

## Enigmatic Minerals of the UK

Linnaeus, one of the most important figures in the development of Natural History said that naming things would be the foundation of our science, this is certainly true for minerals. Yet overtime our definitions change as our understanding and technology advances, the names we once used are replaced, changed or updated, this has lead to a number of enigmatic mineral names that we find in our literature that are confusing, not quite right, or need some attention for a variety of different reasons. During this light-hearted talk we will explore amongst others a few great examples of this from within the UK: Chlorophaeite, a mineral that still is yet to be properly defined after 200 years, Consitonite, a material that should never have been a mineral in the first place, plumbonacrite a mineral that was removed from the lists but later reinstated and Wooldridgeite a mineral more related to doing the washing up than to geology