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CBA EAST SPRING TALKS

CBA East's Spring monthly lecture series is back, commencing with a talk by Adam Wightman on Colchester Archaeological Trust's recent excavations at the former Essex County Hospital site which adjoins the main Roman road from Colchester to London and the west. Our second lecture will present recent research on the landscape gardener Humphrey Repton's gardens in Norfolk and Hertfordshire, given by Professor Tom Williamson, and our third will be updates on community excavations of Roman Long Melford, Suffolk, presented by Kenneth Dodd. As before, all lectures are held on Zoom and booked via Eventbrite. See below for further details.

January 31st 7.30 pm.

The former Essex County Hospital site, Colchester: Roman burial, settlement and industry west of the walled town. Adam Wightman, Excavations Manager at Colchester Archaeological Trust (CAT). Adam has worked in archaeology for almost 20 years and has spent the last 15 years directing commercial archaeological excavations in and around his home town of Colchester with CAT.
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/roman-burial-settlement-and-industry-west-of-roman-colchesters-walls-tickets-497897453687>

February 28th 7.30 pm.

Recent research on the Gardens of Humphrey Repton in Hertfordshire & Norfolk. Professor Tom Williamson, Professor of History, University of East Anglia. Tom Williamson is both a landscape historian and an archaeologist with wide-ranging interests. He currently works with others on a study of the important Anglo-Saxon site at Rendlesham in Suffolk. He also researches designed landscapes, especially parks and gardens of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and is currently involved with the Gardens Trusts of Hertfordshire and Norfolk in researching the work of the designer Humphry Repton in these two counties. He teaches courses on landscape history at undergraduate and MA level, and supervises MPhil and PhD students researching a variety of subjects related to landscape history, agricultural history, and the history of landscape design.
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/research-on-the-landscape-gardens-of-humphrey-repton-in-herts-norfolk-tickets-497907624107>

March 28th 7.30 pm.

Roman Long Melford: New appraisal in light of recent research and excavations. Kenneth Dodd, Trustee of the Long Melford Heritage Trust, Suffolk. His passion for archaeology stems from his early teens and he soon went on to accept roles as a supervisor on many excavations in the South East and the Midlands. He has, for the past five years, led Long Melford Heritage Trust's archaeological team and community volunteers into revealing important knowledge of their Roman town's past.
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/roman-long-melford-new-appraisal-in-light-of-research-and-excavations-tickets-497914935977>

CBA NATIONAL NEWS

LETTERS TO A YOUNG ARCHAEOLOGIST

This is a series of musings on the nature of Archaeology – interesting for all of us, not just the young! The latest is from Dan Hicks, Professor of Contemporary Archaeology in the School of Archaeology, University of Oxford, Curator of World Archaeology at the Pitt Rivers Museum, and a Fellow of St Cross College.

[Letter to a Young Archaeologist, December 2022 Council for British Archaeology \(archaeologyuk.org\)](https://archaeologyuk.org/)

CBA ONLINE EVENTS

The CBA's monthly online lectures are free to members of National CBA only, Cost to non-members is £5. Information about the events below and details of how to book can be found at

[This is Archaeology Lecture Series Council for British Archaeology \(archaeologyuk.org\)](https://archaeologyuk.org/). National CBA Members can also access previous lectures via the Members' Section of the CBA website.

7PM – 8PM 17 JANUARY 2023: Breaking Boundaries and Building a Future for Archaeology: Current Research from Early Career Archaeologists

The first January event is all about celebrating the work of early career archaeologists and their work to develop and expand our understanding of the world around us and what it means to be human using archaeological tools.

There will be three short talks following an introduction from Dr Alex Fitzpatrick.

- Valuable Visuals: The Roles of Traditional and Digital Imaging in Modern Archaeology by Dr Li Sou
- Building Ties Between Archaeology and the Public at Ilorin, Northern Yorubaland, Nigeria: A Nigerian Archaeologist's Perspective by Bolaji Josephine Owoseni
- Lessons from the Past: What Can Archaeological Science Teach Us About the History and Future of Farming? by Ayushi Nayak

The talks will be followed by a discussion session chaired by Dr Fitzpatrick.

[This is Archaeology: Breaking Boundaries and Building a Future for Archaeology: Current Research from Early Career Archaeologists Council for British Archaeology \(archaeologyuk.org\)](https://archaeologyuk.org/)

7PM – 8PM 26 JANUARY 2023 (RESCHEDULED DATE): The Treasonous Sands – fiction and fatality in the narratives of Robert Erskine Childers and Mary Spring Rice

The presentation opens up to discussion a body of research exploring long-standing arts practice concerns with British imperialism and Irish nationalism, undertaken through a sea journey, photographic archive research and the fusing of historical narratives. [This is Archaeology: The Treasonous Sands Council for British Archaeology \(archaeologyuk.org\)](https://archaeologyuk.org/)

CONFERENCES

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. Along with two full days of lectures, the conference will also include a half-day field trip to the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology and Wandlebury hill fort on Sunday 4th June.

[Peopling the Past: Reflecting on Prehistoric Europe | The Prehistoric Society](https://www.prehistoric-society.org/)

Current Archaeology Live 2023

Current Archaeology Live! 2023 will be on 25 February (Saturday) at University College London's Institute of Education.

[Current Archaeology Live! 2023 - Current Archaeology](https://www.current-archaeology.org/)

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COURSES

ARCHAEOLOGY AND LOCAL STUDIES ONLINE COURSE

A course from the UHI Archaeological Institute. Although focusing on Northern Scotland, the course is designed to be of general interest. Now accepting applications for the [Archaeology and Local Studies course](#), which begins in January. The ten-week course equips you with the knowledge and resources you need to undertake your own archaeological research.

It's open to anyone, anywhere in the world, and aimed at those interested in learning a bit more about the archaeology of their area, and archaeology generally.

Teaching will focus on the archaeology and history of areas in northern Scotland, using local tutors for support where necessary, and delivered via video-conferencing or in person at Cnoc Soilleir, Daliburgh, South Uist.

Lectures will take place every Monday afternoon (3-5pm GMT) from January 23, 2023. Cost: £215

For more information or to book, contact studyarchaeology@uhi.ac.uk, or call (01851) 770258.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE INSTITUTE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

Cambridge ICE has an interesting range of courses at various levels.

<https://www.ice.cam.ac.uk/courses/search/subject/archaeology>

DEAD INTERESTING: UNCOVERING ROMAN BRITAIN IN OLD MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

Uncover the history of early Roman Britain

Explore the archaeology of early Roman Britain and learn techniques to build a profile of an individual from the first century AD. What did a Roman funeral look, sound, and smell like? And how can you tell just from a person's remains?

Join a research team uncovering exciting new information about cremation burials excavated over 100 years ago in Colchester, the site of Camulodunum, one of Britain's oldest towns and its first Roman capital city. Learn about the latest techniques used to discover some of the secrets of the Roman Empire.

This two-week archaeology course will give you an introduction to osteoarchaeology, the methods, techniques and theory used to study ancient bones, with a focus on early Roman Britain.

Discover Ancient Romano-British culture from what is left behind

Step behind the scenes with a museum specialist and osteologist to explore the stores housing the Romano-British collections as they show you the latest archaeological and osteological methods to analyse the cremated remains of an individual.

Course developed by the University of Reading and Colchester Museum.

[Ancient Roman Archaeology - Online History Course - FutureLearn](#)

EXHIBITIONS

THE VIKINGS: HISTORY ON YOUR DOORSTEP

This fascinating exhibition explores the exciting history of the Vikings in Thetford and the surrounding area and the impact of their presence and culture.

Beautiful objects on loan from the British Museum alongside impressive Viking artefacts from the collections of Norfolk Museums Service and Suffolk County Council chart the Viking story in East Anglia – from the time of their initial raids along the east coast around 1,200 years ago, through 200 years of integration and settlement and the creation of an Anglo-Scandinavian culture.

Visitors are able to find out about the area on the eve of the Viking attacks in the 9th century, the invading 'Great Viking Army' which overwintered in Thetford and life in the major Viking period town of Thetford which became the sixth largest town in the country.

At the Ancient House, Thetford. Exhibition continues until 8 July.

[The Vikings, history on your doorstep - Norfolk Museums](#)

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 particularly welcome. Further details at <http://cbae.archaeologyuk.org/grants/>.

CBA East Grant Holder Sarah Breiter (Northwestern University USA)

Social Change and Natural Resources: Buildings in West Suffolk as a proxy for socio-environmental relations from 1450 to 1700.

My project focuses on buildings constructed from 1450 to 1700 in west Suffolk, around the market town of Bury St Edmunds. I approach buildings as a series of relationships, ranging from the household to the regional landscape. The way the timber, brick, stone, and flint are used within a building is connected to what was available to the community during a particular point in time. Through building materials I am focusing on the relationships that govern the access and use of natural resources through time.

The relationships between local communities, landowners, builders and their natural resources shifted during this period. In and around Bury St Edmunds, the wool market had become increasingly important, with the local economy shifting from subsistence agriculture to the production of wool and textiles for profit. A group of prosperous peasants and merchants became increasingly wealthy by participating in wool trade, and they began to use building materials that were previously inaccessible to non-elite people. Most of the buildings I am studying were constructed by this social class.

The dissolution of the Abbey of St Edmund served as an important catalyst, with the vast woodlands and rentals being sold off through the crown to private landowners. These natural resources went from being managed by a single, powerful institution to multiple, smaller landowners who may have shifted how they managed the lands and rentals. I am interested in whether these shifts, from the transition of the local economy from feudalism to agrarian capitalism, as well as the change in local landowning, influenced the way people managed natural resources for use in buildings.

Sarah has kindly offered to share the results of her research with CBA East in due course.

A428 BLACK CAT TO CAXTON GIBBET

Excavations continue in advance of the A428 upgrade. MOLA are hosting a **free online talk** on **19 January** from 7 to 8.30pm. This will present some of the findings from ongoing archaeological excavations. You can sign up to the talk at [New Archaeological Discoveries of the A428 \(free online talk\) Tickets, Thu 19 Jan 2023 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#).

INSTITUTE OF ARCHAEOLOGY EVENTS

For those able to travel into London, the Institute of Archaeology at UCL has a packed programme of events which are open to all (be warned, the research seminars can get quite crowded!). This year's research seminars will **also be available online** using MS Teams. Non UCL-IoA/ASE participants should contact Jo Dullaghan (j.dullaghan@ucl.ac.uk) to be added to the events list to receive the MS Teams links. [Events | Institute of Archaeology - UCL – University College London](#)

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RENDLESHAM REVEALED

The **Rendlesham Project** continues into 2023. Sign up to the Newsletter to get news of opportunities for volunteering and training. [Rendlesham Revealed - Suffolk Heritage Explorer](#)

FROM OUR MEMBER SOCIETIES

Aylsham Roman Project has now completed its sixth year uncovering the history at Woodgate Nursery. This year's full community dig finished with the confirmation that there is a substantial Roman building in the Victorian kitchen garden. A channeled hypocaust was discovered, with Roman floor tiles on the top. This supports the many finds of Roman floor, roof and box flue tile and lead piping found during the three years the area has been excavated. Discovery of what looks like a Roman oven or further kiln in the Kiln Field where two Roman pottery kilns have already been found means there is still plenty to discover here too.

Dates for the summer three-week dig are Mondays - Fridays weeks beginning 7th, 14th, 21st August 2023. Full details will appear on our website aylshamromanproject@gmail.com

Anyone interested in building a replica Roman pottery kiln might be interested in our video of this year's second firing of our kiln. View ARP Kiln Project 2023 on our YouTube channel.

Cambridge Archaeology Field Group are active around the Cambridge region, engaging in fieldwalking, test pitting plus occasionally larger excavations. We meet regularly to process finds and during the Winter season, host a program of talks. Affiliated to the Jigsaw group of Cambridgeshire local heritage groups and societies, the Group have close ties with Oxford Archaeology East and Cambridge University. During fieldwalking in the Autumn/Winter of 2022, we have located a number of potentially new Roman and Medieval settlements and hope to return to the fields in the new year.

Please let me have news from your own Group or Society! CBAE.Newsletter@archaeologyuk.org

MEETINGS AND LECTURES

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

Monday 16 January. 7.30

Wimpole – its archaeology by Angus Wainwright (National Trust Archaeologist)
Histon Methodist Church, 22 High St, Histon, Cambridge CB24 9JD. Booking via Eventbrite.
[HIAG-Talk-Publicity-2022-2023-Programme | Histon & Impington Archaeology Group \(wordpress.com\)](#)

Tuesday 17 January. 7.30

The Yayoi vs Iron Age: a comparison of increasingly complex settlement structures and material cultures during later prehistory in Japan and Britain by Dr Andrew Hutcheson (Research Fellow, Centre for Archaeology and Heritage, Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Cultures, UEA).
Marriott's Warehouse, South Quay, King's Lynn, Norfolk PE30 5DT. [WESTNORFOLK \(greyhawk.org.uk\)](http://WESTNORFOLK.greyhawk.org.uk)

Saturday 21 January. 2.30

All Franshams Great & Small : People & Land in a Central Norfolk Parish by Andrew Rogerson (retired Senior Landscape Archaeologist, Norfolk CC).
Thomas Payne Lecture Theatre, UEA. [NAHRG - The Norfolk Archaeological & Historical Research Group](#)

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Tuesday 23 January via Zoom**‘Writing in Roman Britain’ by Dr Pippa Steele** (Faculty of Classics, University of Cambridge)

Writing was everywhere in the Roman world, from monumental inscriptions to graffiti, inscribed jewellery and even bread stamps with makers’ names. Britain happens to have preserved some of the most remarkable written records from the Roman empire, including extremely rare examples of handwriting on materials such as wood that would have perished in most soil climates. This makes this northernmost outpost of the empire one of the most fruitful places for studying the practice of writing.

Dr Pippa Steele is a Senior Research Associate at Cambridge University, and directs a research project called Visual Interactions in Early Writing Systems (<https://viewsproject.wordpress.com/>). Much of her research has been on languages and writing systems in Greece and Cyprus, and the wider Mediterranean, but she has wide ranging interests in epigraphy from around the world.

[Events for 2023 | feagblog \(wordpress.com\)](#) Those not members of FEAG should e-mail vicki.harley@care4free.net for joining details.

Friday 10 February. 7.30**‘Vindolanda uncovered – the early forts and foundation of a frontier and its changing people’ by Dr Andrew Birley** (Director of Excavations, Vindolanda Trust)

Recent results of the excavations at the site of Vindolanda have continued to produce a wonderful array of artefacts, evidence and buildings from the earliest occupation by Roman soldiers and their support communities. This talk draws together some of the finest examples and discoveries from the recent excavations and contextualises them to show just what we do and don’t know about the daily lives of the early Roman invaders. Rampton Village Hall, Cambridge, CB24 8QA. Onsite parking.

[Events for 2023 | feagblog \(wordpress.com\)](#)

Weds 15th February. 6.00**Unlocking the Mystery of Coins: The Cookley and Blythburgh Hoards by David Wollweber**

Recently Halesworth Museum purchased, from the British Museum, a hoard of Roman silver coins from Cookley. These were probably buried at the time of Boudicca’s revolt in 61AD. Why do these Roman coins span a period of 200 years and what stories are hidden in their symbolism and depiction of Emperors?

In 2019, a cache of nineteen rare Iron Age gold coins was unearthed, again near Halesworth, this time at Blythburgh. They date from the time when this was the territory of the Iceni, Boudicca’s tribe.

They are very different from Roman and modern coins. They contain images of animals and strange symbols. Many of them show hidden faces or eyebrows, wheels, plants and swirling patterns. They give us a glimpse into a strange, very different and largely unknown past.

6.00pm in the Old Generator Station, Aldeburgh. [Aldeburgh and District Local History Society \(adlhs.org.uk\)](#)

Monday 27th February. 7.30**Beneath the Choir stalls at King’s College Cambridge by Alison Dickens** (Director of Granta Heritage)

Histon Methodist Church, 22 High St, Histon, Cambridge CB24 9JD. Booking via Eventbrite.

[HIAG-Talk-Publicity-2022-2023-Programme | Histon & Impington Archaeology Group \(wordpress.com\)](#)

Monday 13 March. 7.30**Excavations at Darwin Green, Cambridge, by Iain Leslie** (Albion Archaeology)

Histon Methodist Church, 22 High St, Histon, Cambridge CB24 9JD. Booking via Eventbrite.

[HIAG-Talk-Publicity-2022-2023-Programme | Histon & Impington Archaeology Group \(wordpress.com\)](#)

Thursday 20th April. 7.30**The development of the timber framed building at Little Hall, Long Melford and its restoration by the Gayner Anderson twins.**

The Old School Community Centre, The Green, Long Melford, Suffolk, CO10 9DW.

[Long Melford Historical & Archaeological Society \(lmhas.co.uk\)](http://lmhas.co.uk)

Friday 21 April. 7.30**The Geology of the Lower Cam and Wicken Vision Area by Steve Boreham**

This talk will describe the landscape and architecture of Holocene and earlier deposits in the Wicken Vision area, where the Lower Cam valley joins southern Fenland.

Rampton Village Hall, Cambridge, CB24 8QA. [Events for 2023 | feagblog \(wordpress.com\)](https://feagblog.wordpress.com)

Saturday 29 April. 2.30**The Archaeology of the Norfolk Coast by David Robertson** (Historic Environment Adviser, Forestry Commission).

Thomas Payne Lecture Theatre, UEA. [NAHRG - The Norfolk Archaeological & Historical Research Group](http://nahr.org.uk)

Monday 22 May

7.30

Beads, bead-strings and bead-making in early medieval Cambridgeshire by Dr Katie Howarth (Research Fellow at King's College, Cambridge)

Histon Methodist Church, 22 High St, Histon, Cambridge CB24 9JD. Booking via Eventbrite.

[HIAG-Talk-Publicity-2022-2023-Programme | Histon & Impington Archaeology Group \(wordpress.com\)](https://hiag-talk-publicity-2022-2023-programme-histon-impington-archaeology-group.wordpress.com)

Weds 7 June. 7.30**'East Anglia in the Middle Bronze Age: New evidence from the Cambridge region and beyond' by Jonny Tabor (CAU).**

Rampton Village Hall, Cambridge, CB24 8QA. [Events for 2023 | feagblog \(wordpress.com\)](https://feagblog.wordpress.com)

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

ALDEBURGH AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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

AYLSHAM ROMAN PROJECT

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

ARTEAMUS

[ARTEAMUS \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

CAMBRIDGE ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD GROUP

<http://www.cafg.net/>

COLCHESTER ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP

Forthcoming lectures will be available to Group members via ZOOM. <http://caguk.net/>

EAST HERTS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY AND BRAUGHING ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

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

FEN EDGE ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP <https://feagblog.wordpress.com/>**FENLAND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY** <https://www.fenarch.org.uk/>**HISTON AND IMPINGTON ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP** <https://hiarchaeology.wordpress.com/#>

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LONG MELFORD HERITAGE TRUST www.melfordheritage.org.uk

LONG MELFORD HISTORICAL & ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
[Long Melford Historical & Archaeological Society \(lmhas.co.uk\)](http://LongMelfordHistorical&ArchaeologicalSociety(lmhas.co.uk))

MIDDLE NENE ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP <https://www.midnag.org.uk/events.html>

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

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/>

STOUR VALLEY COMMUNITY ARCHAEOLOGY
[Stour Valley Community Archaeology | Discover, Research, Enjoy \(wordpress.com\)](http://StourValleyCommunityArchaeology|Discover,Research,Enjoy(wordpress.com))

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

SUFFOLK INSTITUTE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY <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>

WOODBIDGE RIVERSIDE TRUST
[Woodbridge Riverside Trust - A thriving community space at the heart of the Woodbridge waterfront](http://WoodbridgeRiversideTrust-AthrivingcommunityspaceattheheartoftheWoodbridgewaterfront)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Many of our Members renew their membership alongside their national membership, via the CBA website. Members who are not also members of the national organisation renew via standing order to our bank account or annually on 1st January. **Members in the first two categories need do nothing** at this point, but if you are one of those who renew annually (unless you joined during the last few months of 2022) you should have received an e-mail reminder during December, and renewal is now due. Details of how to renew can be obtained from the Membership Secretary, David, at gordon780@btinternet.com. Many thanks to those who have already renewed their membership for this year.

Please let us know if you wish to be removed from our mailing list.

MEMBERS' ADDRESSES

If you have received a hard copy of this Newsletter, you have either not given us an e-mail address, or the address we have on file does not work. Posting hard copies of the Newsletter involves expense and volunteer time, and as a result *only* our two main Newsletters and AGM papers are sent out this way. Please let us have a valid e-mail address to continue to receive all our communications.

COPY FOR THE NEWSLETTER

There will be an interim e-mail only Newsletter in June. The next full newsletter is due to be published in September. Please send items for inclusion to CBAE.Newsletter@archaeologyuk.org.

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