

Saturday Morning Seminars

Saturday 11th May 2024, 10.00 am, Free Church Hall, Stansted.



The Evolution of Flight—How Birds Fly and The Dinosaur-Bird Link: a Critical Overview

with Mike Howgate MSc FLS



Mike will discuss two controversies at our seminar. In the first part he will look at the evolution of flight—did birds evolve flight to descend from the trees or to rise up from the ground? He will then move on to discussing the prevalent theory amongst palaeontologists that birds arose for a group of Theropod dinosaurs. There are a handful of dissenters to this theory and Mike is one of them, so this should be a fascinating exploration of the evidence.

Mike, sometimes known as Dr. Dinosaur, is the General Secretary and Chairman of the Amateur Geological Society of North London. A geologist, he has given guided tours for the Natural History Museum and for Birkbeck college. He is a Fellow of the Linnean Society of London which encourages the debate and discussion of natural history including taxonomy, evolutionary biology and ecology, alongside their application to conservation.

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