

## London Meeting Lecture Thursday 17 November

### George Graham, Watchmaker

by Rory McEvoy

George Graham was the most distinguished clock and watchmaker of his time, and he was more than just a talented mechanic. His papers, read before the Royal Society, show him to be a versatile natural philosopher and talented astronomer, whose respected opinion was frequently sought. Despite his extraordinary talent he remained a modest man and, perhaps for that reason, much of his contribution to the understanding of our world is often overlooked. It is surely testament to his character that Victorian writers exemplified him as a role model to children and adults alike.

The illustrated talk will examine the life of George Graham through his own writing and that of his contemporaries. It will also re-visit and review existing biographical material.

As the talk is an introduction to on-going research, Rory invites members of the Society to contact him, should they have any information relating to this subject. All correspondence will be treated with the utmost discretion.



A centre-seconds stop-watch with cylinder escapement by George Graham, believed to have been made for the third Astronomer Royal, James Bradley ©NMM



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