

CBA East EVENTS

We had all been hoping that the Covid 19 crisis would be over by the end of the year. As I write this Newsletter in December there is hope on the horizon, but it is still too soon to know which events, if any, will be able to take place in the New Year. As a result, this Newsletter is rather thin, but I hope I have found something to interest all our Members.

We still hope to run at least some of the events postponed from 2020, and Members will be alerted by e-mail as soon as there is any news. **If we still do not have your e-mail address please let us have details at CBAEast@archaeologyuk.org.** This will be used purely for contact purposes and will not be passed to other organisations. **Without a current e-mail address, you may not receive details of CBA East events.**

Events that we hope will take place include

The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** in May. The Committee decided not to hold the 2020 AGM, following advice from the Charity Commission, but we hope that this year's will be able to go ahead. Full details will be e-mailed to Members once the situation becomes clearer.

GUIDED TOUR OF CLARE. We still hope to be able to arrange a tour of the archaeological features for Members once the situation allows. In the meantime, if you feel like visiting Clare there is a Town Trail to follow. Details, with a link to a map of the Trail, are at https://www.visit-clare.co.uk/things_to_do/the-town-trail/

AUTUMN CONFERENCE. We still hope to hold the conference, postponed from last year, provisionally with the theme *Archaeology for All*, in Autumn 2021. More details in due course!

We also hope to rearrange our **GUIDED TOUR OF THE BARROW CEMETERY ON THERFIELD HEATH (Royston)** for April 2021.

Please remember to check the website for event updates: <http://cbae.archaeologyuk.org/events.2020/>

CBA NATIONAL NEWS

National Conference and AGM. 4 February 2021.

The Conference this year will take place online via ZOOM. Members of CBA only can attend the AGM at 11.30 am, but the main Beatrice de Cardi lecture by TV star Raksha Dave is open to all. Book your place at [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Many CBA publications are available free via ADS. See <https://new.archaeologyuk.org/books-and-publications>.

Follow the CBA blog at <http://blog.archaeologyuk.org/>

STONEHENGE

The first of an important series of monographs on the recent discoveries at Stonehenge, by Mike Parker-Pearson *et al*, can be read online **free** at [Stonehenge for the Ancestors: Part 1 \(sidestone.com\)](https://www.sidestone.com/en/publications/stonehenge-for-the-ancestors-part-1). (Or you can download the pdf for £9.99, or buy the hardback for only £140.00...)

ONLINE TALKS AND INFORMATION

Most of our local Societies have been keeping their members up to date with lists of online talks, or indeed arranging their own events via ZOOM. Many of the latter are now available on YouTube.

As mentioned in the June Newsletter, Clem Cooper of **Cambridgeshire JIGSAW** has put together a list of online lectures, podcasts and other material at <https://jigsawcambs.org/news>.

Some interesting items that have come to our attention recently are

Career in Ruins – a series of podcasts covering different aspects of careers in archaeology. A list of all the episodes with links to each is at [Career in Ruins Podcast - Episode 11: A career in the Neolithic | Free Listening on Podbean App](#)

Neolithic Carved Stone Balls – a summary of what we know about these enigmatic artefacts from Mark Hall, history officer at Perth Museum and Art Gallery [Neolithic Carved Stone Balls in context: A new find from Sheriffmuir – Archaeology Orkney](#)

The **Lindybeige** series of videos on archaeology and much more: [Lindybeige - YouTube](#)

Time Team have a new YouTube channel, as well as a membership scheme with Patreon which will offer members new extra content. Details at [Time Team - Time Team joins Patreon and introduces Classics \(timeteamdigital.com\)](#) All the programmes are also now available from Channel 4 via [All 4 | The on-demand channel from 4 \(channel4.com\)](#).

The **Rhind Lectures 2020** of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland concentrated this year on the Neolithic. All are available on the Society's YouTube channel. Full details at [Society of Antiquaries of Scotland - YouTube](#)

More local is a **new series of lectures about St Edmundsbury Abbey**, presented as part of the Abbey 1000 celebrations in conjunction with CBA East affiliated Society the **Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History**. These are streamed live on the Abbey's Facebook page, but the first is already available online at [From Rise to Ruins - St Edmundsbury Cathedral \(stedscathedral.org\)](#), where you will also find details of how to watch the other three lectures online. The four lectures are:

Dr Richard Hoggett, '**The Abbey, the Antiquaries and the Archaeologists: Discovering the Abbey of St Edmund**'. This talk examines the ways in which antiquaries and archaeologists have approached the study of the abbey since the Dissolution, and reveals what recent archaeological fieldwork has told us about the development of the monastic site. Dr Richard Hoggett is a freelance heritage consultant, writer and lecturer, with an academic background in Anglo-Saxon and medieval monasticism. Available online through the above link.

Sat 23 January 2021: Dr Abby Antrobus, '**The Relationship between the Abbey and the Town**'. This talk will examine how, focussed on the shrine of St Edmund, the abbey and town developed from their Anglo-Saxon origins into the Norman period. It will consider the archaeological evidence for the growth of the built environment as wealth was generated and expansion took place, in this period of cultural change. Dr Abby Antrobus is a Senior Archaeological Officer at Suffolk County Council where she provides advice on the archaeological implications of development across Suffolk, particularly in the county's towns.

Sat 27 Feb 2021: Professor Sarah Foot, '**Patrons and Benefactors of St Edmund's Abbey, c. 900-1086**'. The origins of the first community of St Edmund remain obscure, but probably date back to the late ninth century. From the earliest surviving written records, we know that the leading families of Suffolk and Norfolk took a close interest in promotion of the saint's cult and support of the abbey. This paper discusses those patrons and benefactors, explores Cnut's re-foundation of Bury in 1020, and considers why William the Conqueror also chose to patronise Bury St Edmunds. Sarah Foot is the Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History and a Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

Sat 27 March 2021: Professor Mark Bailey, '**The Abbey of Bury St Edmunds and the History of Suffolk**'. The abbey possessed vast landed estates and extensive judicial powers throughout Suffolk, and the ways in which it exploited its properties and its rights had a profound influence upon Suffolk life in the Middle Ages; and, indeed, the consequences of some of those decisions are still evident in the modern landscape. This talk considers the abbey's external relationship with the people of medieval Suffolk, including its stormy relationship with the town itself. Mark Bailey is Professor of Late Medieval History, UEA, and President of SIAH.

The Anglo-Saxon Agricultural Revolution in Norfolk:

This online conference was held on 14th November 2020 to mark the 25th anniversary of the Sedgeford Historical & Archaeological Research Project (SHARP) with the aim of reviewing the project's work at Sedgeford in the context of new discoveries and changing ideas about the Mid Anglo-Saxon period in a) Norfolk, b) England as a whole, and c) the wider contemporary world. Sedgeford has emerged as a major site for investigating the agricultural revolution of 'the long 8th century'. This period, between c. AD 650 and 850, saw the consolidation of kingdoms, the rise of the Church, the creation of great estates, an agricultural transformation based on heavy ploughs, open fields, and nucleated villages, and the development of emporia, craftwork, and long-distance trade in prestige goods.

[The Anglo-Saxon Agricultural Revolution in Norfolk - 14 November 2020 - YouTube.](#)

A further good source of archaeology videos is **The Archaeology Channel**. Go to <https://www.archaeologychannel.org/map/> and click on the pins for reports from all over the world.

Dig Ventures has a collection of video talks at <https://digventures.com/tag/dignation/>

And perhaps the most comprehensive collection of links is from the CBA itself: <http://bit.ly/archaeohub>.

NEW WEBSITES

The **Caistor Roman Project** has a new website, with links to current projects and an archive of reports and publications. [Caistor Roman Project | Venta Icenorum, Casitor St Edmund, Norfolk](#). CBA East Members visited Caistor in 2019.

OASIS: If you have been recording your digs on OASIS (and if not, you should have!) a new iteration of the OASIS form for recording archaeological investigations is now live: <https://oasis.ac.uk/> Do not try and login to OASIS V if you've not heard that your account has been migrated to the new system - continue to use OASIS IV as normal. If you want to check the status of your account then contact herald@ads.ac.uk. Detailed step-by-step video guides to demonstrate particular functions on the new OASIS V form are available via the help and training webpage here: <https://oasis.ac.uk/help.xhtml> For more information about OASIS V, see the blog post here: <https://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/blog/oasis/?p=742>

OASIS have announced the date and booking details for a workshop aimed at community archaeology groups on Wednesday, 24th February: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/oasis-for-community-archaeology-groups-support-workshop-tickets-130789979349>

CONFERENCES

Bronze age Forum

The Conference due to be held in Cambridge last year had to be cancelled. However the Forum **will** make it to Cambridge this year.

The Bronze Age Forum is for everyone with an interest in the Bronze Age—university academics, commercial archaeologists, museum curators, postgraduate students, independent scholars, and the public. The Forum is a chance to showcase new finds and excavations, present survey results, discuss emerging research, try out different interpretations, and to meet others in the field. The event will be held in Cambridge over the weekend of **13–14 November 2021**.

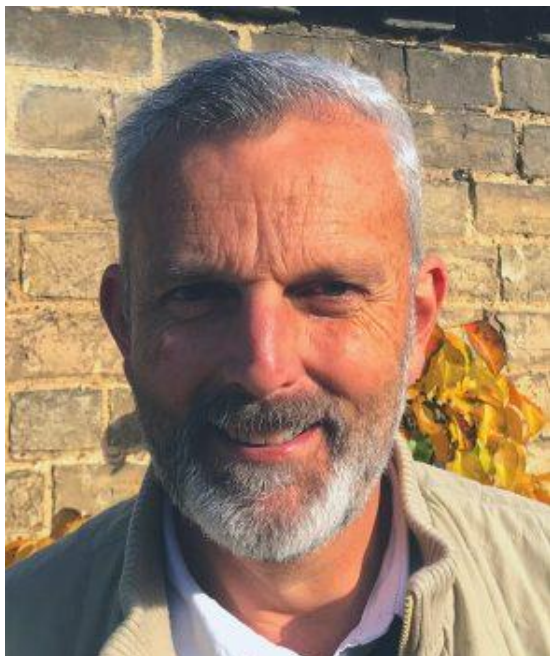
BAF2022 will be held in Leicester.

CBA East Autumn Conference. We hope to hold the Conference which had to be postponed last Autumn, in a venue near Cambridge. We particularly hope to involve our local groups in exhibitions and presentations. Further details will be circulated in due course.

CURRENT ARCHAEOLOGY AWARDS

Our area is well represented in the nominations for 2021.

Dr Rob Wiseman of CAU is nominated for Archaeologist of the Year.



Rob is part of the Cambridge Archaeological Unit at the University of Cambridge. He came to archaeology ten years ago after careers in communication research, consulting, and pharmaceuticals. As 2020 was a challenging year for archaeologists, with coronavirus restrictions closing sites and workplaces, and cutting colleagues off from one another, Rob found a productive way to bring professionals together. He recruited more than 100 volunteers to 'Archaeology on Furlough': ten online projects to which archaeologists could contribute from home, offering new insights into topics as varied as Anglo-Saxon houses, Roman cultivation, Scottish sheepfolds, and prehistoric art. He is making the teams' reports and datasets available online for free, for future research.

Between the cracks: underfloor archaeology at Oxburgh Hall is nominated for Rescue Project of the Year



An array of finds, including rare fragments of manuscripts and cloth, were recently discovered underneath the floorboards of Oxburgh Hall, giving insights into its history and the experiences of the people who lived there. See [BETWEEN THE CRACKS - Current Archaeology](#)

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LOCAL GROUP PROFILE

We hope in each edition of the Newsletter to present a profile of one of our CBA East affiliated groups. None of our local groups have sent me a profile for this Newsletter. Contributions are eagerly awaited for the next one!

LOCAL SOCIETIES AND EVENTS

In view of the current uncertainty, we are not listing any future events here. Please check individual Society websites for the latest information. Bear in mind that it may be necessary to book for online lectures. As well as future plans, many of the websites below have links to reports of previous archaeological activity.

ALDEBURGH AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

<http://www.adlhs.org.uk/>

ARCHAEOLOGY RHEESESEARCH GROUP

An enthusiastic group of amateur archaeologists who have acquired quite a reputation for carrying out geophysical investigations using their own kit. If you are planning an excavation they may be able to help.
<http://www.rheeseearch.org.uk/>

AYLSHAM ROMAN PROJECT

<https://aylshamromanproject.com/>

CAMBRIDGE ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD GROUP

<http://cafg.net>

COLCHESTER ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP

<http://caguk.net/>

EAST HERTS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY AND BRAUGHING ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

<https://www.ehas.org.uk/html/events.html>

FEN EDGE ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

See www.feag.co.uk. Any last minute changes will be posted on <https://feagblog.wordpress.com/>

FANE ROAD ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP (PETERBOROUGH)

<https://peterborougharchaeology.org/>

GREAT YARMOUTH LOCAL HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

<https://www.greatyarmouthlocalhistoryandarchaeology.com/meetings>

MIDDLE NENE ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP

<https://www.midnag.org.uk/events.html>

NORFOLK ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL RESEARCH GROUP

<http://www.nahrg.org.uk/>

NORFOLK AND NORWICH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Back issues of the Society's Journal, 1846-2005, are now online. Details at

<http://www.nnas.info/NABackIssues.html?fbclid=IwAR26laE5qGklZvoM2ky4BOCnqlh-A3Loaz5BQYtnemvldW7MsAxES95iqv4>

NORFOLK INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY

<http://www.norfolkia.org.uk/diary.html>

SPALDING GENTLEMEN'S SOCIETY

<https://www.sgsoc.org/lectures>.

THE SUFFOLK INSTITUTE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY

See above under "online talks" for the Abbey 1000 lectures.

<https://www.suffolk institute.org.uk/>

WALTHAM ABBEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

<http://www.walthamabbeyhistoricalsociety.org.uk/>

WELWYN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

<https://welwynarchaeologicalsociety.wordpress.com/>

WEST ESSEX ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP.

http://www.weag.org.uk/events_main.html

WEST NORFOLK AND KING'S LYNN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

http://wnklas.greyhawk.org.uk/main.php?p=lectures/meeting_programme2020.htm

GRANTS

CBA East awards **individual grants of up to £250** in support of archaeological study. We are keen to support a broad range of activity, and particularly wish to promote education, research, public awareness and participation in archaeology in the region. The criteria are flexible and hence appropriate for individuals or newly formed groups who are seeking funding for training, help with investigation of potential sites, or informal publication of initial work. Applications from young people who live in the region are welcome. Further details at

<http://cbae.archaeologyuk.org/grants/>.

Open Access Archaeology Fund.

If you wish to deposit with the Archaeological Data Service or publish an article with Internet Archaeology but have no means to pay, there is a new **Open Access Archaeology Fund**.

For more information on the fund and to apply, please see:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0TULQcvhsCyWlwb7tlpNghisveB6jD7UnEiMpBW48Axz5Qg/viewform>

COPY FOR THE NEWSLETTER

The next newsletter is due to be published in June 2021. Please send items for inclusion to

CBAE.Newsletter@archaeologyuk.org by the end of May.

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