

Tapestry of Time by Celia James on Sunday 2nd August 2026

My 'thought' is about Time and my first example is the tapestry of the cushions. I'd like us to look at them, think of the mix of all the moment by moment that went into both the stitches and the lives.

My point being that those people once shared this space and we are in the process of planning the configuration of our buildings for a future

WE won't see.

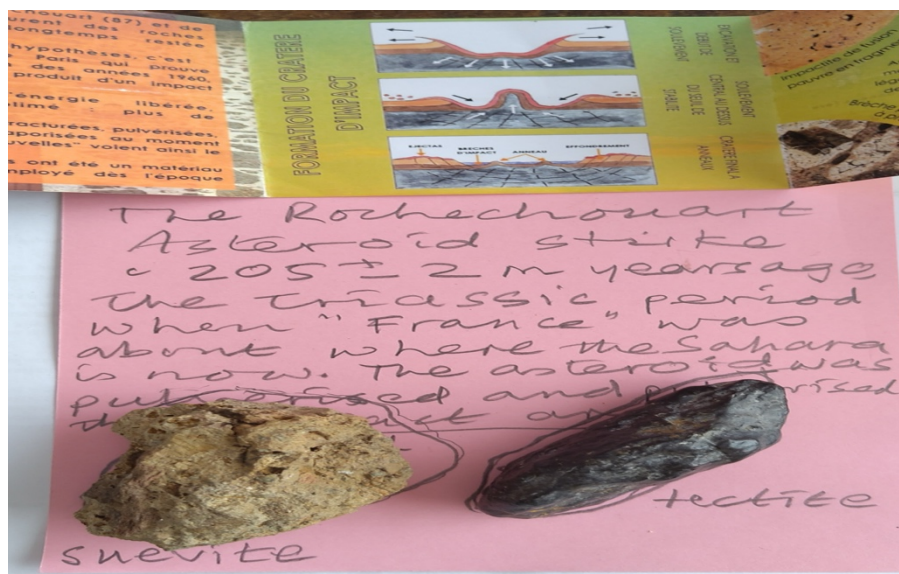


Secondly, the tektite, *(a small, natural glass object. It forms when a meteorite hits the Earth. The powerful impact melts local rock. This melted rock flies into the air and cools into glass before falling back to the ground)* offering the thrill of the mix of its Moment and deep Time....how one COULD count back and find the exact day it happened, which then had the exact 'hour and minutes' in it. How we invent time. (And our ancestors were doing something else at that moment in time.)

Thirdly, my glacial erratic *(A glacial erratic is a rock or boulder that was picked up by a moving glacier, carried for miles, and left behind when the ice melted.)* from the fields near

Gt Chesterford, from the Anglian Ice sheet: this lasted from c47500 to c42500 years ago. I think that the erratic was likely dropped here when the ice started to retreat from its southern edge, (somewhere near Finchley) and I've read that our deposits of boulder clay hereabouts are 45000 years old. I think it must have taken most of those thousands of years from when the rock was plucked into the ice for it to get worn that flat on one side. For all that time it was embedded in the bottom of the ice sheet and that particular side was being slowly scraped across the bare-rock countryside towards Essex FROM? very likely, Wales ...moment by moment grinding off every miniscule grain of rock: and every grain of dust has ended up somewhere else as the boulder clay we farm.

With the very slow happening of the erratic, there's no parallel with the exact moments of the tektite and suevite, (*Suevite is a special type of impact rock. It forms when a large meteorite crashes into Earth. The huge shock and heat, melt and break the local rock. This mixed material cools into glass and solid rock pieces*) but isn't that how we generally experience our time within Time.... Like the erratic, little exact moment after exact moment, the collection of them a blur?



We can gather to enjoy the cluster of rocks and objects which speak to this duality of moment and momentum. In my first bead timeline of the Earth the scale is 1 bead to 10 million years, and

the tiny labels along it say what happened then. It's crazily imprecise, of course, but it's still an astonishment to spend some moments with the idea. My bottle of 13,790,000 beads represents the years of the Universe, give or take...

