

Forthcoming Merseyside Archaeology Society (MAS) Events:

Please note: our monthly series of winter evening talks will resume on the third Thursday of each month from September onwards, ie Thursday 15th Sept

The venue is the Quaker Meeting House (QMH) 22 School Lane, Liverpool L1 3BT. It is close to Lime Street and Liverpool Central train stations, and Queen Street and Liverpool One bus stations.

Details of the venue are here: <https://www.liverpoolquakers.org.uk/contact>

MAS Summer 2022 outdoor meetings

During the summer (May – August) we hold daytime outdoor field visits each month rather than evening talks. Here are the dates and venues:

FULL DETAILS for HILBRE trip AT END OF THIS BULLETIN pp 5 - 8

Sat 9th July Hilbre Islands, sites of various periods Leader: Roy Forshaw

This will be a whole day walk from West Kirby. Hilbre is a line of tidal islands and a level of fitness is required to walk across the flat and slightly wet sands to and from the islands. The walk takes about one hour in each direction.

Thursday 18th August EVENING WALK Formby WWII & Cold War military defences Leader: Roy Forshaw

Holding a walk during an evening is a bit of an experiment for MAS. At the AGM a start time of 6.00pm was discussed and seemed popular.

A reminder, contact details for the leader (same as for Hilbre walk) and confirmed details will be provided in a later Programme & Online Resources Bulletin.

Don't forget the **Piermaster's Green investigations by the Museum of Liverpool!**
<https://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/archaeology/archaeology-national-museums-liverpool/community-archaeology/piermasters-green>

Winter meetings will resume on Thursday 15th September at the Quaker meeting House (QMH).

The current proposal is to hold in-person meetings in September & October, then to hold meetings via Zoom during the colder, wetter, darker midwinter months of November, December and January, and then to hold in-person meetings again in February, March and April (April is also the AGM).

Forthcoming non-MAS online talks

Monday 18th July at 5.00- 6.30pm as part of the CBA festival, there will be a Careers event with talk/Q & A session led by Wessex Archaeology (one of the biggest archaeological employers in UK) on **Careers in Archaeology** FREE Book to attend at <https://www.archaeologyuk.org/festival/festival-event-listing/festival-of-archaeology-careers-event.html>

Tuesday 19th July 7.00- 8.00pm talk by **Mike Pitts on What drives national identity?**

Part of CBA Festival of Archaeology. Mike has edited British Archaeology for about 20 years and will be putting new archaeological discoveries eg about people migrating in the past, into current concerns about identity, displacement etc. FREE Book at <https://www.archaeologyuk.org/festival/festival-event-listing/what-drives-national-identity-an-online-lecture-by-mike-pitts.html>

Wednesday 20th July 11.30 – 12.30 The route of HS2 necessitated the archaeological investigation of an **Anglo-Saxon cemetery near Wendover**, on the edge of the Chiltern Hills in Buckinghamshire. Previously unknown, this cemetery included nearly 200 inhumations of men, women and children, buried with their grave goods. The talk will be followed by a live Q & A Chat session

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FREE Book at <https://www.archaeologyuk.org/festival/festival-event-listing/hs-and-the-festival-of-archaeology-the-living-and-the-dead-an-anglo-saxon-cemetery-near-wendover-bucks.html>

Tuesday 26th July 7.00- 8.00pm **Rachel Kiddey & the Made in Migration Collective look at the material culture of forced migration.** The Made in Migration Collective is a fluid group of displaced and non-displaced individuals of mixed-age, gender, social, educational, and ethnic backgrounds, originally from eight different countries. The Collective developed from Rachael Kiddey's British Academy funded project, 'Migrant Materialities: the material culture of forced migration in Europe' (2018-2022), which is held at the School of Archaeology, University of Oxford, U.K.

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FREE Book at <https://www.archaeologyuk.org/festival/festival-event-listing/the-made-in-migration-collective-a-collaborative-archaeology-of-contemporary-forced-displacement-in-europe-an-online-lecture.html>

Wednesday 27th July 11.30am **HS2 and the Roman (1st century AD) wooden carved figure from Twyford.** A unique carving of a figure in a tunic. The talk will have a live Q & A Chat at the end. Part of CBA Festival of Archaeology

FREE Book at <https://www.archaeologyuk.org/festival/festival-event-listing/hs-and-the-festival-of-archaeology-a-unique-roman-carved-figure-from-twyford.html>

Wednesday 27th July 5.30pm What lies beneath Max Gate? Thomas Hardy unwittingly built his house Max Gate in the middle of a neolithic henge. Talk by National Trust archaeologist Martin Papworth; Hardy's Wessex curator Harriet Still and Wiltshire Museum director David Dawson. Part of CBA Festival of Archaeology
COST £5

Book at <https://www.archaeologyuk.org/festival/festival-event-listing/what-lies-beneath-max-gate.html>

Thursday 28th July 5pm part of the Royal Commission on the Ancient & Historical Monuments of Wales (RCAHMW)'s Festival of Archaeology)

The Maritime Archaeology of Wales: From Shipwrecks to Submerged Landscapes talk by Dr Julian Whitewright

Wales has a rich collection of maritime archaeological sites, ranging from prehistoric landscapes, now submerged, through to 20th- century shipwrecks – and almost everything in between. This talk will introduce the work of the Royal Commission surveying and recording the maritime archaeology of Wales, explaining both the types of sites that we work on and the methods we use.

FREE but register to receive the Zoom

<https://ti.to/digital-past/from-shipwrecks-to-submerged-landscapes>

Recorded non-MAS online talks

Until the end of July

As part of their festival events, Chester Archaeology Society has made the video recordings of their society lectures delivered online during lockdown available to non-society members on their YouTube channel.

Highly recommended: lots of very interesting talks, just a few listed here:

Lecture recordings, tours and short talks from the last two years are available on the Society's YouTube Channel. The titles of some of them are shown below. Just click on the images to play the recordings.

Topics include **Viking furnished burials**, Caroline Pudney's talk on the footsteps of **Trebellius Maximus**, the **Northgate development** in Chester, the Early Medieval monastery on **Lindisfarne**, **Mesolithic** land management, and the **Rutland Roman villa** (with Trojan mosaic). Not to mention the **Chester amphitheatre** etc etc. Have a look! (and remember they will only be available during July)

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqTwM9j_wM7cgZDTIe6CUyA

Dates for your diary:

Friday 22nd July (all day from 09.00am)

CBA (Council for British Archaeology) Ask an Archaeologist Day on twitter

#AskAnArchaeologist Day on Twitter is an official part of the CBA Festival of Archaeology and is a chance for people from all over the world to ask archaeologists questions, and an opportunity for archaeologists to share their knowledge. Anyone with access to Twitter can ask a question using the #AskAnArchaeologist hashtag and any archaeologist who has an answer is encouraged to respond.

https://www.archaeologyuk.org/festival/festival-event-listing/askanarchaeologist-day.html?dm_i=10MV,7VKI1,MNXPP3,W5XH2,1

16th – 31st July

The **Council for British Archaeology (CBA)**'s annual **Festival of Archaeology** will be held this year on the theme of **Journeys**. The Festival incorporates hundreds of in-person and virtual events delivered across the UK by community groups, heritage organisations, universities, commercial units and more.

Events are still being added (as of 30th June 2022) so keep checking the website https://www.archaeologyuk.org/festival.html?dm_i=10MV,7QBRE,MNXPP3,VIMBH,1 as well as lots of in-person activities, there are some online events including a photo competition and an art competition, that run throughout the festival, a careers event (see above, 18th July) and several online talks (see Talks listing, above)

23rd – 29th July

the 19th Viking Congress will be hosted by Liverpool University. This is an international conference that requires payment of fees, but it also includes some **public lectures to be held on Saturday 23rd, Tuesday 26th & Friday 29th July**. (one each in Liverpool, Bangor and Cumbria). Keep an eye on their website to see what the public lectures will be!

At the moment (29th June) the Liverpool public lecture is listed as **Mark Redknap at 7.00pm on Saturday 23rd July in the Victoria Gallery & Museum, University of Liverpool**, but they haven't yet put up any details about how to book (nor his title). But abstracts of all of the conference talks are on the programme webpage and there is a note that spare seats may be made available on the day to members of the local public. If interested, keep checking!

<https://www.vikingcongress.net/programme/>

ALL YEAR: 24th January – 23rd December 2022

The **Hadrian's Wall 1900th Anniversary celebrations** continue to evolve throughout the year (including a chain of beacons for Queen's jubilee in June). You can check out dates of events here <https://1900.hadrianswallcountry.co.uk/events/> or sign up to receive the newsletter at:

<https://mailchi.mp/7f5661ce36a3/hadrians-wall-1900-newsletter-sign-up>

9th – 18th 2022 September

Heritage Open Days. This annual festival of events happens for a 'long week' (ie spanning two weekends) every September. Places of historic interest that are not normally open to the public, or which usually have charges, have extra public access and/or special events. This year's events are not yet listed but the press release announces that: 'This year we delve into **England's industrial past and present, with our theme Astounding Inventions**'. The press release gives special mention to the Lawnmower Museum in Southport...! There are always some interesting places to visit, tours to go on etc so worth keeping an eye on. Some places are only open for one (or even half a day) so make sure you plan ahead.

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/news-desk/news/heritage-open-days-celebrates-inventions-innovations-and-discoveries>

Other online resources

The Chester Heritage Festival 2022 has lots of online resources available as well as the in-person events.

There's **self-guided walks- the River Dee, the Siege of Chester, Chester during the Civil War, Chester during the First World War**, and a **children's activity resource** for walking around the city.

There's also talks (on videos) eg **Howard Williams on Chester in the Dark Ages**, accompanied by a '**Tube map**' of **Dark Age Chester**, **David Harry on Cheshire witches**, investigations into **Brown's department store** and **World War I narratives**,

some videos recorded during a **tour of 'Dark Chester'**, and a **video of the 2022 archaeological training excavation in Grosvenor Park**

For all of the festival's online resources, see

<https://www.chesterheritagefestival.co.uk/online-2022>

An innovative museum has been opened on the site of **Hadspen Roman villa** in Somerset. There is an interesting (and rather stunning) series of photos of the **traditional building techniques** they used at

<https://www.stonewooddesign.co.uk/roman-villa-museum>

NB the site seems to be part of a wider park, hotel & spa complex and physical visits require annual membership <https://thenewtinsomerset.com/plan-your-visit>

the **Potteries Museum in Stoke** has a YouTube channel with new items being added all the time eg on the **Staffordshire hoard**, and the enlarged (in-person) exhibition **The Staffordshire Hoard: Treasures of Mercia** starts on 9th July.

see <https://www.youtube.com/c/thepotteriesmuseumartgallery/videos>

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MAS Hilbre Walk 2022

Saturday 9th July Start 10.30

Can you please ensure that you contact me to book with an e mail or phone number. I may need to get in touch to cancel if a rail strike interferes with public transport on the day.

If you need to contact me my number is 07775 408392

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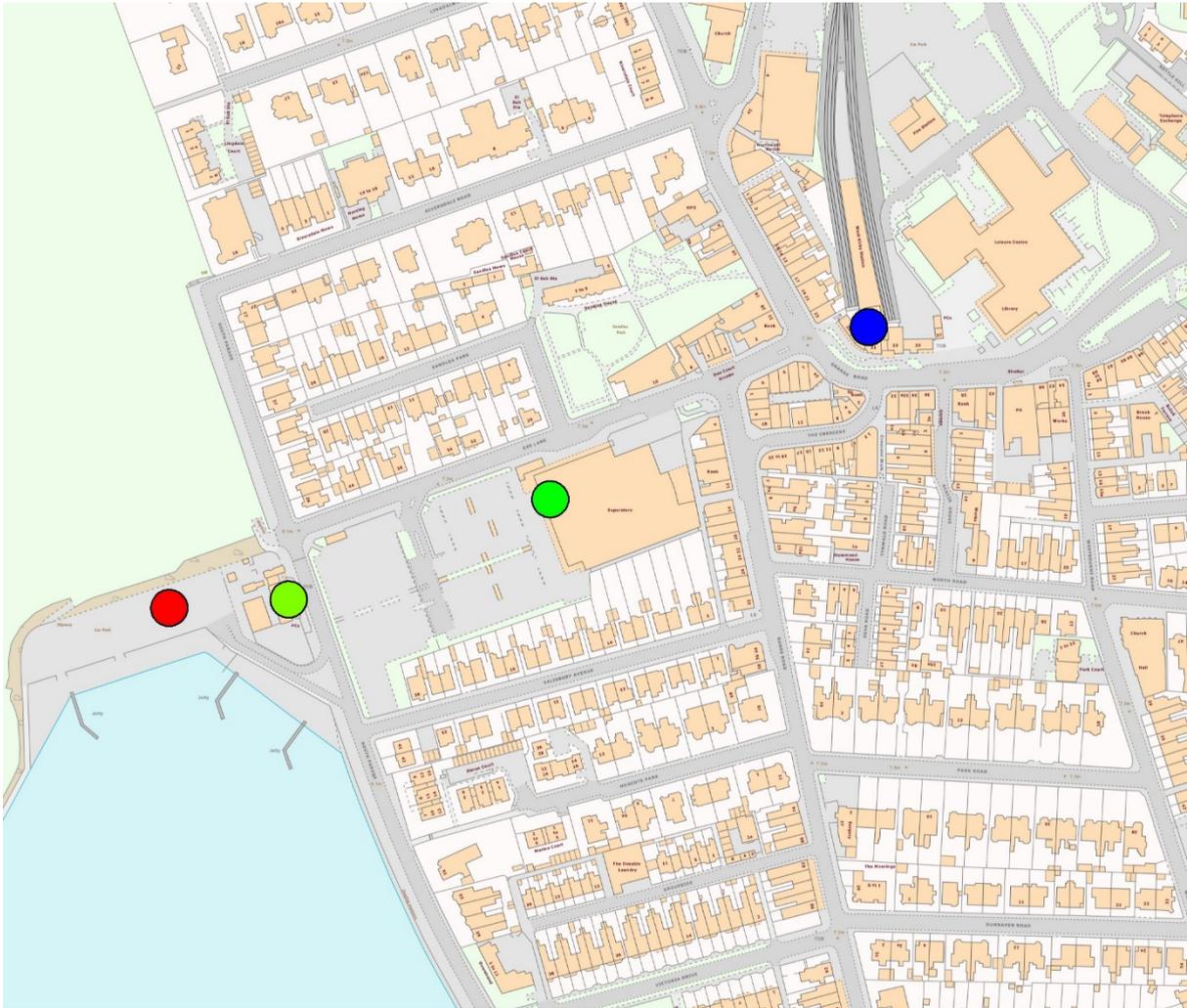
This is the second trip in recent times to the island. Last year we looked at what was on the island itself. This year is unfinished business and we will look at features on the rocky shoreline and cliff face. Some I think I understand but others will be open to discussion.

I realise that some may have not have attended the 2021 visit so I will do a recap on what is on the island for those who want to attend whilst others can have time to themselves exploring and talking to the seals. With the relaxation of covid restrictions I hope to get access to the small museum and possibly some other buildings.



Drone Survey kindly undertaken by Korec.

MAS Programme and online resources for July bulletin



Meeting Place

We will meet on the Marina slipway at 10.30. This location is marked by the red dot. If you are coming via public transport West Kirby railway station and the local bus stops are marked by the blue spot. The way to the marina from the station is along Dee Lane. There is public parking on marine parade and subject to any sailing events we may be able to park on the marina car park where the red dot is.

Toilets *Green Dot*

Toilets are located on Morrisons supermarket. The public toilets at the marina may be open but I cannot guarantee it. I am hoping that the toilets on the island will be open.

Fitness Test

The walk to the island is approximately 1 ½ miles over the sands.

I am leaving you to make your own assessment as to being able to walk over to the island. We will be stopping to look at archaeology but we will be walking over at normal walking pace and will encounter wet sand and water filled channels, rocky surfaces which may be

slippery and steps up and down cliffs which are a foot or so high. I am planning a walking time of approximately 1 hour each way. We will be returning with an incoming tide behind us so we may have to program the length of stay against the time needed to get back to the mainland.

Recommend walking boots and maybe a change of socks just in case.

Provisions.

Bring sun block and waterproof clothing as we can encounter both in one day.

There is no drinking water or places to buy food on the island so bring everything you need for the day. The plan is to picnic on the island.

Binoculars should get you close to the wildlife as I expect there will be a few seals around.

Weather

I have requested keys to enter some of the buildings as there is a wealth of history in them. This will be useful if it rains but an alternative is the small slate shed shelter on the island should we need to escape the elements.

Return

You can return to West Kirby alone at any time if you are confident of the route, but this will be at your own risk and you will have been judged to have left the official tour. We will probably be on the island 3 or 4 hours.