

London Area Group, Autumn Newsletter 2012

Dear Colleagues

The LAG Annual General Meeting, covering 2011 and 2012, was held at the Museum of London on Monday 1 October. Once again we stressed the need to recruit members to the IfA, and encourage them to sign up to the LAG. In particular we would welcome site staff, and seek ideas for events we could hold that might be particularly relevant to them (whether IfA members or not).

Our next event will be a debate on *Archaeology and ethics*, followed by a Christmas social, on Thursday 6 December, at the Sekforde Arms, Sekforde Street, Clerkenwell (nearest station Farringdon) www.youngs.co.uk/pub-detail.asp?PubID=333. Details of the debate are being finalised and we will circulate members with these shortly, meanwhile please put the date in your diaries.

We are also planning a Conference on *Infrastructure and the Historic Environment* for 23rd February 2013, again more details to follow soon.

Any comments or questions you may have about the London Area Group would be most welcome, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Opportunities for lectures, seminars and CPD

Are you stuck in a trench or office? Do you miss the cut and thrust of university seminars and debate, are you up-to-date with the latest archaeological discoveries and thinking? Can you see the bigger picture? Most importantly, are you keeping up with your CPD?

London provides many opportunities to engage with the latest developments in archaeology; the universities democratically open up seminar sessions to everyone; the national societies admit non-members to their lectures; and the county and local societies have active lecture programmes and visits. Whilst some events are quite early in the evening and may be difficult to get to, new initiatives are putting talks online as podcasts or transcripts, see HistorySPOT and the Society of Antiquaries below, so that you can attend at home.

September saw the start of the new season of lectures, so that they are well underway now. We set out below some suggestions for you that should cover your areas of interest.

Universities:



University College London

Celebrating its 75th anniversary, the Institute of Archaeology covers archaeology from around the world: <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/archaeology/calendar>



Institute of Historical Research

The IHR has a wide range of seminar topics, obviously of historical more than archaeological interest, but with some overlap <http://www.history.ac.uk/events/seminars>



History Spot; seminar podcasts and online training

<http://historyspot.org.uk/> > Podcast Tags
<http://historyspot.org.uk/user-tags/london>

London lectures online of particular interest to archaeologists include:

The Survey of London: methods and sources for recording the development of London's fabric –

Peter Guillery and Philip Temple (Survey of London, English Heritage) *Metropolitan History*, 12 October 2011

Locating London's past: a geo-referencing tool for mapping historical and archaeological evidence, 1660-1800 –

Professor Robert Shoemaker (Sheffield) *Locating London's Past workshop*, 21 October 2011

National Societies:

We are lucky to have national archaeological societies based in London, they allow non-members to attend lectures. Membership of the BAA or RAI has the further benefit of access to the Society of Antiquaries' Library.



Society of Antiquaries of London

The Antics' lectures are open to all: <http://www.sal.org.uk/>

Filmed Lectures and Transcripts are now available online: <http://www.sal.org.uk/newsandevents/Lecture%20Archive/>

eg: "The Country Houses of Greater London: past and present" by Caroline Knight, FSA, given on 26 November 2009



The British Archaeological Association: Annual lecture series:

<http://www.archaeologyuk.org/baa/lectures.html>
London meetings are held at the Society of Antiquaries of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1J 0BE unless otherwise stated. Council meetings will precede the meetings on dates marked with an asterisk (*). Tea is served from 4.30 p.m. and the Chair is taken at 5.00 p.m.

Non-members are welcome to attend occasional lectures but are asked to make themselves known to the Hon. Director on arrival and to sign the visitors book.

Next annual conference: 20-24 July 2013 is in Westminster

The 2013 Conference will embrace the royal palace and abbey of Westminster, covering the archaeological, history and art history of the complex of religious and secular structures occupying the Island of Thorney, from their origins to the fire of 1834. A full programme of lectures and visits has been arranged, which will include access to parts of the Abbey, School and Palace that are not open to the public. The conference dinner will be held in the 14th-century abbots' private hall (now College Hall), and there will be another dinner in the Houses of Parliament.



The Royal Archaeological Institute (RAI) is a leading national archaeological society, with a history dating back to 1844. Its interests span all aspects of the archaeological, architectural and landscape history of the British Isles.

<http://www.royalarchinst.org/lectures>
Lectures are held at the Society of Antiquaries of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London at 5pm, preceded by tea at 4.30 pm. During the 2012-2013 lecture season there will be additional presentations before the lecture from young post-graduate archaeologists on the 14th November 2012 and the 10th April 2013, starting at 3pm. We are also hosting our first Royal Archaeological Institute debate, on 13th February 2013.

Non-members are welcome to attend lectures and presentations as a guest of a member. If you would like to attend a lecture but do not know any members, please contact us or make yourself known to one of the officers before the lecture.

The Autumn Meeting will be a walk in the London Docklands on Saturday, 13th October 2012. Led by historian Hedley Swain. For more details, and to book your place, download the **booking form**.



Council for British Archaeology

The CBA lists conferences, seminars, and other events, across the country, with CBA London organising local events: <http://www.britisharchaeology.org/briefing>

Tales of the Roman emperors' heads and tails: Exhibition October-27-2012

A joint CBA (London) and Museum of London event to launch the Museum of London's Roman Coin Collections online. Learn about fascinating tales of the first — ever political spin the emperors' use of coins as their public relations tools. See how the Collections on Line works, handle real Roman coins from nearly two thousand years ago and top quality replicas, learn how to start your own Roman coin collection. Organiser: CBA London



The Prehistoric Society www.prehistoricsociety.org/events/

The Society hosts an [active programme of events](http://www.prehistoricsociety.org/events/) – lectures, study tours, day- and weekend conferences, and research weekends – allows members to participate fully in the Society and to meet other members and interested parties. Includes occasional London lectures, next: Sara Champion Memorial Lecture, 17th Oct, Society of Antiquaries



The Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies — The Roman Society www.romansociety.org/events.html

The Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies - *The Roman Society* - was founded in 1910 as the sister society to the [Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies](http://www.romansociety.org/events.html).

The Roman Society hosts a London lectures series, held at Senate House; plus the Joan Pye Lecture 29th Nov.



Centre for Late Antique & Medieval Studies, Kings College London <http://www.kcl.ac.uk/artshums/ahri/centres/clams/clamsevs.aspx>

The Centre for Late Antique & Medieval Studies was founded in 1988. The range of subject interests covered and the chronological span of the period between Late Antiquity and the end of the Middle Ages make the Centre unique in Britain, while close relations with the Centre for Hellenic Studies provide a combination of Eastern and Western Medieval Studies that is extremely rare anywhere and without obvious parallel in this country.

CLAMS host regular events at their Strand campus.

County Societies:

The four historic county societies that cover Greater London offer programmes of talks, visits, and publications. The London and Middlesex Archaeological Society co-ordinates both local archaeological and history societies across Greater London, with annual archaeology and local history conferences, the Newsletter for members lists lecture series across the region. The LAMAS Annual Archaeological Conference, held in March, is a 'must' for London archaeologists, to learn of the highlight excavations of the previous year.

London and Middlesex Archaeological Society: http://www.lamas.org.uk/lamas_news.html

Surrey Archaeological Society: <http://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/>

The Essex Society for Archaeology and History: <http://www.essex.ac.uk/history/esah/>

Kent Archaeological Society: <http://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk/>

Local Societies:

The many local history and archaeology societies in Greater London have lecture programmes, these are listed in the LAMAS Newsletter, and on their websites. The CBA lists all the local societies across Britain: <http://www.britarch.ac.uk/info/socs.asp>

Also see the English Heritage GLAAS website: <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/advice/our-planning-role/greater-london-archaeology-advisory-service/getting-involved/>

Any comments, questions or news you would like to post? Please get in touch by emailing us at groups@archaeologists.net

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