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Forthcoming talk

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Friday 6th December 2019

The Secret Life of the Starfish: the origin of asterozoan echinoderms in the Ordovician By Dr. Aaron Hunter

Asterozoans, including starfish and their close relatives the brittle stars, are amongst the most instantly recognisable and iconic marine animals. They are a dominant and successful group of living echinoderms based on their diversity, abundance, and global distribution. Despite their ecological success and a fossil record spanning more than 480 million years, the early evolution of asterozoans remains a mystery. In-fact, they seem to appear suddenly in the early Ordovician with no apparent ancestor in the Cambrian. New discoveries from France and Morocco have begun to resolve this mystery.



**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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