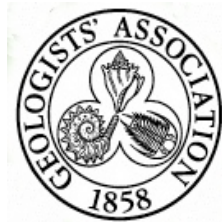


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Forthcoming talk



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Friday 2nd February 2018

A sceptical look at the Dino-Bird controversy by Mike Howgate

To most interested lay-people and even most vertebrate palaeontologists the theory that birds arose from a group of Theropod dinosaurs is now regarded as an incontestable fact. However there are a handful of dissenters from this supposed certainty. The speaker is one.

Mike will outline the position of *Archaeopteryx* as the quintessential example of an intermediate between reptiles and birds, and consider the various theories which have been put forward to explain which group of reptiles might be the direct ancestor of the avian lineage. He will also look at two alleged dino-birds which featured prominently in the recent exhibition 'Dinosaurs of China' in Nottingham. A more parsimonious ancestor for the avian lineage will be suggested.



Deinonychus antirrhopus in the Natural History Museum - where did the feathers come from?

Janet Watson Lecture Theatre
The Geological Society, Burlington House,
Piccadilly, London W1V 0JU

Tea at 5.30 pm with the lecture starting at 6.00 pm.

Non-members are very welcome to attend for an introductory visit - please telephone 020 7434 9298 or email the Executive Secretary (sarah@geologistsassociation.org.uk) for further information

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