

# Shell London Lecture Series: Stranger than Fiction: Worlds around and beneath us

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*Geological Society of London*

## Landslides and subsidence: Engineering geology in an age of austerity



SPEAKER: *David Shilston (GSL President)*

Subsidence of buildings, the collapse of old mine workings, the movement of landslides and other problems in the ground can affect us all, as householders and as users of our complex national infrastructure that is built on or in the ground. David Shilston's lecture will take a broad overview of these ground problems within the UK and internationally. He will explore their causes and illustrate how engineering geological expertise can be used to eliminate or reduce their impacts. Mindful of the current economic climate, he will suggest an answer to a topical question: *How should our approach to problems in the ground be changed or adapted in an age of austerity?*

*Date: Wednesday 27 February 2013*

*Timings: This lecture will be given at 3pm and 6pm on this day (with tea/coffee served for half an hour before each), so please let us know, when applying for tickets, which talk you would like to attend.*

*Venue: The Geological Society of London, Burlington House*

Entry to this lecture is free to all, but places are allocated on a ballot basis. Please call at reception (to your right) or contact the Society by post, phone, fax or email (see below).



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# 2013 Programme

9 January	<b>Reconciling past and future worlds: Geology and ground engineering</b>	<i>Geotechnical Consulting Group</i>
27 February	<b>Landslides and subsidence: Engineering geology in an age of austerity</b>	<i>David Shilston, GSL President</i>
27 March	<b>Exceptionally preserved fossils: Windows on the evolution of life</b>	<i>David Siveter, University of Leicester</i>
17 April	<b>Rivers under the sea</b>	<i>Jeffrey Peakall, University of Leeds</i>
29 May	TBC	<i>Shell</i>
3 July	TBC	<i>Sanjeev Gupta, Imperial College</i>
11 September	<b>Dwarfism in animals on islands</b>	<i>Victoria Herridge, Natural History Museum</i>
9 October	<b>New discoveries of life at deep - sea hydrothermal vents</b>	<i>Adrian Glover, Natural History Museum</i>
20 November	TBC	<i>Shell</i>
18 December	<b>Lakes Beneath the Ice</b>	<i>Martin Siegert, Edinburgh University</i>



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