

CBA EAST EVENTS

CBA East's Autumn programme of **FREE** monthly online talks, designed to connect, inform and entertain existing and prospective members is **open for booking now!** The talks resume on September 27th through to November 29th 2022. Each talk will be held **via Zoom at 7.30 pm on the last Tuesday of the month**. Each talk will last approximately 45 mins followed by 10 minutes of Q&A. Each free talk must be booked separately through Eventbrite. Numbers are limited so **Book Today** using the URLs provided.

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.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/decoding-the-dead-new-work-on-roman-cremations-at-colchester-essex-tickets-413275607467>

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).

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/territorial-identities-from-iron-age-through-to-early-med-eastern-england-tickets-413280161087>

Nov 29th 2022 at 7.30 pm. TBC. "Historical Environmental Records": presented by one of the Historic Environment Team, Hertfordshire County Council. Booking details will be e-mailed to members and posted on our Twitter feed.

CBA East website: <https://cbae.archaeologyuk.org/>

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CBA EAST SITE VISITS

We have no site visits planned as we go to press. 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.

CBA NATIONAL NEWS

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

The Scottish Crannog Centre 2018-2022. 22 September 7.00pm.

Join Mike Benson, Managing Director of the Scottish Crannog Centre and hear the story of an organisation going through transition facing Covid pandemic-devastating fires, frogs and locusts.

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.

This is Archaeology: Roman Britain's Pirate King. 20 October 7.00 pm.

Dr Simon Elliot

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 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.

CONFERENCES

Society for Museum Archaeology Annual Conference: The Museum as a Resource. University of Nottingham Museum (NG7 2RD) and live-streamed Thursday 15 and Friday 16 September 2022.

Full details (scroll down the page) and booking at

[Society for Museum Archaeology Annual Conference 2022 Tickets, Thu 15 Sep 2022 at 13:30 | Eventbrite](#)

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.

Further information and booking details at [Wheeler Conference | Current SIAH news | News \(suffolkinstitute.org.uk\)](#)

Essex Industrial Archaeology Group, Industrial Heritage Fair 2022.

Saturday 1st October 2022 between 10:00 and 16:00 pm, at Silver End Village Hall, CM8 3RQ.

The Fair will feature:

- Local museums, industrial heritage sites and society stands
- Short talks on aspects of Essex industrial history
- Guided tours of Silver End
- Visits to Silver End Heritage Museum

[Industrial Heritage Fair 2022 \(esah1852.org.uk\)](#)

Merchants and Traders: Medieval and Early Modern Trade in the Wash. Fenland Heritage Network Symposium. 5th October 2022 at South Holland Centre, Spalding.

Spalding Gentlemen's Society symposium. Full details and booking link at

[Merchants and Traders: medieval and early modern trade in Wash. - Spalding Gentlemen's Society \(sgsoc.org\)](#)

The fourth Archaeology in Hertfordshire: Recent Research conference will be held on the 22nd October at Dagnall Street Baptist Church, Upper Dagnall Street, St Albans, AL3 5EE and online via ZOOM.

Jointly organised by SAHAAS and the Welwyn Archaeological Society.

[Archaeology in Hertfordshire: Recent Research Tickets, Sat 22 Oct 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

NAHRG : Broads Hidden History Conference, 29th October. A day of short talks and displays presenting the findings of the Broads Hidden Heritage Project. Thomas Paine Lecture Theatre, UEA. £10 per head, including lunch. **Details and booking form at** <https://watermillsandmarshes.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/broads-conference-2022-flier.pdf>

Bronze Age Forum. 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.

Venue: University of Cambridge Department of Engineering on Trumpington Road, Cambridge, CB2 1PZ. over the weekend of 12–13 November 2022.

Draft programme at [baf2022 draft programme \(baf2022cambridge.co.uk\)](https://baf2022cambridge.co.uk)

Booking at [Bronze Age Forum 2020, archaeology conference, Cambridge, United Kingdom \(baf2022cambridge.co.uk\)](https://baf2022cambridge.co.uk)

This year's talks and posters feature excavations, genetics, metalwork, hoards, feasting sites, pottery making, settlement, animal movement, museum exhibitions, burials, archives, food production, aerial photography, and landscape archaeology.

Recent archaeological work in Cambridgeshire – Cambridge Antiquarian Society Autumn Conference. This will be held on Saturday 19th November at Anglia Ruskin University. Further details tba.

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

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

Looking further ahead, the **Prehistoric Society Europe Conference 2023: Peopling the Past: Reflecting on Prehistoric Europe** will be held at the University of Cambridge from 2-4th June 2023. This year the conference honours the achievements of Prof Marie Louise Stig Sørensen, University of Cambridge, in the field of European Prehistory.

And further afield,

CHAT (Contemporary and Historical Archaeology in Theory)

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

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

OPEN DAYS

Public open days at Arminghall Henge excavation. 17th and 24th September. Bixley, Norwich NR14 8SH.

A Late Neolithic to Bronze Age henge, Arminghall Henge is visible as a cropmark on aerial photographs, has been subject to excavation and geophysical survey, and has been recorded as a slight earthwork on the ground. The site is one of the most important prehistoric discoveries in Norfolk. It was first seen from the air in 1929, and was excavated in 1935, when it was shown that the two concentric dark rings seen from aerial photographs were in fact ditches, the soil from these being piled up to form a bank between them. The central horseshoe pattern of dark patches represented sockets for huge wooden posts, probably whole mature tree trunks. The site has been dated by pottery and charcoal to four or five thousand years ago, and it may have been used intermittently for a considerable period of time from the Late Neolithic to Bronze Age.

The **Later Prehistoric Norfolk Project 2022** is a partnership between the Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Culture, Norfolk and Norwich Archaeological Society (NNAS), University of East Anglia, Cambridge Archaeological Unit, Restoration Trust and Synergy Multi-Academy Trust. [Later Prehistoric Norfolk Project – Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Cultures \(sainsbury-institute.org\)](https://sainsbury-institute.org)

A428 BLACK CAT TO CAXTON GIBBET

Excavations continue in advance of the A428 upgrade. Follow the progress at
<https://www.mola.org.uk/A428>

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FREE BOOK DOWNLOADS

Both volumes of the Horningsea pottery monograph and related data, published by East Anglian Archaeology and supported by Historic England, have now been released digitally by ADS: Jeremy Evans, Philip Mills, Stephen Macaulay (2022) *The Horningsea Roman Pottery Industry in Context (East Anglian Archaeology 162)* [data-set]. York: Archaeology Data Service [distributor] <https://doi.org/10.5284/1100062>

Of related interest, EAA monograph 159 *The Production and Distribution of Medieval Pottery in Cambridgeshire*, by Paul Spoerry and Carole Fletcher is now available as a free PDF download from the EAA website at <https://eaareports.org.uk/publication/report159/>.

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 lectures this autumn:

The Afterlife of Roman Britain: Reuse & Recycling in Early Medieval England. Richard Best, University of Sussex Archaeological Society. Wednesday 21 September 2022 at 19:30 on line. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-afterlife-of-roman-britain-reuse-recycling-in-early-medieval-england-tickets-405825794877>

Imagining Roman Britain from the South Downs to Hadrian's Wall: The Life and Works of Rosemary Sutcliffe (1920-1992). 19th October at 19.30. University of Sussex Archaeological Society. Rosemary Sutcliffe (1920-1992) is best remembered for her many novels and short stories set in Roman Britain, including 'The Eagle of the Ninth'. In this lecture, **David Walsh** will trace how Sutcliffe's portrayal of Roman Britain developed and how this reflected contemporary issues: World War II, the decline of the British Empire, and transformations within British society. [Imagining Roman Britain: The Life & Works of Rosemary Sutcliffe Tickets, Wed 19 Oct 2022 at 19:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Sixth Pitt Rivers Lecture: Excavation as Experiment by Christopher Evans. 25 Oct 2022, 18:30. Informed by the subject's historiography, and arguing that our fieldwork needs to be imbued with a greater experimental ethos (ie. 'failing better'), the talk will address a number of themes arising from over 40 years of investigation along the River Great Ouse at its junction with the Fens. This is a Bournemouth University lecture, but will be available online. **Christopher Evans** is Emeritus Director / Director of Research of the Cambridge Archaeological Unit at the University of Cambridge. Having worked in British Archaeology for over forty years, he co-founded the Cambridge Unit together with Ian Hodder in 1990. [Sixth Pitt Rivers Lecture: Excavation as Experiment by Christopher Evans Tickets, Tue 25 Oct 2022 at 18:30 | Eventbrite](#)

The Concealment of Sacred Objects during The English Reformation: evidence of piety of protest. 8 November, 18.30. Bruce Watson. Book on Eventbrite via the LAMAS website, <https://www.lamas.org.uk/lectures.html> (once it's updated!). Small charge for non-members.

Rudyard Kipling and Roman Britain: An online lecture by Dr David Walsh. 'And see you, after rain, the trace of mound and ditch and wall? O that was a legion's camping-place, when Caesar sailed from Gaul'. **17th November 2022 (20.00)** Bexley Archaeological Group – Fee: non-members £5 Booking and details from <https://www.bag.org.uk/events-and-education>

Peterborough Abbey before 1116. 17 November at 19:30

Cathedral archaeologist Dr Jackie Hall presents the archaeological discoveries that inform our understanding of the Saxon abbeys that have gone before. Booking at [History Talks - Peterborough Abbey before 1116 at Online event tickets from TicketSource](#)

MEETINGS AND LECTURES

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

FEAG Autumn programme: all talks will be held at Rampton Village Hall, 4 Church End, Rampton, Cambridge CB24 8QA, beginning at 7.30pm. <https://feagblog.wordpress.com/>
Free for members; £3 for non-members

16th September: ‘Excavations at Low Road, Burwell’ by Mike Green (Cotswold Archaeology)
Excavations on the western fen edge of Burwell Fen island revealed extensive use of the landscape. This included Neolithic wells, Iron Age enclosures and Saxo-Norman to medieval commercial activity. Michael Green is a Senior Project Officer for Cotswold Archaeology.

7th October: ‘Mapping the Cultural Heritage of Pakistan and India’ by Cameron Petrie (University of Cambridge)

This talk will introduce the cultural heritage of South Asia, and introduce the methods, context and findings of the Mapping the Archaeological Heritage of South Asia project, which is an international collaboration between researchers and policy stakeholders in India, Pakistan, Europe and the UK. Cameron Petrie is Professor of South Asian and Iranian Archaeology in the Department of Archaeology at the University of Cambridge. See: <https://www.mahsa.arch.cam.ac.uk/>

25th November Talk and AGM: ‘Violence Against Women in the Early Medieval Period’ by Dale Munn (University College London)

Dale has studied data from the modern era to determine which areas of the skeleton are likely to show signs of violence and explored the societal factors that may lead to such harm. This information is being compared with evidence gathered from the study of 200 skeletons from museum collections and osteology reports from over 50 early medieval sites in England. This talk may include human remains. And advance notice that **Andrew Birley will be talking about Vindolanda on 10 February 2023.**

FRAG Autumn programme: talks are held at Parkway Sports Club, Maskew Avenue, Peterborough, PE1 2AS

3rd October 7.00pm: Newstead by Stamford Priory. Nick Sheehan, Uffington based local historian and author. Newstead Priory between Stamford and Uffington was founded by William de Albini III early in the thirteenth century. It was endowed with the local mill, assorted parcels of land, and the chapel of the Blessed Mary at Newstead. It operated as an Augustinian priory for the next 300 years.

7 November 7:00 pm Francis Pryor – Scenes from Prehistoric Life. The talk by Francis Pryor will be based on his latest book, “Scenes from Prehistoric Life”. Attendees will be able to purchase signed copies of the book. <https://peterborougharchaeology.org/events/>

FENARCH: 28 September 7.00pm: Who are you calling Neanderthal? Renewed investigations at Shanidar Cave, Iraqi Kurdistan. Tim Reynolds. Venue The Secret Garden, Mile Tree Lane, Wisbech, PE13 4TR. Neanderthals have frequently suffered from a bad press but recent interpretations suggest they are much more like us. Shanidar, in Iraq had a series of Neanderthal burials one of which had flowers in it. **Booking is essential: text 07775 342 159 or email info@fenarch.org.uk and book your place.**

Admission £4-00 for non-members (pay on the door)

HIAG provisional programme. Locations tbc. Talks will be available via ZOOM for members:

Monday 10th October 2022. [Rethinking the Roman to Early Medieval Transition at Girton's Cemetery](#). Dr. Emma Brownlee, Girton College.

Thursday 10th November 2022. [Jewellery and Dress in the First and Second Viking Age](#). Diane Milan, Lecturer with the University of the Third Age, Cambridge.

Monday 12th December 2022. Pottery from Must Farm. Dr. Matthew Brudenell, Director of the Cambridge Archaeological Unit.

LMHT:

11th October, Foxearth Village Hall. **Roman Long Melford in the context of its previous past and recent research and excavations.** Kenneth Dodd. [Roman Long Melford-11th October. - Long Melford Heritage Centre](#).

MidNAG:

28th October. The Saxons – What You Never Liked to Ask. Stephen Upex on what you always wanted to know about the Saxons but didn't like to ask. <https://www.midnag.org.uk/events.html>

NAHRG/NNAS:

4th December at 2.15pm on ZOOM: The Thetford Treasure - Richard Hobbs (British Museum). [NAHRG - The Norfolk Archaeological & Historical Research Group](#)

WEAG:

10th October London and Essex in the Ice Age by Martin Bates

14th November at 7.30pm via ZOOM: Mapping Verulamium: the Latest Results by Kris

Lockyear. [Lecture Programme – WEAG](#)

LOCAL SOCIETIES

Organisations affiliated to CBA East. Please see individual Societies' websites for further information. 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

<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

Next lecture 28th September. Fieldwork is planned for October. <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)

<https://peterborougharchaeology.org/events/>

FEN EDGE ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

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

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FENLAND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Fenarch will be excavating later in September. <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

<https://hiarchaeology.wordpress.com/#>

LONG MELFORD HERITAGE TRUST

www.melfordheritage.org.uk

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** <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**

Merchants and Traders: Medieval and Early Modern Trade in the Wash. Fenland Heritage Network Symposium. 5th October (see above under "Conferences") <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**

Archaeology in Hertfordshire: Recent Research conference 22nd October (see above under "Conferences") <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

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