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This collection of articles is dedicated to Martin Brasier: friend, mentor, teacher, brother, dad and grandpa. Martin took us on adventures around a fantastic natural world, from back gardens in Colchester and quarries of Lincolnshire, to Barbuda, ‘Cold War’ Siberia, China, Outer Mongolia, Oman, Australia, Canada, Brazil and many, many other hidden corners of the globe. He told us exciting and humorous stories, sometimes around the campfire, sometimes in his office or at home, sometimes on long walks through the countryside. Favourites were chasing pirates in the Caribbean, or climbing over tanks during a failed Russian coup. Some of the best stories were those Martin read to us directly from narratives he found hidden within complex patterns in rocks and fossils. This work led to him being awarded the Lyell Medal of the Geological Society of London in 2014. Martin’s many notable accomplishments in the Earth sciences are well documented in his scientific publications, including some of his fantastic sketches. Less well documented is that Martin was an excellent jazz piano player. Once he even played with Stéphane Grappelli’s ‘Quintet of the Hot Club of France’ band when the lead artist failed to turn up. He had a life-long fascination with antiques, in particular Roman coins, of which he had a wealth of knowledge. But most of all he was our friend (1947–2014).