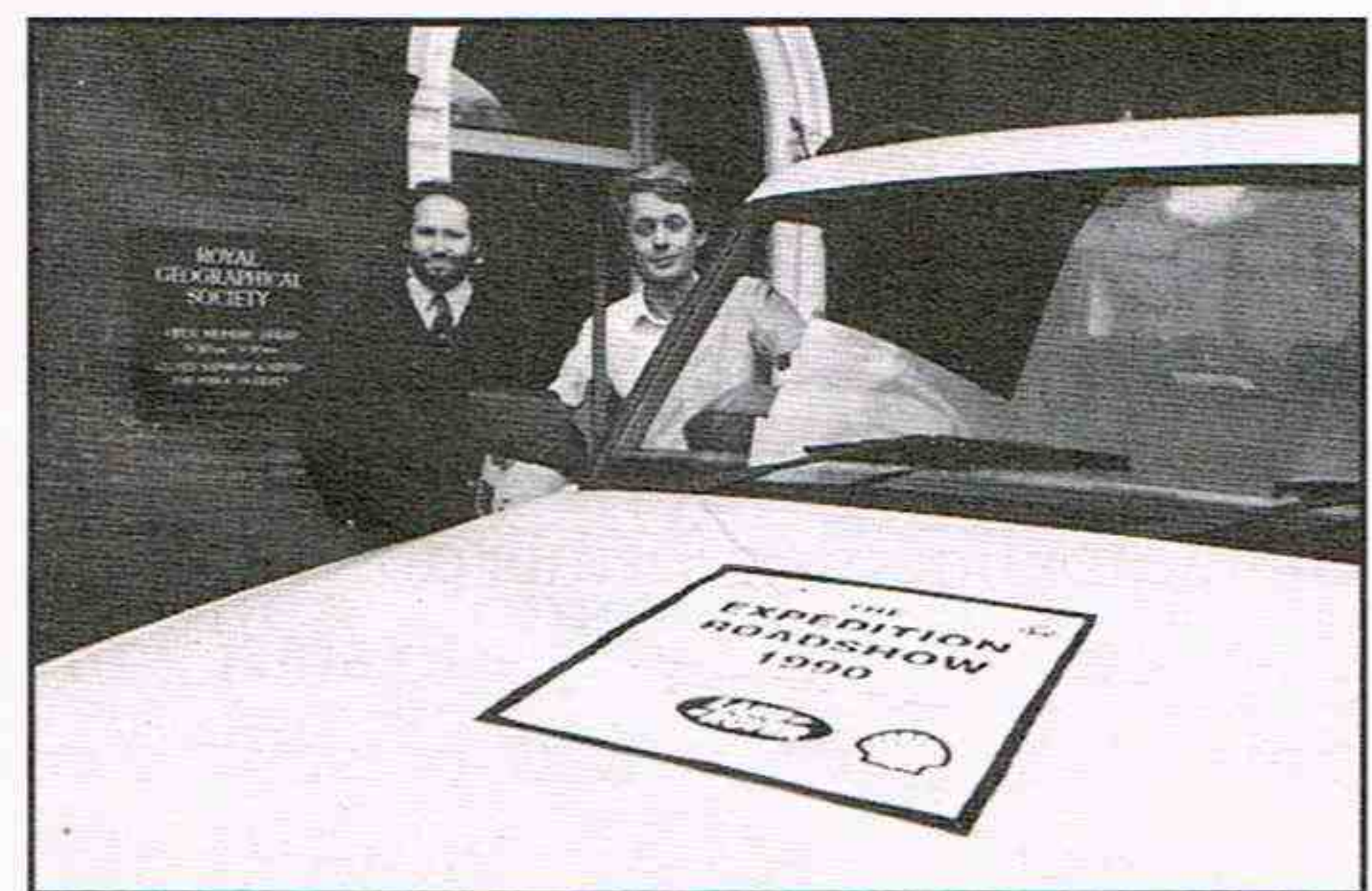
## Discovering the joys of the road!

A compact version of the RGS Expedition Advisory Service set off a nationwide tour this month, for the first-ever expedition training roadshow.

Edinburgh, Durham, Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield and Bristol were the ports of call for Assistant Director, Nigel Winser, and the EAC administrative assistant, Nicholas McWilliam.

The mobile training seminars stressed the importance of careful planning and realistic research objectives. According to Nigel Winser, student expeditions can play a valuable role in collecting environmental data from all parts of the world - if they get it right.

The tough travel schedule posed no problems for the new Discovery vehicle - kindly donated for the tour by Landrover, one of the RGS Corporate Patrons for 1990.



## Fears for the Map Room Grant

The Government's Office of Arts and Libraries has appointed an independent consultant to review the use of the RGS Map Room and make recommendations for the future.

At stake is the £54,000 annual grant, paid by the government towards maintenance of the collection on the condition that it is open to the public. The grant has not been increased since 1985, and is now the only direct payment from the Office of Arts and Libraries to a recipient organisation. All others are channelled through intermediary bodies, such as the Arts Council.

RGS Keeper, Peter Clark is worried that the review could lead to the grant being withdrawn, because of the way the government appears to be assessing value for money. If that happens, the Map Room might have to close to the public, and the service to Fellows reduced. The final report of the review is expected in February 1991.

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