



East Midlands Geological Society

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*Spring Lectures 2024*



Saturday 10 February 2024, 6.00 - 7.00pm

*Diamond Geology*

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## **ABSTRACT:**

*In both their geology and their industry, diamonds are like no other mineral. For centuries, the world's supply came almost entirely from the alluvials of Golconda in India. Only in 1870 were kimberlite pipes discovered, and it was a long time after that before their gas-rich explosive origins were really appreciated. The main source of gem-quality stones switched to Kimberley in South Africa, but this has subsequently been displaced by Botswana, Russia and then Canada. Exploration for diamond-bearing pipes continues today, and has involved some exciting stories with both lone prospectors and major companies.*