

## Allan J. Hall PhD



Allan was brought up in Dunfermline and obtained a first class BSc Honours degree in geology from the University of Edinburgh in 1968. He went on to study for his PhD at the University of Durham under Roy Phillips. His thesis of 1971 was on *The mineralogy of some synthetic sulphosalts*. There then followed a post-doc at the Université de Paris for 3 years. He returned to Scotland to join the young Department of Applied Geology at the University of Strathclyde in 1976.

His research into sulphosalts, especially tetrahedrites, continued at Strathclyde before he started working with Mike Russell on the origin of life, research which continued till the end of his active research. Allan, along with colleagues from Applied Geology, moved to the University of Glasgow in 1989 to form the new Department of Geology and Applied Geology with some members of the Department of Geology of the University of Dundee following the closure of that department as a result of the Oxburgh review of Earth Science departments in the UK. Ten years later he transferred into the Department of Archaeology, focusing on the archaeological applications of mineralogy and geochemistry with projects in Greece (industrial minerals in antiquity in the Aegean) and in Scotland (early metal exploitation). He retired in 2011 but continued to attend the Archaeology department on a weekly basis as an honorary lecturer as well as attending meetings of the Archaeology Society (as well as our own society).

Allan joined the Geological Society of Glasgow Society in 1982 and, after a period as a council member, served as president of the society from 1991 to 1994. During his time as president, he led a weekend excursion to the northern Lake District as well as a day excursion to East Kirkton and the Bathgate Hills; both of these were with Rona McGill. He also presented the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> T.N. George Memorial medals to W.J. Kennedy and Diane Edwards.

Allan died on January 1, 2021.

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