

IfA Archaeological Archives Special Interest Group – Bulletin – May 2014



Good practice workshops

The group continues to run workshops on *Good practice in archiving archaeological archives*. These have proven very popular and the feedback has been great - thank you to all of you who have attended.

There is one final workshop scheduled for

Reading 9 July 2014 (final event to be followed by evaluation survey – please fill in yours!)

To find out the latest on dates/venues please follow this link. <http://www.archaeologists.net/node/834> .

To register your interest please contact Lianne Birney directly at lianne.birney@archaeologists.net

This event will end the series of workshops. The committee would once again like to extend a very **BIG** thank you to all of you who have kindly offered venues, the response has been great.

Evaluating the workshops

In July feedback forms will be sent to all previous attendees to inform the evaluation process. We would really appreciate it if you took the time to respond as it will help shape the future of support and provision. Evaluation will begin in July and be completed by the autumn and a 'Plenary Review and Evaluation Conference' is planned for late September in London. Please check the IfA website Group pages for up to date information.

Ahead of the evaluation the group is looking for ideas on how to take the current workshop programme forward, to help those who haven't been able to attend and to act as a resource for the future. Do you have any suggestions or ideas about what form/shape this could take? Please get in touch at archaeologicalarchives@gmail.com.

Committee news

The committee last met on Wednesday 23 April 2014. Minutes from this meeting can be found using this link www.archaeologists.net/groups/archives The AGM followed this on Wednesday 30 April 2014. Minutes from this meeting can be found using this link www.archaeologists.net/groups/archives. The date of the next committee meeting is Thursday 4th September 2014. If you have any matters you would like to raise with the committee then get in touch and e-mail us at archaeologicalarchives@gmail.com we would really like to hear from you.

Following the year's AGM three new members were appointed to the committee and we would like to welcome our new committee members:

Emma Wells – Ordinary Committee Member

Theodora Anastasiadou-Leigh - Ordinary Committee Member

Rebecca Sillwood - Ordinary Committee Member

Karen Averbly stood down from her position as Ordinary Committee member at this year's AGM and subsequently we still have one ordinary committee member position vacant.

If you are interested in becoming a committee member please e-mail groups@archaeologists.net for more information, to register your interest or for a nomination form.

Re-election of 3 committee members took place and the group unanimously voted in favour of re-election for a second term in their current positions:

Duncan Brown (Chair)

Helen Parslow – (Treasurer)

Lorraine Mephram – (Ordinary Committee Member)

The group also adopted by a unanimous vote the proposed Group profile and Business plan which is circulated alongside this bulletin.

Collecting archaeology workshop

The AGM was held in conjunction with a day workshop that included the following talks:

Beyond the boxes: museum and curatorial co-operation in Lincolnshire (Antony Lee)

New Northants Guidelines (Lesley-Ann Mather)

An Embarrassment of Riches: Dealing with the Large Fauna Assemblage from Hungate, York (Clare Rainsford)

Selection of digital data (Catherine Hardman)

This was followed by an afternoon workshop on the sorts of questions we should be discussing around the subject of *collecting archaeology*.

The event proved a really useful and informative exercise and will lay the foundations for later evaluation alongside the current workshop programme. Special thanks must go to the speakers who all provided a lively and interesting insight into their roles in collecting archaeology.

Get in touch!

If you would like us to include your event in our next bulletin or for us to upload onto our Facebook page then please get in touch at archaeologicalarchive@gmail.com

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