



19th February 2026

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All talks for the 2025-26 session will start at 7.30pm and take place at the Central Teaching Hub of the University of Liverpool in Lecture Theatre C. Entrance will be via the main door.

Liverpool Geological Society events

Tuesday 3rd March 2026

Extraordinary Meeting

This meeting will begin at 7.30 p.m. and will precede the talk by Dr. Joaquín Alberto Cortés.

Agenda for the Extraordinary Meeting

1. Nominations for Council 2026 – 2027

The following are proposed by Council to be elected for the 2025/2026 Session:

Officers of Council:

President M Amlôt, Vice-President M Stoddart, Hon Secretary ME Williams, Hon Programme Secretary NC Hunt, Hon Treasurer GT Billington, Hon Assistant Treasurer NC Hunt, Hon Editors (NW Geologist) M Williams & TJP Williams, Hon Librarian WJ Iley, Hon Publicity Officer S Hurrell, Hon Excursions Secretary M Stoddart, Hon Website Manager TJP Williams, Hon Publications Sales Manager GT Billington

Ordinary Members of Council:

E Thompson, G Gilchrist, R Leong, P dePolo

Co-opted Members of Council:

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Holding Trustees:

M Amlôt, S Hurrell, E Thompson

2. Rates of Subscription for 2026/2027

The following annual subscription rates are proposed by Council for the 2026/2027 Session:

Full members £15 Student members £5.

Tuesday 3rd March

Lecture by Dr. Joaquín Alberto Cortés (Edge Hill University)

Title: Birth, life and death of volcanoes; the evolution of magmatic systems



Just like animals, volcanoes go through a life cycle of birth, growth, decline and finally death; they become extinct. In this presentation, I will introduce, using several example volcanoes from North, South America and even Scotland the different stages of the evolution of an active volcano. From the insights gathered from these examples, I will show that "magma chambers" are not quite what we used to believe they were, and instead they represent dynamic, vertically extensive magmatic systems composed of transient melt lenses, crystal mush zones and interconnected conduits that evolve through time.

Please note that the lecture by Dr. Katy Chamberlain has been cancelled for now.

Sunday 13th September 2026

LGS Outdoor Meeting to Brymbo Fossil Forest near Wrexham

We are planning a visit to the Brymbo Fossil Forest near Wrexham (LL11 5BT) on Sunday 13th September. The website of the site tells us "During work on the Brymbo steel works site in 2003 several large tree-like fossils were uncovered while open-cast mining overlying coal. After initial assessment by Peter Appleton and Dr Jacqui Malpas, five years of excavation revealed thousands of fossils and over 20 large tree trunk like structures with rooting networks perfectly preserved, some measuring up to 2.5 metres in height! Coal has been mined on the Brymbo site since the 1400's, all the while the miners blissfully unaware of the origin of the coal that they were labouring to extract".

There will be a charge, but pricing structure has not been finalised yet. Members who would like to attend should contact our Excursion Secretary at mike.stoddart@live.co.uk to reserve a place. He will be in touch closer to the date to confirm pricing and to organise car sharing.

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