



## IfA Finds Group

### Committee Meeting

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January, YAT.

Members present: Teresa Gilmore (TG) Andrew Jones (AJ)

1.	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	<b>Actions</b>
	Helen Fowler (HF), Phil Mills (PM), Birgitta Hoffmann (BH), Stephen Brunning (SB)	
2.	<b>Minutes of last Committee Meeting</b>	
	Accepted on a general aye.	
3.	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
	AJ – still needs to sort AnBn/HB day	AJ
4.	<b>Chair's Welcome</b>	
	<p>PM Absent. TG welcome on PM's behalf.</p> <p>Email from PM: I never heard back from Pete about the possibility of getting sponsorship for the session.</p> <p>The list of specialists should be up again in a couple of weeks and the diggers forum newsletter editor has written to me :</p> <p>We are relaunching and expanding the scope of the newsletter from being pretty much solely campaigning/pressure group news and comment, to being a magazine that is hopefully actually interesting to read.</p> <p>We will be retaining all the essential and depressing news on pay minima discussions and the like, but also want to include interesting articles on subjects relevant to our membership: news and forthcoming events, training materials and features on tools, methods and the history and culture of 'diggers', interviews with archaeologists etc. We would like to include factsheets or short informative pieces on topics such as recording masonry or timber that would be useful for our membership, but would also like to include pieces on types of finds. I was wondering if the Finds Group would be interested in asking its membership if there were any specialists out there who would like to help field archaeologists get a better knowledge and understanding of finds (and enviro, I don't know if your SIG covers that?). Ideally we would have a 'Finds Page' or pages each issue under the banner of the Finds Group with short, snappy articles describing a class of finds in simple terms: examples I can think of off the top of my head are Samian, clay pipes, brick and tile, glass etc etc. They could be 100 words or 500 words. These would be invaluable to our membership and would hopefully stimulate interest in finds. If any of your members would like to write any articles for our membership we would be really interested.</p>	
5.	<b>Secretary's Report</b>	
	TG – mailing list still working fine. No new members as yet but need a new	

	update from Kathryn.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
	BH – remember to claim expenses. Provisional budget for next year supplied by IfA central.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Leather workshop / osteology day</b>	
	<p>TG – Leather workshop still on hold, awaiting location of unwashed leather. Haven't had chance to check with Vindolanda yet.</p> <p>AJ – Still need to check how much Bradford charge for AnBn/HB session / lab use.</p> <p>TG – HF has suggested Helen Geake to do an A-S training day like the IA one. TG recommended HF to find whether she can do it, how much and how many people.</p> <p>TG – Original Osteology day plan might need to be written off. It's been a few years since we tried to do it. Perhaps issue an summary of the laws for the AB/HB hands on session.</p>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Conference 2011</b>	
	<p>AJ – Has Matthew Collins (York Uni Collagen), Gundula Muldner (Reading) stable isotopes, Margaret Carter (Liverpool – Rehydroxalation), Paola Palmer (Bournemouth – Wood marine contexts), Steve Boreham (Cambridge – Starr Carr soil chemistry), Dave Watkinson (Cardiff Conservator general advice). Ben Star (Pottery residues). Graham Earl (Southampton – photographic). A couple of poster presentations as well.</p> <p>AJ – needs to confirm with AL about confirmation of times. Formal letters will be written to them. Have asked speakers to provide asbracts and a list of questions to test the audience. Solves the CPD angle.</p>	AJ
<b>10.</b>	<b>Specialist Publication</b>	
	Still ongoing.	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Training (NVQs)</b>	
	TG – has asked for feedback from current IfA/PAS bursary holder, Garry Crace as he is completing it. His initial comments needs to be more managerial.	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Archives &amp; Archiving</b>	
	TG – Duncan Brown has put a report into the newsletter, asking for feedback about the formation of an Archives SIG. See what the response and pick up again at the next committee meeting?	
<b>13.</b>	<b>Review of Standards and Guidance – update</b>	
	TG – Same as before. IfA Central are updating the S&G. Please could committee members read over and suggest updates?	ALL
<b>14.</b>	<b>Conditions of Contract for Specialists – update</b>	
	TG- No change. Same as before	
<b>15.</b>	<b>Group reports &amp; Reports to Committee</b>	
	None.	
<b>16.</b>	<b>Newsletter</b>	
	TG – First issue has been completed by SB. Has been sent to KW for conversion to pdf. So should be emailed out to members shortly. It's looking very good, so very impressed. Need contributions for the next issue.	
<b>17.</b>	<b>A.O.B.</b>	
	Nothing springs to mind.	
	<b>Dates of next meetings</b>	

	<p>2011 Conference – 13<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> April 2011, Reading University (session 14<sup>th</sup> including AGM).</p> <p>AGM / Committee Meeting – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April</p> <p>AnBn/HB Handling Session – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011, Bradford University.</p> <p>Leather workshop – on hold until source of wet, uncleaned leather found.</p> <p>Committee Meeting – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September either Manchester (Birgitta) or Liverpool.</p>	
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Abbreviations for IfA Central people:

Kathryn Whittington (KW)

Kate Geary (KG)

Pete Hinton (PH)

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