

## 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

### Programme for autumn/winter MAS talks.

DATE	venue	Speaker	Topic
Sept 15 <sup>th</sup>	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.
<b>Oct 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>In person</b>	<b>Dean Paton , Big Heritage</b>	<b>The future is Birkenhead (thanks to the past!)</b> <a href="https://bigheritage.co.uk/">https://bigheritage.co.uk/</a>
Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>	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 15 <sup>th</sup>	ZOOM	MAS XMAS QUIZ	Led by Mark Adams
Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	In person	Current research by students in Liverpool	Two or three talks about their current research by PhD students at universities in Liverpool Exact details to be confirmed
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	In person	Dave Roberts	The MAS/NML cemetery recording project at Childwall All Saints Church, Liverpool Title tbc <a href="https://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/archaeology/archaeology-national-museums-liverpool/community-archaeology/childwall-graves">https://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/archaeology/archaeology-national-museums-liverpool/community-archaeology/childwall-graves</a>
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	In person	AGM & Members' evening	Your chance to tell us about interesting things, places and ideas!

### Forthcoming non-MAS online talks

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 6.00 – 7.00pm** A free event organised by the University of Liverpool's Dept for Continuing Education. **Gina Muskett: Sailing the wine-dark sea: ships and shipwrecks of Late Bronze Age Greece** FREE but register to receive the link  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sailing-the-wine-dark-sea-ships-and-shipwrecks-of-late-bronze-age-greece-tickets-406744422517>

### 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 <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.

### [Gods of Prehistoric Britain](#)

**6pm, Weds 21 Sep 2022**, David Game College, Aldgate/ Online/ Watch Later

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/prehistoric-gods>

NB highly recommended!

### [Paganism in Roman Britain](#)

**6pm, Weds 7 Dec 2022**, David Game College, Aldgate/ Online/ Watch Later

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

### [Anglo-Saxon Pagan Gods](#)

**6pm, Weds 1 Feb 2023**, City of London Venue tbc/ Online/ Watch Later

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/anglo-saxon-gods>

### [Viking Pagan Gods in Britain](#)

**6pm, Weds 8 Mar 2023**, City of London Venue tbc/ Online/ Watch Later

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/viking-gods>

### [Finding Lost Gods in Wales](#)

**6pm, Weds 26 April 2023**, City of London Venue tbc / Online/ Watch Later

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/wales-gods>

### [How Pagan Was Medieval Britain](#)

**6pm, Weds 7 June 2023**, City of London Venue tbc/ Online/ Watch Later

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/medieval-pagan>

**Ancient Landscapes of Britain** (Archaeology)

Mike Pitts, Martin Millett and Helena Hamerow

Three of Britain's leading Archaeologists present the latest research on Stonehenge, the landscapes of Roman Britain, and the medieval Agricultural Revolution.

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/series/ancient-britain>

**Stonehenge: A History**

Mike Pitts

**6pm, Thurs 23 Feb 2023** City of London Venue tbc/ Online

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/stonehenge-history>

**Landscapes of Roman Britain**

Martin Millett

**6pm, Weds 15 Mar 2023**, City of London Venue tbc/ Online

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

**The Medieval Agricultural Revolution: New Evidence**

Helena Hamerow

**6pm, Thurs 23 Mar 2023**, City of London Venue tbc/ Online

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/agricultural-rev>

other series cover British Empire & Economy, Black History Month (ie October), A Cultural History of Disease & Medicine, Portraiture & Power (art history), Wren 300 and other architectural topics, Politics power and nationhood, Women in world religions.

**TV programmes available online**

**Digging for Treasure Channel 5.** Four one-hour episodes. Despite the unhelpfully tabloid title, each episode emphasises responsible metal detecting and involves a Finds Liaison Officer (FLO) from the national Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS). Episodes focus on areas in Norfolk, underwater in Scotland, and on the bank of the River Thames in Southwark.

<https://www.channel5.com/show/digging-for-treasure/season-1/episode-4>

**Villages by the Sea** focuses on archaeology and local history. It is broadcast by BBC on regional networks but all episodes can be viewed on iplayer/catch-up nationally once they have been broadcast. Series 3 is being broadcast in September but has been interrupted by the 10 days of mourning for Queen Elizabeth II. The episodes on Ravenglass, Cumbria and Laxey, Isle of Man are available but Parkgate on Wirral may be delayed (from 12<sup>th</sup> Sept).

Episodes from Series 2 and Series 3 are also available at the same site:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000c78q/episodes/guide>

**Dates for your diary:**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 10.00/10.30 – 17.00 York Archaeology Day Conference**

This is usually an annual event, interrupted by Covid. This year it will be a **hybrid event**, held in the City Council's West Office in York and is free to attend whether in person or online.

It will be live streamed via the City Council's YouTube channel and will also be available as a recording after the event.

There is no need to book for the live stream, just follow the link to the City Council's YouTube channel on the day (or after the event to watch the recording): <https://www.youtube.com/cityofyorkcouncil>

The 2022 conference will focus on recent archaeological investigation and research within the York City boundary. The talks will provide an overview of recent and ongoing projects, including archaeological work in response to development within the City, new research into the City's Roman past, management of the City Walls as well as the new visitor experience and interpretation at Clifford's Tower.

York Museums Trust (YMT) will also be bringing along some of the engagement tools developed as part of their current Ryedale Hoard exhibition.

*DRAFT Programme (may be subject to change)*

10.00 Registration, tea & coffee

10.30 Introduction & welcome

10.35 York Archaeology - Recent archaeological work in York

11.10 MAP Archaeological Practice Ltd - Update on work at Marygate & other sites

11.45 Tetra Tech - York Central: An update on the archaeological works

12.20 Questions

12.30 Lunch (*not provided for delegates*) - opportunity to see YMT interactives

13.50 Prof. Martin Millett, Uni of Cambridge - Roman York Beneath the Streets: first results

14.25 York Archaeology/AOC - Beneath the Streets: The City of York Deposit Model Project

15.00 Questions

15.10 Tea & coffee break - opportunity to see YMT interactives

15.40 City Walls Manager, City of York Council - City Walls project updates, findings & future conservation work

16.15 English Heritage - Clifford's Tower refurbishment

16.50 Questions

17.00 Conference ends

## 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](http://www.wirralhistoryandheritage.org.uk)

### **Other online resources**

**Moel-y-Gaer (Bodfari) A small hillfort in Denbighshire, North Wales** by **Gary Lock** With contributions by John Pouncett, Derek Hamilton, Michael J. Allen, Alan J. Clapham, Simon Callery, and Stefan Gant. This new (2022) report on Gary Lock and Oxford university's excavations at a small hillfort on the Clywydian range (close to Penycloddiau, where MAS visited the Liverpool University excavations a few years ago) has just been published by Archaeopress. The contents pages and Chapter 1 are available to download for free (you have to pay for the full publication) from the publisher's website:

<https://www.archaeopress.com/Archaeopress/DMS/A48402DE8E8E4FA5B1D9E877F3041866/9781803273129-sample.pdf>

### **Open Access archaeology publications from Archaeopress**

Archaeopress also have a wide range of open access publications for free download. These include reports on UK and foreign projects, a whole suite of books or booklets on Roman frontiers and there is probably something there to interest each of us

<https://www.archaeopress.com/Archaeopress/Open-Access>

### **Nara to Norwich: art and belief at the extremities of the Silk Roads AD 500-**

**1100** is an online exhibition from the Sainsbury Institute. It explores the influence of the Silk Roads and the role of religion and art at a time of great change throughout Asia and Europe <https://naratonorwich.org/>

**Vikings Live** The British Museum have made a video tour available of their 2014 exhibition Vikings: Life and legend. It was a very comprehensive exhibition, reflected by the 89 minute long video (but there is a trailer if you just want a taster!) at

<https://www.britishmuseum.org/vikings-live>

**Pyramids of Meroë, Sudan** Google Arts & Culture have a site that provides 3-D models etc that you can explore online at

<https://artsexperiments.withgoogle.com/meroe/>

**Tomb of Menna, Egypt** well-illustrated Information about conservation work at this well-preserved 18<sup>th</sup> Dynasty elite tomb in the Theban necropolis on the west bank of the Nile, plus a 3-D model that you can explore (rest your cursor on a circled point and further information will appear)

<https://www.arce.org/tomb-menna>

**Radiocarbon dating and chronological modelling guidance:** Historic England produce open access guidance on a wide range of topics including archaeological science. They have just published guidance on radiocarbon ( $^{14}\text{C}$ ) dating and chronological modelling (using Bayesian statistics)

It is open access and easily navigated on-screen, or can be downloaded as a pdf document of 34 MB.

Some of it is heavy going, but there are also really useful 'how to' reference sections on what to choose as most reliable samples or items to date, how to express dates in reports, a glossary of terms used etc. It's useful not just if you are thinking of using radiocarbon dating, but if you read something and wonder what they are on about!

It covers basic principles of  $^{14}\text{C}$  dating, why and how Bayesian chronological modelling can be applied, advice about how to integrate  $^{14}\text{C}$  dating and Bayesian modelling into project planning, execution and post-excavation stages, and several case studies illustrating its applications.

<https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/radiocarbon-dating-chronological-modelling/>

Bayliss, A, and Marshall, P, 2022 Radiocarbon Dating and Chronological Modelling: Guidelines and Best Practice (Historic England, London).

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