THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF GLASGOW

Newsletter - June 2026

Day Excursions 2026

For more information and to book go to: https://geologyglasgow.org.uk/events/category/excursions/

6th June - Burnmouth: Leader Katie Strang

4th July - Siccar Point: Leader Angus Miller

18th July - Arran: Leaders Luisa Hendry, David Webster, Stuart Blake (Director Lochranza Centre)

8th August - Ballachullish: Leader Joan Walsh

26th August - Glasgow Museums Resource Centre

Shropshire April 12-16 2027



Shropshire is wonderful place for geologists based in Scotland to see what was going on the 'the other side' of the Iapetus Ocean from the Late Precambrian into the Palaeozoic. As well as the fascinating geological story (eg the famous basal Cambrian unconformity at the Ercall - photo R) there's fossils, great scenery, nice walks, old mines and great pubs! We're planning on staying together in the Longmynd Hotel in Church Stretton and using a local minibus with driver. To make the minibus option viable we're looking for 15 participants.

If you're potentially interested in this trip please contact Lindsay excursions @gsocg.org

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Fossil Grove Open Afternoons

Third Sundays of the month, April to October 12-4pm

14 June – Glasgow Science Festival

June 21 - Scottish Geology Festival

July 19

August 16

September 20 - Doors Open Day

October 18

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Dates for 2026

17th June

15th July

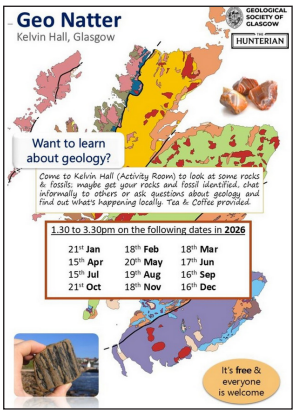
19th August

16th September

21st October

18th November

16th December



Down to Earth

May episode of Extra here

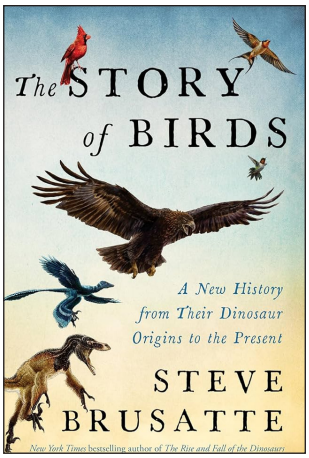
Recent Papers on Scottish Geology

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Geology Bites



A new and exciting episode to enjoy at www.geologybites.com

Oliver has just posted an episode with Steve Brusatte on the dinosaurs that survived the asteroid. Steve is Professor of Palaeontology and Evolution at the University of Edinburgh and author of the newly released book *The Story of Birds*.

It is widely known that birds are dinosaurs, but perhaps less well known that most of the bird species living when the asteroid struck were wiped out. In the podcast, Steve describes what the fossil record tells us about the survivors — beaks rather than teeth, very rapid maturation, digestive systems with a crop and gizzard, and small body size. He then speculates on how each of these traits would have helped them withstand the post-impact cataclysm and the ensuing period of cold and darkness.

Scottish Geology Trust



Deep Time Gala

SGT are running a Deep Time Gala at Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh on the evening of Monday June 1st to launch the Scottish Geology Festival. It promises to be a fun, relaxed evening bringing together science lovers, curious minds, and the local community to celebrate all things geology and deep time. Here's a taste of what's happening: Meet geoscientists, Learn how we date rocks, hands-on activities, geo-cocktails, an exclusive planetarium show and a marketplace of geology arts, crafts, and merchandise.
https://www.scottishgeologytrust.org/event/deep-time-gala-launch-of-the-scottish-geology-festival/

Scottish Geology Festival 1-30 June 2026

The Scottish Geology Festival 2026 will take place in June to coincide with the 300th anniversary of the birth of James Hutton – the father of modern geology and one of Scotland's most important enlightenment figures.

Some events:

Thinking like Hutton: Shaping the next 300 years (3rd June) - Talk, Royal Society of Edinburgh
Fossil Walk: Cromarty Beach (5 & 6 June) - Fossil walks with Hugh Miller's Birthplace Museum
Sketch Like a Geologist: Stirling Castle (6th June) - A creative and educational experience where art meets geology
The Torah of Rocks Workshop (9th June) - An exploration of faith and cultural interpretations of geology
Revealing Rocks: Meffan Museum (6th and 7th June) - Family activities and Geology of Scotland talk
Scotland's Fossil Story (12th June) - Explore the BGS stores and discover the fossils that reveal Scotlands past
Online Talk: What's Down There? How Scotland's Caves Are Explored (19 June) - Pair of talks from the Grampian Speleological Group
Deep Listening to Deep Time (23rd June) - Immersive experience, encountering Deep Time through slow attention, touch, and sound
Jacobites and Jewellery: 350 years of artistry from the Portsoy Marble (26th June) - Talk, Aberdeen UniversityMore Information and booking at:
https://www.scottishgeologytrust.org/festival/

Glasgow Science Festival

Glasgow Science Festival is turning 20! Join the celebrations as we mark two decades of bringing action-packed events to places and spaces across the city. Enjoy events such as cocktail classes, our sustainably powered music festival with a ceilidh and our 'Cheers for 20 Years' party night. Running from the 4th to 14th June, we reflect on the incredible contribution Glasgow research has made and ask what the next 20 years might look like. Almost all events are free.



Friends of Hugh Miller

Some information on events this year at Hugh Miller's Museum in Cromarty





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