

MAS Archaeology + Heritage events- there's lots going on in September/Oct 2024!

In chronological order:

- **Friday 6th – Sunday 15th September** **Heritage Open Days** (see page 2)

- **Thursday 19th September** **7.00 for 7.30pm at the Quaker Meeting House**
in Liverpool

Yes, we're back! **It's time for our first MAS autumn/winter evening talk**, given by **Patrick Maloney** of the Wigan Archaeology Society, about their exciting **excavations and fieldwork at Aspull Ring Ditch, a multi-phase prehistoric site** (see full autumn/winter programme below, page 3)

- and on **Saturday 5th October**, it's our biennial **Archaeology in Merseyside (AIM) conference**, held at the **Museum of Liverpool from 10.00 – 16.30**

It's a full programme of talks, **activities, & short talks/latest updates**

NB ! Please book in advance as we need to know numbers for seating and catering!

Tickets still available through Eventbrite, £16 for MAS members, £20 for non-members

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/archaeology-in-merseyside-2024-tickets-867334339357>

(see full programme details below, page 4)

Aspull ring ditch

At our evening talk in Quaker Meeting House, Liverpool on **Thursday 19th September** (doors open 7.00pm, talk starts 7.30pm),

Patrick Malony of the Wigan Archaeology Society will be talking about:

Aspull: A Ring Ditch & Bronze Age Funerary Monument

This talk will describe the discovery and ongoing excavation by Wigan Archaeological Society of a previously unknown Neolithic henge and Middle Bronze Age funerary monument at Aspull, near Wigan.

This is an important and complex site and you can find out more:

Their work featured in a well-illustrated article in Current Archaeology in May 2024

<https://the-past.com/feature/ringing-the-changes-investigating-an-enigmatic-monument-at-aspull/>

and also got a mention on BBC News in August

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c4gzdk71j2ro>

Heritage Open Days Friday 6th – Sunday 15th September (throughout England)

There is a huge range of activities and locations to choose from: guided walks and tours, open days, exhibitions etc. You can search the website by date, location, type of event etc. So even if you are not in Merseyside on those dates, you can find out about things to do wherever you are in England (the scheme does not include Wales or Scotland)

Heritage Open Days website with full data:

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/>

There are lots of HoD venues in Merseyside, including **St Patrick's Church in Toxteth**. Park Place, Liverpool, Merseyside, L8 5RA. This is a major Roman Catholic church with several important items of architecture and monuments. MAS member Anna Fairley gave an evening talk to the Society in February about the church and current archaeological investigations of its burial crypts.

St Patrick's is organising a range of events as part of Heritage Open Days, including a special exhibition to mark the 200th anniversary of the foundation of the church. The author of a new history of St. Patrick's will sign copies of the book and welcome reminiscences, and visitors can observe restoration and archaeological investigation work

You do not need to book in advance.

Timings & Tours

Saturday 07 September:

1900 -2100. Free concert of classical music by Liverpool University music students.

Sunday 08 September:

1900-2100. Free concert of classical music by Liverpool University music students.

Saturday 14 September:

1400-1800. Talks, guided tours, exhibitions, family history and archaeological workshops.

St Patrick's Church, Toxteth details:

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/submission-event/st-patrick-s-church-1.html>

If you are interested in **Wirral venues and sites**, the umbrella organisation Wirral History and Heritage Federation has listed them all on this website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/wirralhha/whod-calendar>

And a separate brochure giving more detailed information about each event is here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1s2-V4yz3gfiadHlN8hc9rec1mV6lD-Os/view>

You can read the brochure online or download the .pdf file which is 9.2MB

MAS: autumn/winter talks programme 2024-2025 as at 27 Aug 2024

Our winter evening talks take place on the third Thursday of each month from September 2024 until April 2025

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. See: <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 During the midwinter months (including January) our meetings are held on-line via Zoom, to avoid travel in inclement weather. Online "doors" open 7.15 for the 7.30pm meeting.

DATE	VENUE	Speaker	Topic
Sept Thurs 19th	QMH	Patrick Maloney Wigan Arch Soc	Aspull: A Ring Ditch & Bronze Age Funerary Monument
October Thurs 17th	QMH	Charlotte Bell Univ Liverpool	Roman women: funerary commemorations of what men wrote about them
November Thurs 21st	ZOOM	Peter Davey Manx Heritage	Rushen Abbey, IoMan: early Christianity in the Irish Sea & the role of the Savignacs
December Thurs 12th *	ZOOM	Chair, members	Christmas social & Quiz Quizmaster: Mark Adams
January Thurs 16th	ZOOM	Kelly Griffiths Wardell Armstrong LLP	Scuttled: Life on the Rochdale Canal
February Thurs 20^h	QMH	short talks	Work in Progress talks by Liverpool research students & MAS members
March Thurs 20th	QMH	Elsa Price Museum of Liverpool	Title tbc
April Thurs 10th *	QMH	Chair & members	AGM + short talks about summer activities: Speke Hall- Mark Adams Little Crosby Hall- Rob Philpott (prior to MAS visit to Univ Liv dig in early June) Summer fieldtrips – Roy Forshaw

*These meetings brought forward to the second Thursday of the month, to avoid Christmas and Easter periods

Archaeology in Merseyside 2024**Saturday 5th October 2024****10.00 – 16.30**

Museum of Liverpool, Pierhead L3 1DG

Tickets £16/£20**Please book in advance**<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/archaeology-in-merseyside-2024-tickets-867334339357>

TIME		TITLE
10.00	Doors open	No refreshments provided, museum café opens 10am http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/wml/visit/cafe.aspx
10.20 – 10.30	Welcome and Housekeeping information	Liz Stewart , Head of Museum of Liverpool
10.30 – 11.05	Talk	Anna Fairley , Univ of Liverpool: Post-Medieval cemetery memorial monuments in Liverpool
11.10 – 11.45	Talk	Vicki Anderton-Johnson , Wardell Armstrong LLP: Beneath the Warehouse: The Upper Duke Street Excavations (the Hondo supermarket site)
11.45 – 12.00	VERY SHORT BREAK	
12.00 – 12.35	Three short talks for handling sessions	Vanessa Oakden , Museum of Liverpool: The Piermaster's Green excavations, Liverpool waterfront Ron Cowell , Museum of Liverpool: Mesolithic sites in Lunt Meadows, Sefton Heather Beeton , Finds Liaison Officer, Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS, Merseyside, Greater Manchester & Cheshire): PAS finds from Merseyside
12.40 – 13.25	LUNCH BREAK	BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH or USE THE MUSEUM CAFÉ or a nearby establishment
13.30 – 14.10	ACTIVITIES artefact handling session, book sales, displays	Piermaster's Green post-excavation finds : Activity Lunt Meadows post-excavation finds : Activity Merseyside Portable Antiquities (PAS) finds : Activity Merseyside Industrial Heritage Society (MIHS) : Display Further displays to be confirmed Book sales: New publications of The Calderstones, MAS Journal 2022, plus back stock (cash/cheque payments only)
14.15 – 14.50	Quickie talks 2 talks of 15 mins each	Jim Kenny , Independent Researcher: The Bullen Stone from Sefton Park: what is it? Steve Harding , Univ Nottingham & Chas Jones , Meols Boat Project: The Meols Boat under the car park
14.50 – 15.10	TEA BREAK	PROVIDED
15.15 – 15.50	Talk	Rob Philpott , University of Liverpool: Recent excavations at Norton Priory
15.55 – 16.20	Talk	Liz Stewart , Museum of Liverpool: The past and future of Canning Quaysides and Dry Docks
16.20 – 16.30	Summary & close	Ann Gemmell , Chair of Merseyside Archaeology Society

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