

CBA EAST EVENTS

Don't forget **the CBA East AGM** in Colchester Castle on 11 June. This will be followed by an exploration of the museum galleries, **free** to Members attending the AGM (**usual price £11.25**). Affiliate organisations may nominate one of their members for free participation. Please let the Secretary know if you are intending to come. CBAEast@archaeologyuk.org. Please consider standing for the Committee at (or before) the AGM. Website experience would be particularly welcome.

There are still a few places on the **guided tour of Colchester** in the morning. Please reserve your place with the Secretary as above.

We intend to resume our popular online lectures in the autumn. Each talk will be held **via Zoom at 7.30 pm on the last Tuesday of the month** and will last approximately 45 mins followed by 10 minutes of Qs & As. Put the dates in your diary now.

Talks are free and bookable separately through Eventbrite. Booking will open later in the year. Members will be informed by e-mail when booking opens.

Sept 27th 2022 at 7.30 pm

“Decoding the dead: new work on Roman cremations at Colchester”: Professor Hella Eckardt, Head of Archaeology, Reading University, and Glynn Davis, Senior Collections & Learning Curator, Colchester.

Hella's research focuses on objects and what they can reveal about themes such as literacy. Hella has also worked with archaeological scientists to better understand mobility and migration in the Roman world. Working in collaboration with Reading University and others, Glynn Davis curated the splendid exhibition “Decoding the Roman Dead” at Colchester Castle Museum in 2021, which interpreted afresh a number of Roman cremations held by the Museum Service.

Oct 25th 2022 at 7.30 pm.

“Kingdom, Civitas and County: The Evolution of Territorial Identities in Iron Age, Roman, and Early Medieval Eastern England”: presented by Professor Stephen Rippon, Professor of Landscape Archaeology at Exeter University, and President of The Society for Medieval Archaeology. His research focuses on the origins and development of today's countryside, and embraces archaeological and historical evidence.

This talk will look at variations in Iron Age, Roman, and early medieval landscapes across eastern England. It will be argued that there are long-term continuities in some of the boundaries between communities in these periods such as the kingdoms that started to emerge during the Late Iron Age, the Roman administrative districts (*civitates*) that replaced them, and the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms that in turn replaced them. These ancient boundaries were only finally swept away in a reorganisation of local government during the 10th century AD (when the counties with which we are familiar were created).

Nov 29th 2022 at 7.30 pm.

TBC. “Historical Environmental Records”: presented by Andy Instone, Senior Historic Environment Advisor, Hertfordshire County Council.

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CBA EAST SITE VISITS

We were lucky enough to arrange a number of site visits in the last year. Unfortunately these are almost always last-minute events and although we will inform Members via e-mail we can rarely offer more than a few weeks' warning.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Quite a few Members have **still** not provided us with an e-mail address. If you have received this Newsletter by post, PLEASE let us have your e-mail address at CBAEast@archaeologyuk.org and add me (gordon780@btinternet.com) to your address book to prevent our e-mails being treated as spam. Your address 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 CBAE events.

CBA NATIONAL NEWS

The CBA has instituted a series of monthly online lectures. These are free to members of National CBA, Non-Members - £5. In addition to the two below, details of the full series can be found at <https://www.archaeologyuk.org/get-involved/events-and-activities/this-is-archaeology-lecture-series.html>

This is Archaeology: Excavating the map? Landscape archaeologies of the Ordnance Survey

In this lecture, Professor Keith Lilley will talk about landscapes and the associated field-monuments that played a vital role in mapping our nations.

7PM – 8PM 16 JUNE 2022

Two-hundred years ago, all across Great Britain and Ireland, the landscape was busy with surveyors occupied with measuring and mapping town and country for the Ordnance Survey. Today, the archaeological traces and legacies of these past surveying activities can still be seen 'in the field' yet remain a neglected and often overlooked aspect of our nations' heritage. In this lecture, Professor Keith Lilley (Queen's University Belfast) will talk to us about these landscapes and the associated field-monuments that played a vital role in mapping our nations. He will use examples of historic Ordnance Survey (OS) maps from Britain and Ireland to 'excavate the map' and explore the field-evidence in our landscapes that tells a story of those who surveyed the land to make the OS maps that we all so cherish today as archaeologists. The talk is an opportunity to hear about exciting new research and community archaeology projects being led by Prof Lilley on the landscape archaeologies of the Ordnance Survey. Booking at

<https://www.archaeologyuk.org/ems-event-booking-page.html?id=2B6B6A26-D08F-4E1C-879E3FF3BF675B2E>

This is Archaeology: Roman Britain's Pirate King

Dr Simon Elliot

7PM – 8PM 20 OCTOBER 2022

In the mid-3rd century AD Roman Britain's regional fleet, the Classis Britannica, disappeared. It was never to return. Soon the North Sea and English Channel were over-run by Germanic pirates preying upon the east and south coast of Britain, and the continental coast up to the Rhine Delta. The western augustus (senior emperor) Maximian turned to a seasoned naval leader called Marcus Aurelius Mausaeus Valerius Carausius to restore order. He was so successful that Maximian accused him of pocketing the plunder he'd recaptured, ordering his execution. The canny Carausius moved first and in 286 usurped imperial authority, creating a North Sea Empire in northern Gaul and Britain

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which lasted until 296. Dubbed the pirate king, he initially thrived, seeing off early attempts by Maximian to defeat him. However, in the early 290s Maximian appointed his new caesar (junior emperor), Constantius Chlorus (the father of Constantine the Great), to defeat Carausius. A seasoned commander, Constantius Chlorus soon brought northern Gaul back into the imperial fold, leaving Carausius controlling only Britain. Carausius was then assassinated and replaced by Allectus, his treasurer. Allectus was in turn defeated by Constantius Chlorus in AD 296 in the fourth Roman invasion of Britain, the caesar arriving just in time to prevent London being sacked by Allectus' Frankish mercenaries. Once more Britain was part of the Roman Empire. Booking at <https://www.archaeologyuk.org/ems-event-booking-page.html?id=D2E49D1F-1E24-4C33-B3D037A2E2AA49B6>

CONFERENCES

Society for Medieval Archaeology 2022 Annual Conference, in collaboration with Oxford University Department for Continuing Education.

**“Current Perspectives on Early Medieval Migration, Mobility and Material Culture”
24th, 25th and 26th June 2022**

The SMA annual conference will bring together an international group of scholars to talk about early medieval migrations, present new data and discuss new insight into the complex and challenging subject. Early Medieval migration has become a controversial topic with a decade or more of publications reporting opposite positions in favour of mass migration from the continent or continuity from the Roman period into the fifth, sixth and seventh centuries. New scientific data, not least from ancient DNA, alongside developments in the interpretation of more traditional archaeological evidence, are set to reform this dialogue.

Speakers include, but are not limited to – Sam Leggett, Emma Brownlee, James Harland, Toby Martin, Helena Hamerow, Robin Fleming, Steven Rippon, Stefan Schiffels & Joscha Gretzinger, Janet Kay, James Gerrard, Duncan Sayer, Sam Lucy, Susan Oosthuizen and Sharon Clough.

The SMA annual lecture will be given Friday evening by Professor Robin Fleming, Boston College, USA, “Rethinking Early Medieval Migration: Context, Periodisation, and Disciplinary Boundaries”

Costs

In-Person Attendance:

Members of SMA £50

Non Members £95 (Society membership is £45, so why not join and get all the other benefits!)

Student Members £40

Student Non-Members £75

Or: Online Attendance at a Flat Rate of £15

Draft programme at https://medievalarchaeology.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/SMAConference2022_PreliminaryProgramme.pdf

Conference booking at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/society-for-medieval-archaeology-2022-annual-conference-tickets-274161613767?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

The Study Group for Roman Pottery conference will be held in Leicester on Saturday 18th June 9.30-4.30 at College Court Conference Centre, Knighton Rd, Leicester LE2 3UF

The conference is ‘hybrid’, with in-person and online options available. The cost to members for in-person attendance on the day is £35, including lunch and teas/coffees. The non-member rate is £45, and there is a student rate of £5. Full details including booking links at [SGRP Conference 2022: Leicester - Study Group for Roman Pottery](#) Study Group for Roman Pottery. If attending in person, please complete the booking form and return with your fee by 31st May at the latest.

Association for Industrial Archaeology Annual Conference
17th – 19th June, Merseyside

Details at <https://industrial-archaeology.org/conferences/annual-conference/>

Theoretical Archaeology Group: TAG 2022
5-17 December 2022 at the University of Edinburgh

Details at <https://tagedinburgh2022.wordpress.com/>

Wheeler Conference: Travelling through Time: Suffolk on the move: at The Hold, 131 Fore St, Ipswich, Saturday 24th September 2022. A day's conference which considers aspects of travel in the past and their impact on Suffolk's heritage from Roman Roads to the Age of Steam.

Programme to include:

Dr James Albone - Roman Roads in Suffolk and their Landscape Legacy.

Prof Richard Smith - Suffolk's waterways, roads and railways in national comparative historical perspective: A GIS-based study.

Prof Craig Lambert - Maritime Suffolk: Ships, Trade, and Maritime Communities, c.1565-c.1585.

Michelle Mandry - River Stour Navigation: the spirit of a working river and its legacy.

Dr Simon Bradley - Suffolk's railways: a historical excursion.

<https://www.suffolk-institute.org.uk/suffolk-institute-news/wheeler-conference-2022-09-24-schedule-and-booking-form>

London and Londoners, 1500-1720



*An in-person conference hosted by the Centre for Renaissance and
 Early Modern Studies at the University of York*
8th September 2022

Keynote talks by Professor Vanessa Harding and Professor Laura Gowing

Royal Historical Society Conference, York.

Scholars are continually finding interest and enjoyment in the study of England's metropolis. To misquote Samuel Johnson, 'When an academic is tired of London, they are tired of life; for there is in London all that life can afford'. Though scholarship has been written on London for generations, the city still draws in the researcher. Each new construction alters our perspective, whether that be using new sources, applying different methodologies, reframing old questions, or asking new ones. This conference provides a chance to re-evaluate past understandings and take stock of the landscape around us as it is now. <https://royalhistsoc.org/calendar/london-and-londoners-1500-1720/>

The fourth Archaeology in Hertfordshire: Recent Research conference will be held on the **22nd October** in St Albans.

<https://welwynarchaeologicalsociety.wordpress.com/schedule-of-events/>

And further afield,

CHAT (Contemporary and Historical Archaeology in Theory)

are taking their annual Conference to Portugal on 10-12 November this year!

<http://descolonizachat.chat-arch.org/> CHAT has a brand new web site: <https://chat-arch.org/>

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DIGGING OPPORTUNITIES

Some local groups now have digs and field walking activities pencilled in to their programmes, although it is usually necessary (eg for insurance reasons) to be a member of the relevant group. See the websites of your local groups for details.

Groups include Aylsham Roman Project <https://aylshamromanproject.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Vol-6-Issue-5-March-22-Special-Edition-Aug-22.pdf>

Middle Nene Archaeology Group dig at Nassington <https://www.midnag.org.uk/events.html>

Further afield, at Vindolanda, places for the 2023 excavation season will go live in November 2022 (this year is fully booked). See <https://www.vindolanda.com/Pages/Category/vindolanda-excavations> (Fen Edge Archaeology Group [FEAG] will be hosting a Vindolanda talk by Andrew Birley on 10 February 2023).

Sedgeford Historical and Archaeological Research Project (SHARP) in Norfolk has places for diggers and other volunteers, as well as offering relevant courses <https://www.sharp.org.uk/the-project>

And the *Current Archaeology* website lists of fieldwork opportunities:

<https://archaeology.co.uk/category/digs>

A428 BLACK CAT TO CAXTON GIBBET

Excavations continue in advance of the A428 upgrade. Follow the progress at

<https://www.mola.org.uk/A428>

FREE BOOK DOWNLOAD

A Contemporary Archaeology of London's Mega Events

From the Great Exhibition to London 2012

Jonathan Gardner

A Contemporary Archaeology of London's Mega Events explores the traces of London's most significant modern 'mega events'. Though only open for a few weeks or months, mega events permanently and disruptively reshape their host cities and societies: they demolish and rebuild whole districts, they draw in materials and participants from around the globe and their organisers self-consciously seek to leave a 'legacy' that will endure for decades or more.

Download a free copy from <https://www.uclpress.co.uk/collections/archaeology/products/155981>

ONLINE

While many of us are suffering from ZOOM fatigue, the pandemic has alerted us all to the potential of online events, not least for the opportunity to enjoy geographically distant events and speakers. And many people are still somewhat wary of large gatherings. As well as our own series of talks above, some of our local societies are still hosting their programmes online. Check society websites for details. Some interesting sources we haven't mentioned before:

Orkney is well known for its fabulously rich archaeology. You can see a lot of it from your armchair at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYbkUgfZyUkGYMnqeNz5AlQ/videos>

Still in Scotland, the **Society of Antiquities of Scotland** have an extensive video archive at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaBwXCoN1MKFSpgXuZcTfag>

Nearer home, **Peterborough Cathedral** has a programme of online talks starting with the Lindsay Psalter on 16 June. There is a fee for these talks and they must be booked online.

<https://www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk/oht2022.aspx>

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MEETINGS AND LECTURES

We can only list a selection here. Browse the websites of your local societies (see appended list) for a further selection, and for later additions.

Monday 6th June, 7.30pm

‘Pottery-Making in the Lower Ouse Valley: Technology, Economics, and Rural Society in Early Roman Cambridgeshire’

By Adam Sutton. FEAG/HIAG joint meeting

Histon Baptist Church, 2 Poplar Rd, Histon, Cambridge CB24 9LN



Excavations near the modern village of Brampton, conducted as part of the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon road improvement scheme, have uncovered evidence for **an almost entirely new Roman pottery-making industry**. While evidence of pottery manufacture is relatively common on Romano-British sites in southern Britain, the finds from the A14 are remarkable for their scale, state of preservation, and early dating. No fewer than 40 kilns can be associated with what is now being called the ‘Lower Ouse Valley’ industry, along with associated structures, wells, and contemporary settlement evidence. This amounts to one of the most significant finds of Romano-British industrial evidence to have been made in recent years. The layouts of several of the production sites can be reconstructed almost entirely, giving us fresh insights into the organisation of early Roman rural craftworking. Additionally, analysis of the pottery itself is producing new understandings of early Roman ceramic technology. Pottery types being produced, coupled with radiocarbon dates from the kilns, show that the industry was operating between the later first and earlier second centuries AD, a time of major technological and economic shifts which predates the major industrial activity in the Lower Nene Valley by several generations. This talk will present an update on our understanding of this industry, discussing its implications for early Romano-British rural society and economics.

Dr Adam Sutton is Senior Pottery Specialist at MOLA (Museum of London)

<https://feagblog.wordpress.com/2022/05/08/pottery-making-in-the-lower-ouse-valley/>

Free to members of FEAG and HIAG. Small charge for non-members. This talk may be available online but that has not been confirmed.

Southend Museum is holding an **Anglo-Saxon Weekend** on 30th/31st July, with a living history camp at Priory Park, Prittlewell, Essex. Details on <https://www.southendmuseums.co.uk/event-details/anglo-saxon-weekend>. £8 per ticket, via Eventbrite.

West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village, Suffolk is running a 3 hour course on **Introducing the Longbow**, suitable for 15+, at £45. Dates are 10/07/22; 14/08/22, 4/09/22. See <https://www.weststow.org/whats-on/details.cfm?id=457148&ins=962791>.

Also at West Stow: **Meet the 95th Rifles. Find out how the Baker rifle defeated Napoleon.** See <https://www.weststow.org/whats-on/details.cfm?id=707747&ins=997790>.

Denny Abbey Farmland Museum, Cambs will be hosting a Bank Holiday weekend of medieval fun! Aug 28th/29th. See <https://www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk/events/event/medieval-weekend>.

Verulamium Museum, St Albans, gives regular Saturday morning talks on Roman Verulamium life. Talks are free for residents but adults from outside St Albans will pay an entry fee to the Museum. Talks take place in the Gallery at 11.30 am. See <https://www.stalbansmuseums.org.uk/whats-on/gallery-talks-verulamium-museum>.

And advance notice that **Andrew Birley will be talking about Vindolanda** for FEAG on **10 February 2023**.

LOCAL SOCIETIES AND EVENTS

We aim to offer a selection of events hosted by local Societies in our region, with particular emphasis on organisations affiliated to CBA East. Please see individual Societies' websites for further information. Where information is currently available it is indicated in **bold**. Please contact the Editor at CBAE.Newsletter@archaeologyuk.org if you have material for the January Newsletter.

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

Excavation in August <https://aylshamromanproject.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Vol-6-Issue-5-March-22-Special-Edition-Aug-22.pdf>

BRAUGHING ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

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

CAMBRIDGE ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD GROUP <http://www.cafg.net/>

COLCHESTER ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP <http://caguk.net/>

EAST HERTS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY AND BRAUGHING ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

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

FANE ROAD ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP (PETERBOROUGH)

See website for summer programme <https://peterborougharchaeology.org/events/>

FEN EDGE ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

Monday 6th June, 7.30pm

Pottery-Making in the Lower Ouse Valley FEAG/HIAG joint meeting – see above. **25th November, 7.30pm:**

'Violence Against Women in the Early Medieval Period' by Dale Munn At Rampton Village Hall. Date TBC.

Advance notice of a talk on **Vindolanda** by Andrew Birley on 10 February 2023. A walk on **Devil's Dyke** (the

Cambridgeshire one!) is also planned. <https://feagblog.wordpress.com/>

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FENLAND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY <https://www.fenarch.org.uk/>

GREAT YARMOUTH LOCAL HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Autumn programme at <https://www.greatyarmouthlocalhistoryandarchaeology.com/meetings>

HISTON AND IMPINGTON ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

Summer programme including test pitting and HIAG/FEAG joint meeting Pottery-Making in the Lower Ouse Valley – see above <https://hiarchaeology.wordpress.com/#>

MIDDLE NENE ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP

August dig at Nassington <https://www.midnag.org.uk/events.html>

NORFOLK ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL RESEARCH GROUP <http://www.nahrg.org.uk/>

NORFOLK AND NORWICH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY <https://www.nnas.info/>

NORFOLK INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY <http://www.norfolkia.org.uk/>

ROCHFORD HUNDRED FIELD ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP <http://rhfag.dubsnet.co.uk/>

SPALDING GENTLEMEN'S SOCIETY <https://www.sgsoc.org/>

SUFFOLK ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD GROUP <https://www.suffolkinstitute.org.uk/fieldgroup>

SUFFOLK INSTITUTE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY

Wheeler Conference: Travelling through Time: Suffolk on the move 24 September (see above under “Conferences”) <https://www.suffolkinstitute.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/lecture-programme/>

WEST NORFOLK AND KING'S LYNN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

<http://wnklas.greyhawk.org.uk/main.php?p=home.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: [Archaeology Data Service](#)

COPY FOR THE NEWSLETTER

The next newsletter is due to be published in January 2023. Please send items for inclusion to CBAE.Newsletter@archaeologyuk.org by the end of November.

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