

Forthcoming Merseyside Archaeology Society (MAS) Events:

Our monthly series of winter evening talks resumed on the third Thursday of each month and take place from September 2022 – April 2023

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>

Doors open at 7.00pm for coffee/tea/biscuits and the meeting starts at 7.30pm, closing at 9.00pm. The costs to attend a meeting are £1 for MAS members, with visitors welcome at £2.

NB The midwinter months (November, the December Christmas Quiz night, and January) will see our meetings held on-line via Zoom, to avoid travel in inclement weather ('doors' open 7.15)

Programme for autumn/winter MAS talks.

DATE	venue	Speaker	Topic
Sept 15 th	In person	Mark Adams	Why Finding Nothing Can Sometimes Tell Us Something, But Finding Things Is Nicer: Recent (and not so Recent) Excavations on Merseyside and Cheshire.
Oct 20 th	In person	Dean Paton , Big Heritage	The future is Birkenhead (thanks to the past!) https://bigheritage.co.uk/
Nov 17 th	ZOOM	Ian Trumble Bolton Museum	From Small Seeds: The European legacy of a Bolton woman – Annie Barlow's work in Egyptology and elsewhere and her legacy, including items in Bolton Museum's collection
Dec 15th	ZOOM	MAS XMAS QUIZ	Created by Mark Adams
Jan 19 th	ZOOM	Jane Kenney Gwynedd Arch Trust (GAT)	The Landscape of Neolithic Axes Project: studying a major stone source for Neolithic axeheads in North Wales
Feb 16 th	In person	Current research by students in Liverpool	Three talks by Liverpool students see details below
March 16 th	In person	Dave Roberts	Childwall Churchyard Survey: Present and Future Work https://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/archaeology/archaeology-national-museums-liverpool/community-archaeology/childwall-graves
April 20 th	In person	AGM & Members' evening	Your chance to tell us about interesting things, places and ideas!

16th Feb: MAS in-person evening meeting: Three research student talks

George Downs. Autonomous itineraries: The future of archaeological tourism in Aegean Turkey, Catalonia and Merseyside.

Emily Bowyer-Kazadi. Engaging with Archaeological Landscapes: Narratives from British National Parks

Alex Bowers. Rickets, Resorption and Revolution: An investigation into the relationship between vitamin D deficiency in childhood and osteoporosis in adulthood in an 18th-19th century archaeological population.

In person public lecture at University of Liverpool

Tuesday, 13 December, 18:00-19:30

Dorothy Thompson will give the Annual John Percival Postgate Lecture on **Slavery in (Ptolemaic) Egypt: what do the papyri tell us?** followed by a reception with drinks and finger food/canapes. All are welcome!

The venue is **University of Liverpool, Central Teaching Hub, Lecture Theatre A** University of Liverpool, Liverpool L69 7ZJ. This is Building 221 in grid square F6 on the campus map that is available at

<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/files/docs/maps/liverpool-university-campus-map.pdf>

Free, but please book via the Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/annual-john-percival-postgate-lecture-tickets-469940583937>

Forthcoming non-MAS online talks

1st December 2022 at 5.30-6.30 pm Chris Naunton, former Director of the Egypt Exploration Society, chairs this discussion unravelling the study of ancient Egypt: **How, when and why have early perceptions of ancient Egypt changed? How did Egyptology start?** FREE but book online here: https://britishmuseum-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nsP3MGzeSJmDQRT-ilgcXg

NB this will be recorded and available on their YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/britishmuseumevents>

3rd December 2022 2-4pm The Prehistoric Society will be holding a joint public talk with the Prehistory Research Section of the Yorkshire Archaeology & History Society. Two talks on the theme: **'Recent advances in our understanding of the Neolithic in North-West and South-West England'**.

Please note that the meeting is two hours for two speakers.

Dr Gill Hey, Oxford Archaeology: **'New Research on the Neolithic of North-West England'**

Dr Jodie Lewis, University of Bradford: **'New Research on the Neolithic of South-West England'**

It's a hybrid event and FREE to attend. Please register in advance to receive the link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAlf-yorj8iHd1L3yC62VNEw3hXjqgsvLx2>

The Westmorland Dales Landscape Partnership are starting their monthly winter webinar series in December. This is the programme:

Wednesday 7th December 2022. A Year in the Life of Halligill
Wednesday 11th January 2023 Salmon, Trout and Crayfish in the Upper Lune
Wednesday 1st February 2023 Churn Stands, Gate Stoops and Date Stones
Wednesday 1st March 2023 Digging the Past: Test-pitting in Ravenstonedale Village

Wednesday 7th December 3.00 – 4.00 pm Keith Cooper. **A year in the life of Halligill.** Resident, local historian and active volunteer Keith Cooper will give a fascinating insight into farming life at Halligill, a farmstead in the parish of Asby, back in 1875. It's based on the diary of John Brunskill who farmed at Halligill for 30 years but ended up living at Dial House in Great Asby. Keith's additional research together with the recollections of the late Harry Saul breathe new life into John Brunskill's daily round on a small, mixed, upland hill farm.

FREE but book here to receive the link

<https://www.friendsofthelakedistrict.org.uk/Event/a-year-in-the-life-of-halligill>

NB don't forget that recordings of previous talks are still available at

<https://www.friendsofthelakedistrict.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Site/westmorland-dales-hidden-landscapes-partnership/Category/westmorland-dales-heritage-talks>

Gresham College free hybrid lectures (ie in person and online)

Gresham College has been providing free public lectures on arts and science subjects since 1597 when Sir Thomas Gresham's vision of a college to bring the 'new learning' to Londoners was realised. Talks span a wide range of topics and often feature well-known specialists and communicators. See the lists at

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/lecture-series-2022-23>

FREE but register in advance for each one you are interested in

[Finding Britain's Lost Gods \(History of Religion\)](#)

Professor Ronald Hutton

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/series/lost-gods>

This is the first series of three sets of lectures devoted to the perennial 'others' of the European Christian tradition, those phenomena which have always been present as active forces or cultural memories in Christian Europe and which theological orthodoxy has regarded as suspect. The

first of the phenomena consists of the pre-Christian religions of Europe, defined in Christian tradition as paganism. These were suppressed as religious systems at the time of conversion to Christianity but elements of them survived as major components of literature, art and folklore.

See the website or MAS October Bulletin for full programmes

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/paganism-roman>

Wednesday 7 Dec 2022 at 18.00 (ie 6.00pm) Ronald Hutton **Paganism in Roman Britain.**

FREE but register to attend <https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/paganism-roman>

The **Council for British Archaeology (CBA) Yorkshire** group have been holding a series of 'Fireside Chats' ie talks on zoom, since lockdown started. All are welcome (you don't have to be a CBA member or any kind, and you don't need to have links to Yorkshire)

If you would like to attend any live talks, please contact Mike Turpin, at zoom@cba-yorkshire.org.uk Most (BUT NOT ALL) talks are recorded and available on Youtube

CBA Yorkshire Fireside Chat Series: January 2023 -- June 2023

Tuesday 10th January 2023 7.30 pm Freya Horsfield

Uncovering Rievaulx Abbey's landscapes – The Cistercian Taskscape and Environmental Change

This talk will present a case study of Rievaulx Abbey (North Yorkshire), to examine whether a major Cistercian monastery 'transformed' its landscape. Dr Freya Horsfield is based at Durham University.

Tuesday 14th February 2023 7.30 pm Emma Samuels, Richard Coates

High Hunsley Deserted Medieval Village

In the summer of 2022, Ethos Heritage CIC ran a community archaeology project at the well-preserved DMV at High Hunsley. We were privileged to work with members of the local community, local youth groups, and a local SEN school over the course of the excavation, alongside welcoming veterans and members of the blue light services onto site. During this Fireside Chat we will share our findings from 2022, discuss how the community responded to the project, and touch on our future plans.

Tuesday 14th March 2023 7.30 pm Steve Sherlock **A Neolithic salt warming site at Street House**

A chance to find out about this enigmatic site that is potentially the earliest Neolithic saltern in Western Europe. It is offering new insights into the industrial archaeology of the Neolithic. LIVE TALK ONLY

[Please Note: This talk will not be recorded nor added to the CBA Yorkshire archive]

Tuesday 11th April 2023 7.30 pm Kate Giles

The medieval wall paintings of Pickering: discovery, restoration and meaning
In 1852, a series of remarkably well-preserved wall paintings were discovered during restoration work in St. Peter's church, Pickering. In the 1880s, they underwent a controversial restoration, which coloured perceptions of their significance and informed radical approaches to their conservation in the twentieth century. In this lecture, Kate will reflect on how Pickering's story adds new layers of understanding to the story of wall paintings in the parish church, and how her research has revealed the hidden medieval meanings of the paintings, the subject of her recent book.

Tuesday 9th May 2023 7.30 pm Chloe Duckworth

Communities and Communication: can we make TV archaeology work for us again?

Dr Chloe Duckworth is Reader in Archaeological Sciences and Public Engagement at Newcastle University. She will be best known to most of us as one of the principal presenters on the recent highly acclaimed TV series, the Great British Dig. In her

talk Chloe will evaluate the impact of the TV series and suggest ways in which the media can help promote archaeology within the wider community.

Tuesday 13th June 2023 7.30 pm Hannah Kingsbury **Cultural Heritage in the Westmorland Dales**

The Westmorland Dales Landscape Partnership is a four-year scheme (2019-2023), supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. There are 22 projects in total, 10 of which explore the cultural heritage of the area. This talk will give an overview of the scheme and will focus on a number of the cultural heritage projects, including archaeological surveys and excavations and how they might relate to similar projects in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

Recorded non-MAS talks

The Society of Antiquaries of London have a great range of lunchtime and evening talks that they make available on YouTube (far too many to list).

Many lectures are live streamed via the Antiquaries YouTube channel and, in line with established Antiquaries practice, will be available to all through the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SocAntiquaries>.

Some clash with MAS monthly lectures, including this one delivered on 17th November: Paula Ware (MAP Archaeological Practice Ltd) & Peter Wilson (Rarey Archaeology): **An unexpected complex of Roman Buildings, Eastfield, Scarborough**

This covers a very unexpected discovery in a house-building development on the top of a hill on the outskirts of Scarborough, of substantial Roman masonry buildings of very unusual character. Lots of news reports including:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/whats-new/in-your-area/yorkshire/roman-remains-discovery-scarborough/>

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You can watch series 1 – 4 on Youtube at <http://www.cba-yorkshire.org.uk/videos/>

Series 5 (winter 2021-22) at <https://www.cba-yorkshire.org.uk/cba-yorkshire-fireside-chats-series-five/>

Series 6 <https://www.cba-yorkshire.org.uk/cba-yorkshire-fireside-chats-series-six/>

See 'forthcoming non-MAS talks' for next set of Fireside Chats.
www.cba-yorkshire.org.uk

Other online resources

The project investigating a massive complex of **monumental Neolithic structures on the Ness of Brodgar in the Orkney** archipelago has an interesting website including a short video and lots of images and short articles about the site, stone artefacts etc.

<https://www.nessofbrodgar.co.uk/>

Bainbridge Roman fort: A large and **very well preserved Roman inscribed and carved stone** has recently been found in the basement of the University of Leeds 40 years after it was put there after some excavations on site.

<https://ahc.leeds.ac.uk/languages/news/article/2234/ancient-inscription-from-roman-yorkshire-unveiled-to-the-public-at-university-of-leeds>

NB The Bainbridge stone may have been coloured with pigments, similar to the distance stones from the Antonine Wall that Louisa Campbell has worked on. See also some information and a short video about the colours used or potentially used on some Roman altars held in the Great North Museum, Newcastle upon Tyne:

<https://greatnorthmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/roman-britain-in-colour>

The **British Museum has improved its online collections**. Browse at

<https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection>

The **Cheshire Archives** have recently added a blog (17 Nov) about their holdings **relating to railways**. See an introduction about these at:

<http://cheshirero.blogspot.com/2022/11/cheshire-railways-third-stop-maps-and.html>

Dates for your diary:

SAVE THE DATE for NEXT YEAR!

Saturday 25 March 2023: 10.00am – 4pm WIRRAL HISTORY & HERITAGE FAIR

Hulme Hall, Bolton Rd, Bebington, CH62 5DH (Just off A41 - 5 minutes' walk from Port Sunlight Station)

Explore Wirral's fascinating past! History & Heritage Stalls, Family History, Local Historical Societies, Memorabilia, Books and Postcards,

Free admission, All welcome.

Details at: www.wirralhistoryandheritage.org.uk

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