



# THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF GLASGOW

## New Year 2023 Newsletter

A Happy New Year to all Society Members! ...

A reminder about this month's lecture and other newsworthy items

### Lecture Programme

**12th January 2023 at 7:30pm** Lecture Theatre A407 Boyd Orr Building

**Professor Mark Williams (Leicester University) "The Anthropocene: a Planetary scale change to the biosphere, and the future well-being of planet Earth"**

*Mark will discuss how palaeontology contributes to quantifying the degree of Anthropocene change, and how it might be used to influence our strategies towards a more sustainable relationship with nature.*

**This will be an 'in-person' lecture, and will be recorded but not live zoomed.** Please can we give Mark a good audience!

You might be interested in listening to a very relevant podcast in the excellent Geology Bites series - with Phil Gibbard from the Anthropocene Working Group. link [here](#). As well as discussing the issues surrounding defining a possible Anthropocene epoch, Phill covers the background to stratigraphic subdivisions and the rationale for 'golden spikes'.

The Anthropocene (and a potential golden spike) also featured in a Guardian article on new years's day [here](#)

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[Geonatter](#)

Want to learn more  
about geology?

## Geo Natter

Kelvin Hall, Glasgow

Come to Kelvin Hall to look at some rocks & fossils, maybe get your rocks and fossil identified, chat informally to others or ask questions about geology and find out what's happening locally.

**1.30-3.30pm** on the following dates in 2023

Date	Topic
18 Jan	Fossil Shrimp
1 Feb	Coprolites
15 Feb	Fossil Crinoids
1 Mar	Ammonites
15 Mar	Agates
29 Mar	Geology Quiz



It's free &  
everyone  
is welcome

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### **Geology Bites**

The latest podcast episode is all about the geology of the Hadean - at the opposite end of the Earth's stratigraphic column from the Anthropocene see <https://www.geologybites.com/nadja-drabon>

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### **Down to Earth**

Latest edition [here](#)

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### **Some interesting online links to articles**

[https://www.sciencenews.org/article/mysterious-ichthyosaur-graveyard-breeding-ground?  
utm\\_source=Nature+Briefing&utm\\_campaign=c340577d00-briefing-dy-  
20221222&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_c9dfd39373-c340577d00-  
44022293](https://www.sciencenews.org/article/mysterious-ichthyosaur-graveyard-breeding-ground?utm_source=Nature+Briefing&utm_campaign=c340577d00-briefing-dy-20221222&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c9dfd39373-c340577d00-44022293)

[https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20221212-the-mysterious-song-of-the-  
dinosaurs](https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20221212-the-mysterious-song-of-the-dinosaurs)

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