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CBA EAST NEWS

Saturday 20 July, 11.00 am. Site visit to CAFG excavations at **Wimpole Hall** (National Trust). The excavators expect to find evidence of the medieval moat and of garden features of the 17th century. The tour will last 1-1½ hours. Visit will be free for both NT and non-NT members (gate staff will be aware). Numbers are limited. Please email cbaeast@archaeologyuk.org to secure a place and receive further details.

There will be two archaeology **guided walks on 18th and 25th July** around Fulbourn Fen, near Cambridge, to coincide with the Festival of Archaeology. Fulbourn Fen has a lot to offer the archaeologist, and anyone with an interest in archaeology, including two ancient monuments that are visible as impressive earthworks: Fleam Dyke and Hall Orchard Moat, both of which have been the subject of excavation.

Thursday July 18th at 6pm: Meet at the entrance to Fulbourn Fen Nature Reserve on Stonebridge Lane, Fulbourn. For further information and to book your place please contact walk leader Aileen Connor by email connoraileen93@gmail.com.

Aileen will lead a walk to look at Hall Orchard Medieval Moat which was subject to excavation in the early 2000s. The walk is approximately 1 mile allowing 1 to 1½ hours to complete. Free parking in Fulbourn, please note that access is across rough ground. Hall Orchard Moat is the site of a medieval manor house, one of five known to have existed in Fulbourn. Aileen directed excavations on the house platform in the centre of the moat and will explain the history of the site and what was found there.

Thursday 25th July at 10am: Meet at the entrance to Fulbourn Fen Nature Reserve on Stonebridge Lane, Fulbourn. For further information and to book your place please contact walk leader Aileen Connor by email connoraileen93@gmail.com

Aileen will lead a walk to the impressive bank and ditch earthwork of Fleam Dyke, a Scheduled Monument thought to be Anglo-Saxon in date. The circular walk is approximately 2½ miles allowing approximately 2 hours to complete. The Dyke is one of four that effectively cross the route of the Icknield way running from heavily wooded higher ground in the south-east to low lying Fen in the north-west. Aileen will talk about the Earthwork, the historical context and what is known about it from past excavations.

If you are unable to join these walks you can visit the monuments yourself - For information about visiting the nature reserve go to <https://www.wildlifebcn.org/nature-reserves/fulbourn-fen>. There are information boards at Hall Orchard Moat and at Fleam Dyke and you can find more information online at <https://eprints.oxfordarchaeology.com/5413/> and <https://frrfd.org.uk/archaeology-and-history/fleam-dyke/>.

29th August. Another visit and guided tour to the excavations at **Caistor St Edmund (Venta Icenorum)**. This will be an afternoon tour at 2.00. We ask for a voluntary contribution of £5.00 towards excavation funds. To register, please email David at gordon780@btinternet.com with name and number of participants. Further details will be emailed to those registering. If there is enough interest, there will also be a tour of the **Roman Town** beforehand: if interested, please mention this in your email. Note that there is now a parking charge of £3 at the Roman Town. Parking for the afternoon visit to the excavation is free.

There will also be a visit to view the finds from the causewayed enclosure at **Freston**, and a repeat of the **walk at Bures** – probably in August or September. Details tba. More events are likely to be arranged at short notice as the opportunity arises – we will keep you informed by email.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALTHOUGH WE DO OUR BEST TO INCLUDE OUR EVENTS PROGRAMME IN OUR NEWSLETTERS, VISITS AND EVENTS CAN OFTEN ONLY BE ARRANGED AT SHORT NOTICE, WITH NOTIFICATION GIVEN BY E-MAIL.

Advance notice of our Autumn Online Talks:

Sept 24th “In Search of Boudica: through Iron Age and Roman artefacts”, Dr Natasha Harlow, Honorary Research Fellow, Nottingham University. Natasha will tell us more about the identity of the Icenii people in Iron Age East Anglia, as revealed by a study of their artefacts.

Oct 29th “The Late Roman decorated casket from Fordham, Essex, in its wider national context.”: Dr Stephen Greep. Independent Researcher, former Chair of the Roman Finds Group. Mysterious fragments of decorated bone were excavated at Fordham by Colchester Archaeological Group. Stephen has studied these and will expound on their place in Roman Britain.

Nov 26th “Rendlesham Revealed Project”: Faye Minter, Senior Archaeological Officer, Suffolk County Council. Following three seasons of excavations at this internationally important site, Faye will bring us up to date on current thinking about Anglo-Saxon royal life and the local community’s contribution to the Project.

All talks will be at 7.30 pm, online and bookable through Eventbrite. Booking details will be posted via email and on our website <https://cbae.archaeologyuk.org/> at the end of the summer, as well as in our September Newsletter. Make a note in your diary!

CBA East AGM 01/06/2024

Around 20 members tuned into this year’s AGM, held online via Zoom, to hear Professor Tristan Carter give a comprehensive and fascinating talk on the Neolithic Causewayed Enclosure at Freston, Suffolk. This important gathering place has revealed unexpected mesolithic roots; remains of a probable timber palisade sandwiched between two huge parallel ditch features and large quantities of Neolithic pot. Geophysical surveys show a very large rectangular timber feature and an enigmatic circular feature, which could be a possible henge. There is much more to discover from this site, depending on future funds and permissions, but there will be possibly be an opportunity in late summer this year to view the

finds so far. Professor Carter had joined us from his other research project in Greece, and the line was clearer than some in the UK!

The Committee said goodbye to Richard Booth and Mike Coles as Committee members. Mike has given many years of sterling support and both will be missed. We welcomed, in their place, George Ellison as our new Young Archaeologists Club Liaison Officer; Alasdair Harrison as our Social Media Secretary; and Mike Pinner as our Norfolk Representative. The three Officers (Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) were re-elected without opposition. There were no other candidates.

Reports for the year 2023/4 were submitted by the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and it was noted that the winter lecture series in particular was very successful and a trial asking for donations from participants had raised a small amount of money to go towards costs of running the events.

The Treasurer put forward a proposal to raise membership fees from April 2025.

Individual membership is to go up to £6, and Group membership will rise to £10. This proposal was agreed by the members. The increase is to maintain the base financial line of the charity on a secure footing.

The increase will not apply to Members renewing before April!

The Treasurer also announced that there is no longer a maximum on the amount of grant that can be applied for. Each grant application will be determined on its merits but must have some educational benefit for the local community. Applications for grants may be submitted at any time for consideration at the next following Committee meeting.

This AGM was the first to be held on a Saturday morning. The Committee will review this time and the date of next year's AGM at the next Committee meeting.

Your Committee:

Aileen Connor, Chair

Geoff Lunn, Treasurer

Louise Harrison, Secretary

David Gordon, Membership Secretary and Newsletter

George Ellison, YAC Liaison Officer

Alasdair Harrison, Social Media Secretary

Mike Pinner, Norfolk Rep

Andy Instone, Herts Rep

Mark Curteis, Essex Rep

Kenneth Dodd, General Member

To contact the Committee: cbaeast@archaeologyuk.org

CBA NATIONAL NEWS

CBA Festival of Archaeology. 13th – 28th July.

Hundreds of events throughout the country. [Festival of Archaeology Council for British Archaeology \(archaeologyuk.org\)](https://www.archaeologyuk.org/festival)

As part of the Festival **Cambridge Archaeology Field Group** will be carrying out **excavations at Wimpole Hall from 14th – 21st July**. Visitors to the dig are welcome. Usual National Trust entrance charges apply. There will be a **free guided tour for CBA Members on Saturday 20th July**. See "CBA East News" above for details.

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CBA Online Lectures. The lectures are free. See the links for details and booking information.

17 July, 7.00 pm. The Baths Conceal So Many Secret Joys - The Uncovering Roman Carlisle Project So Far... With Nick Henderson [This is Archaeology: The Baths Conceal So Many Secret Joys - The Uncovering Roman Carlisle Project So Far... Council for British Archaeology \(archaeologyuk.org\)](#)

18 July, 7.00pm. An Evening with the Portable Antiquities Scheme (Webinar). [An Evening with the Portable Antiquities Scheme Council for British Archaeology \(archaeologyuk.org\)](#)

22 July, 7.00 pm. Redefining National Amenity for the 21st Century. [Redefining National Amenity for the 21st Century Council for British Archaeology \(archaeologyuk.org\)](#)

17 October, 7.00 pm. Archaeology for Today and Tomorrow With Rachel Crellin. [This Is Archaeology: Archaeology for Today and Tomorrow Council for British Archaeology \(archaeologyuk.org\)](#)

CONFERENCES

20th July (approx. 10.00 to 5.30). NAHRG Norfolk History Day : East Anglian Castles.
A day of six talks to mark the expected reopening of Norwich Castle keep later this year
Thomas Paine Lecture Theatre : University of East Anglia

'What is a Castle? : An Introduction to Castle Studies' : James Wright (Triskele Heritage)
'Buckenham Castle: Old and New' : Richard Hoggett (Freelance Heritage Consultant)
'Clare Castle: one motte, two baileys, three seasons of excavation' : Jo Caruth (Cotswold Archaeology)

'Foundation Myth and Medieval Identity: The Case of Bungay Castle' : Lorna Richardson (UEA)

'Norwich Castle Keep in Fact and Imagination :- the Early Decades' : Sandy Heslop (UEA)

'Recreating Norwich Castle's Royal Palace' : Tim Pestell (Norwich Castle Museum)

The cost for NAHRG members will be £15.00 per head; or for non-members £25.00 per head. This includes refreshments and a buffet lunch.

Non-members would be very welcome.

For a booking form, go to: [castles day 2024 flier.pdf \(dropbox.com\)](#)

Saturday 24 August 2024 10am until 4pm

Commemorating Bedford Castle on the 800th anniversary of the Great Siege of 1224

One Day Conference at **The Higgins Bedford**, Castle Lane, Bedford, MK40 3XD

Each session will include a time at the end for questions.

1. What was happening in 1224? Professor David Carpenter (King's College, University of London).
2. The siege of Bedford Castle Dr James Petre (Tutor, ICE, University of Cambridge).
3. Siege weapons and techniques in the early 13th century Dr Peter Purton (Castle Studies Group).

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4. Castles like Bedford! Bedford, a first-rate fortress Ben Murtagh MA, MIAI (Castle Studies Group).
5. “Believe nothing you hear, and only one half that you see” – the archaeology of the castle Jeremy Oetgen (Albion Archaeology).

Tickets £15 per person (including teas & coffees)

[Book Online \(thehigginsbedford.org.uk\)](http://thehigginsbedford.org.uk) Use the promotional code **HIGGINS30** to remove any transaction fee.

21 September. Artefacts, Landscapes and Collaborative Research. SMA and PAS joint conference at the **British Museum**. Plus an optional **tour of the BM Medieval galleries** the previous evening.

Keynote lectures:

- Roberta Gilchrist (University of Reading): *Medieval Ritual Objects in the Landscape: Mapping Meaningful Deposition*
- Annemarieke Willemsen (Rijksmuseum van Oudheden): *Daily Life, Disaster & Discovery: Small Metal Finds from the Drowned Land in the Netherlands*

Other speakers are:

- Dawn Hadley & Julian Richards (University of York): *The Portable Antiquities Scheme and the Landscape of the Viking Great Army*
- Alice Blackwell (National Museum Scotland): *Scottish Medieval Sealing Practices: A Treasure Trove Dataset*
- Patrick Gleeson (Queens University Belfast): *Prehistoric Cults and Medieval Afterlives? Integrating Landscape and Material Culture in the Analysis of Multi-period Places*
- Rory Naismith (University of Cambridge): *Money at Home: Medieval Finds of Coins in their Landscape Context*
- Christopher Scull (University of Cardiff & University of London): *Rendlesham, Suffolk: Investigating a Royal Centre of the East Anglian Kingdom*
- Robert Webley (University of Reading): *The Century of Conquests: Changing Artefactual Landscapes in Eleventh-century England*

[The Society for Medieval Archaeology | SMA Conference](#)

SMA Members £20, non-members £45.

ONLINE TALKS

[Andy B's Old Stones talk 16th July Online for the Festival of Archaeology : The Megalithic Portal and Megalith Map:](#)

Talk Summary

- Megaliths in Kent and their connection to the oldest Neolithic Hall in Britain
- Long barrows as 'halls of the living and the dead'
- Use of colour in megalithic monuments
- Huge wooden monuments the size of four football fields, and how archaeologists think they were used
- Sonic experiences at megalithic tombs
- Neolithic chalk carvings from Sussex and other sites in the UK
- The Devil's number

and much more - presented as a fast paced 'whistle stop' tour with amazing photos of prehistoric sites from all over the UK Andy's talk including a look at lesser known but interesting Neolithic and Bronze Age sites.

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Andy Burnham is lead author of 'The Old Stones - the Megalithic Sites of Britain and Ireland', along with other contributors to the huge Megalithic Portal ancient sites web resource which he founded and has been running continuously since 2001. The Old Stones book is a previous winner of Current Archaeology Book of the Year. Andy has previously given a talk for CBA East Members FEAG and HIAAG.

RENDLESHAM REVEALED

For more information about the Rendlesham Project, which Members visited last year, see [Rendlesham - Suffolk Heritage Explorer](#)

- A full series of online talks is available at [Behind the Scenes video series - Suffolk Heritage Explorer](#)
- The exhibition of artefacts at West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village continues until 23rd July, and a walk-through virtual exhibition is available at [Virtual Exhibition - Suffolk Heritage Explorer](#)
- The site will also feature in one of our online talks in the Autumn. See "CBA East News" above.

PUBLICATIONS

Many excavation reports from our region are available to purchase or download at [Home - East Anglian Archaeology \(eaareports.org.uk\)](#) (Downloads become available as the publications go out of print).

Cotswold Archaeology publish their **grey literature reports** online. These can be found using their map search tool at [Cotswold Archaeology - Reports Archive](#). Either click on the map (and keep clicking until the book symbol appears next to your site) or try using "advanced search" and enter your county.

Have something to publish?

NAHRG have recently appointed experienced local archaeologist Richenda Goffin as Editor for their occasional publication ***The Annual***. They are hoping to restart publication later this year in a slightly different format and (depending on the supply of articles) with the greater flexibility of not being committed to a strictly annual issue.

The Annual traditionally consisted of five or six long illustrated articles. Shorter articles and book reviews will now also be welcome.

Contributions must have relevance to Norfolk or East Anglia.

New material or queries about submitting it should be emailed to the Editor, Richenda Goffin, at annual@nahrg.org.uk.

Ashwell Walks offers free downloadable historical tours of Ashwell, Herts. "Each walk takes about an hour, and offers a different theme. For example, Pub Crawl shows you where the brewing heritage of the village started and how it expanded with visits to dozens of current and former pubs. Foraging takes a path on the Iron Age Ikniel Way, down by old quarries and into drover's paths whilst explaining where and why many fruits grow along our pathways. New walks are added frequently."

https://www.ashwellmuseum.org.uk/category/whats-on/ashwell_walks-2-2

Cambridge Archaeology Field Group have a page of links to the comprehensive reports of their fieldwork. Browse at [Cambridge Archaeology Field Group \(cafg.net\)](#)

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EXHIBITIONS

Introducing Must Farm, a Bronze Age Settlement at Peterborough Museum.

Exhibition runs until September. [Exhibition: Introducing Must Farm, a Bronze Age Settlement- Museum & Art Gallery \(peterboroughmuseum.org.uk\)](https://peterboroughmuseum.org.uk/exhibition-introducing-must-farm-a-bronze-age-settlement)

Guided tours of the Exhibition are available on the first Sunday of the month but must be booked in advance: [Exhibition Tour: Introducing Must Farm, a Bronze Age settlement - Peterborough Museum - Art Tickets](https://peterboroughmuseum.org.uk/exhibition-tour-introducing-must-farm-a-bronze-age-settlement-peterborough-museum-art-tickets)

Women doing everything, everywhere, all at once... Verulamium Museum, St Albans, **ends 4th July 2024**. Provides “a unique opportunity to meet the women archaeologists of the 1930s who brought Verulamium to life *and* to meet four of the women who populated this ancient landscape 2000 years ago.

With authentic mud splattered dig notebooks and diaries, hastily typed telegrams and frozen in time photography, come and meet the inspirational female archaeologists of the 1930's Verulamium dig site!

Then step back further in time to meet four amazing real Iron Age and Romanised women who left their imprint in the archaeological record. Hear their voices echo from the past and listen to spine tingling musical instruments, war horns and marching armies.” Museum admission applies. <https://www.stalbansmuseums.org.uk/whats-on/women-doing-everything-everywhere-all-once>.

Romans: Settling in Southend at Southend Central Museum, 23 March 2024 to 23 March 2025. “The exhibition features a stunning collection of Roman artefacts from across South Essex, many of which are being displayed publicly for the first time.... Visitors will have the opportunity to explore artefacts unearthed from Roman settlements spanning from Prittlewell to Wickford, Shoebury to Rayleigh. Unlike traditional narratives focusing solely on battles, revolts and conquest, this exhibition delves into the domestic, offering glimpses into the personal and familiar aspects of Roman life.” Entrance charge.

<https://www.southendmuseums.co.uk/exhibitions/the-romans%3A-settling-in-southend>

Beneath Our feet: Archaeology of the Cambridge Region at the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Cambridge: ends Sept 2024.

“New archaeological discoveries are made every year. They are not always made by archaeologists, nor in the places you might expect. From people's back gardens to scientific laboratories, the past is everywhere.” **FREE**. <https://maa.cam.ac.uk/beneath-our-feet-archaeology-cambridge-region>

The House in the Park. 31st August and 9th November. Organised by St Albans Museum, this talk is on the House in the Park (the Hypocaust) and will take place at the Hypocaust building, St Albans. Please meet the St Albans Tour Guide at the Hypocaust building in the Park. The talk is free and no booking is required.

<https://www.stalbansmuseums.org.uk/whats-on/house-park>

Museum of Archaeology & Anthropology, Cambridge invites “**Exhibition proposals**. If you wish to propose an exhibition, please send a brief email to a member of the curatorial team in the first instance; indicating scope, content and potential sources of funding. Please note that our schedules are generally booked several years in advance.” [Exhibitions | Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology \(cam.ac.uk\)](https://www.museumofarchaeologyandanthropology.cam.ac.uk/exhibitions)

Oundle Museum Exhibition, March to 30th October 2024.

[Oundle Museum](#) now has a small exhibition with some of the artefacts found by MiDNAG during [our excavations at Nassington](#) in 2016-2020, including

- an ox-skull found at the bottom of an Iron Age ditch
- a large, partially reconstructed, mortarium
- part of a jet bracelet, with a very similar design to others found at Hungate, York
- part of a child's copper bracelet
- quernstones
- plus, aerial photos and geophysical survey plots and interpretations, and
- a summary of the excavations so far

Head upstairs to see the exhibition, opposite the Remand Cell. The Museum also has plenty of other archaeological exhibits, especially from **Ashton Roman town**, just outside Oundle itself.

Read [the interim report](#) on the excavations in 2016-2018 (PDF, 100KB)

Venue: Oundle, Northamptonshire.

EXCAVATION OPPORTUNITIES

You may be too late to sign up for this summer's excavations. But find out whether your local Society is excavating, go along and express an interest and you may be able to be involved next summer (or before – some societies such as CAFG work all year round).

Increasingly commercial organisations offer introductions to excavation, as well as organising more extensive digs for experienced participants. See [Experience Weekends & Field Schools – WEAG](#) and [DigVentures | Archaeology in your hands](#).

Aylsham Roman Project will be digging in August. ARP Members are invited to take part. [Vol 8 Issue 4 Feb 24 Special Edition \(aylshamromanproject.com\)](#)

Members of MiDNAG will be digging at Nassington in the second half of August. [Events organised by the Middle Nene Archaeological Group \(midnag.org.uk\)](#)

If your group has a dig planned, please let us know!

LIDAR AND AERIAL ARCHAEOLOGY RESOURCE.

This site may be of interest:

[LiDAR & Aerial Archaeology | Free LiDAR & Aerial Photo Maps \(lidarandaerialarchaeology.com\)](#)

FURTHER AFIELD

The Cairns. Many of our Members will have been fortunate enough to visit those enigmatic Iron Age structures in Scotland, **Brochs**. The excavations underway at The Cairns in Orkney are already revealing new information about the structure and use of these buildings and their surroundings. [The Cairns - Archaeology Orkney](#) has a summary of what has been discovered so far, with links to the current Excavation Diary. The drone photos are spectacular and the plan diagrams are particularly revealing.

Callanish Stones 3D models integrated into Stellarium - Free Download.

In 2005, Emma Rennie of the Callanish Blackhouse Tearoom commissioned a high-resolution 3D laser scan of the Callanish (Calanais) Stones on the Isle of Lewis. A team of experts has created a spectacular interactive version of Callanish I that can be walked around and used to visualise the combination of archaeology and astronomy.

The Callanish3D project lets you explore the Callanish I megalithic setting inside Stellarium. Stellarium is an Open Source planetarium for your computer. Callanish3D for Stellarium is a data package that can be used via Stellarium's "plugin" functionality. Callanish3D for Stellarium is made available via Creative Commons CC BY-NC-ND 4.0 license.

More details and download from here: <https://callanish.archaeoptics.co.uk/downloads.html>

22-26 July, 12.05 pm – 12.55 pm. The London City Wall 101 Lunchtime Talks. A free introduction to the archaeology of London's City Wall at the City's newest visitor attraction. [The London City Wall 101 Lunchtime Talks Council for British Archaeology \(archaeologyuk.org\)](http://TheLondonCityWall101LunchtimeTalksCouncilforBritishArchaeology.archaeologyuk.org)

To book: email bookings@citywallvinestreet.org with your name and the date you prefer. 20 places per talk. Website will be updated when spaces are full. Accessibility: Lift and chairs available (advise in advance). Café on site. 12 Jewry Street EC3N 2HT.

MEETINGS AND LECTURES

Browse the websites of your local societies (see pages 9-10) for a further selection, and for later additions. Always check websites for last-minute changes to talks and events.

8th July, 7.30 pm. Using small animal bones to tell stories in archaeology by **Paul Clarkson**. Histon Methodist Church, High St, Histon, Cambridge CB24 9JD. [HIAG-Talk-Publicity-2024-07-08-A-history-of-the-world-in-five-small-animals | Histon & Impington Archaeology Group \(wordpress.com\)](http://HIAG-Talk-Publicity-2024-07-08-A-history-of-the-world-in-five-small-animals|Histon&ImpingtonArchaeologyGroup.wordpress.com)

James Wright will introduce his new book **Historic Building Mythbusting**. James will be talking at a number of venues – see the list and get links to booking at [Historic Building Mythbusting Book Tour - Triskele Heritage \(triskelepublishing.com\)](http://HistoricBuildingMythbustingBookTour-TriskeleHeritage.triskelepublishing.com)

Local venues are:

19th July, 3.00 pm. Norwich Castle Museum.

20th July at UEA (Part of Norfolk History Day -see under “Conferences”)

24th July, 7.30 pm Priory Room, Walsham le Willows, Suffolk

7th September (afternoon talk, tbc) All Saints Church, Cottenham, Cambridge.

Details of James' book are at [Historic Building Mythbusting by James Wright - Triskele Heritage \(triskelepublishing.com\)](http://HistoricBuildingMythbustingbyJamesWright-TriskeleHeritage.triskelepublishing.com)

20th July, 10.00 am – 5.30 pm. NAHRG Norfolk History Day: East Anglian Castles.

See under “Conferences” above.

21st July – all day. Sedgeford Historical and Archaeological Research Project (SHARP) open day as part of the CBA Festival of Archaeology. There will be tours of the excavations, demonstrations and displays, and family-friendly activities. There will be an onsite café. See [Festival of Archaeology | SHARP](http://FestivalofArchaeology|SHARP)

25 July, 4.30pm - c.6pm. Archival Skills: Medieval Palaeography. Cathedral Library, St Alban's Cathedral, Herts. "Discover how to decodify evidence in the form of medieval manuscripts and legal documents in this beginners' workshop." £6.

<https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/Event/archival-skills-medieval-palaeography>

27th & 28th July. Festival of Archaeology: Wargaming the Age of the Anglo-Saxons.

Sutton Hoo, Suffolk. Free after normal admission charges.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/suffolk/sutton-hoo/events/911ae612-47f8-4806-a654-9943c145b439>

29th August, 7.30 pm. The Iron Age in North Hertfordshire: Why Can't We Call the Ancient Britons 'Celts'? In popular consciousness, the indigenous inhabitants of Britain at the time of the Roman Conquest were Celts. In this evening talk curator Keith will explore why this idea has become controversial over the past thirty years and why no-one in the ancient world – including the Britons themselves – thought that there were Celts in the British Isles. £6.50. North Hertfordshire Museum, Brand Street, HITCHIN, Herts SG5 1JE. Booking essential: [The Iron Age in North Hertfordshire: Why Can't We Call the Ancient Britons 'Celts'?- evening talk - North Hertfordshire Museum - Art Tickets](#)

14th September, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. Essex Industrial Heritage Fair. Grange Barn, Grange Hill, Coggeshall. In partnership with the National Trust & Heritage Open Days. Admission and car parking **free**. Refreshments available.

[IHF 2024 poster + details v1 \(esah1852.org.uk\)](#)

- Exhibits by Essex societies and industrial sites covering such industries as: agricultural engineering; public water supply; brick-making; metal windows; company villages
- Exhibition of woodcarving tools used by local master carver Bryan Saunders until his death in 1975. The Saunders Collection is a fascinating goldmine of chisels, hammers, knives, measuring devices and other carving tools.
- Four short talks on local industries including the cloth trade and metal working
- Self-guided tour of industrial sites in Coggeshall, including former maltings & breweries, textile factories, and the isinglass factory.
- Coggeshall Museum, Abbey Watermill, and Village Smithy will also be open.

16th September, 7.30pm. Roman Stranger Things at RAF Alconbury by Paddy Lambert Project Officer, Oxford Archaeology. Histon Methodist Church, 22 High Street, Histon, Cambridge CB24 9JD. In person **and online**. [HIAG-Talk-Publicity-2024-2025-Programme | Histon & Impington Archaeology Group \(wordpress.com\)](#)

21st October, 7.30 pm. 3rd-4th century Roman military watchtowers and associated salt making on Fingringhoe ranges by Ben Holloway, Project Officer, Colchester Archaeological Trust. Histon Methodist Church, 22 High Street, Histon, Cambridge CB24 9JD. In person and online. [HIAG-Talk-Publicity-2024-2025-Programme | Histon & Impington Archaeology Group \(wordpress.com\)](#)

8th November, 7.30 pm. After the Plague project and the 'deanonimization' of individuals from the analysis of their remains by Craig Cessford, Senior Project Officer, Cambridge Archaeological Unit. Histon Methodist Church, 22 High Street, Histon, Cambridge CB24 9JD. In person **and online**. [HIAG-Talk-Publicity-2024-2025-Programme | Histon & Impington Archaeology Group \(wordpress.com\)](#)

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15th November, 7.30. The Archaeology of Norfolk from the end of the Last Ice Age to Boudica

by **David Roberston** M.A. Norfolk Writer and Historian. Christchurch, King Street, Great Yarmouth (GYLHAS).

LOCAL SOCIETIES Please see individual Societies' websites for further information.

ALDEBURGH AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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

AYLSHAM ROMAN PROJECT

[Aylsham Roman Project – Getting the community into holes](#)

CAISTOR ROMAN PROJECT

[Caistor Roman Project | Venta Icenorum, Casitor St Edmund, Norfolk.](#)

CAMBRIDGE ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD GROUP

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

CHELMSFORD MUSEUM SERVICE [Chelmsford Museum | Essex Regiment | Free Entry](#)

COLCHESTER ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP

Forthcoming lectures will be available to Group members via ZOOM. [News & Events - Colchester Archaeological Group \(caguk.net\)](#)

EAST HERTS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY AND BRAUGHING ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP <https://www.ehas.org.uk/html/events.html>

ESSEX INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP <http://esah1852.org.uk/eiag>

ESSEX SOCIETY FOR ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY

[Events | Essex Society for Archaeology & History \(esah1852.org.uk\)](#)

FEN EDGE ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP <https://feagblog.wordpress.com/>

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

GYLHAS [Great Yarmouth Local History and Archaeological Society \(greatyarmouthlocalhistoryandarchaeology.com\)](#)

HISTON AND IMPINGTON ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP <https://hiarchaeology.wordpress.com/#>

LONG MELFORD HERITAGE TRUST www.melfordheritage.org.uk

LONG MELFORD HISTORICAL & ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

[Long Melford Historical & Archaeological Society \(lmhas.co.uk\)](http://LongMelfordHistoricalAndArchaeologicalSociety(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/>
Meetings in person and on ZOOM.

NNAS <https://www.nnas.info/activities/#conferences>

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE MUSEUMS SERVICE [What's on North Hertfordshire Museum \(northhertsmuseum.org\)](http://www.northhertsmuseum.org.uk/)

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE MUSEUM [What's On - North Lincolnshire Museum](http://www.northlincolnshiremuseum.org.uk/)

ORWELL HISTORY SOCIETY [LHS Programme 2023 2024 A5.pdf \(orwellpastandpresent.org.uk\)](http://www.orwellpastandpresent.org.uk/)

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

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

STOUR VALLEY COMMUNITY ARCHAEOLOGY
[About | Stour Valley Community Archaeology \(wordpress.com\)](http://www.stourvalleycommunityarchaeology.wordpress.com/)

SUFFOLK ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD GROUP [Suffolk Archaeological Field Group \(suffolkinstitute.org.uk\)](http://www.suffolkarchaeologicalfieldgroup.org.uk/)

SUFFOLK ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICE [Suffolk Archaeological Service - Suffolk County Council](http://www.suffolkarchaeologicalservice.org.uk/)

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/](http://www.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://www.woodbridgeriversidetrust.org.uk/)
[WRT Talks Collection - Woodbridge Riverside Trust](http://www.woodbridgeriversidetrust.org.uk/)

MEMBERSHIP

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. Membership is £5.00 for individuals and £7.00 for Affiliated Societies. To join, please use the form at [Membership-Application-DCG.pdf \(archaeologyuk.org\)](http://www.archaeologyuk.org/). Please contact me if you need our bank details to make a transfer.

There is no need to join CBA to be member of CBA East.

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

CBA East is a registered charity in England & Wales 1086510.

GRANTS

CBA East awards small individual grants 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/>.
(See also the note on grants in the AGM Report above).

CBA CODE OF CONDUCT

As affiliates of the national Council for British Archaeology, we at CBA East have signed up to the CBA Code of Conduct which can be read here: <https://www.archaeologyuk.org/code-of-conduct.html>

COPY FOR THE NEWSLETTER

The next Newsletter will be issued in September. **Please send items for inclusion** to CBAE.Newsletter@archaeologyuk.org.

Secretaries of Affiliate Societies who have not already done so are invited to add me to their mailing lists. I can also e-mail our members with information about specific events in between our regular Newsletters, but please give me enough warning! I may not be able to pass on information if not given reasonable notice. It is always helpful if I can give a link to a relevant web page. Use the above address or my personal address gordon780@btinternet.com

My thanks to all those Member Societies and Groups who have sent me information this time! Please bear in mind that I cannot include everything I receive – Members are urged to visit the Society websites listed above for more detailed information.

David Gordon. Newsletter Editor.