

# ARCHAEOLOGY

West Midlands

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**Dear subscribers,  
We hope you are all well, and had a  
lovely Christmas.**

**We are delighted to confirm that  
News from the Past will be going  
ahead –  
a live event at Carr's Lane Church  
centre, on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March.**

**We have a fascinating line-up of talks  
featuring the latest archaeological  
discoveries from around the West  
Midlands.**

**All government guidance on safety  
will be followed.**

**Hope to see you there!**

# Talks and lectures

## Birmingham and Warwickshire Archaeological Society

<https://bwas-online.co.uk/home/lectures/>

Lectures are FREE for members and members of affiliated societies.

Members do not need to book tickets. When non-member tickets are released, they are available for £5 (+booking fee). You will find links to book tickets on Eventbrite.

All lectures commence at 7pm unless otherwise stated.

**Tuesday 1 February 2022** - The first London-Birmingham railway

Speaker: Professor Felix Schmid

**Tuesday 1 March 2022** - Cheddar Man and the genetic prehistory of Britain

Speaker: Dr Thomas Booth

Venue: Edgbaston Park Hotel

**Tuesday 5 April 2022** - Medieval Graffiti of South Warwickshire Churches

Speaker: David Freke

Venue: St Johns House Museum, Warwick

**Tuesday 3 May 2022 (12pm start)** - A E Everitt, artist and antiquarian: the first Secretary of BWAS

Speaker: Jo-Ann Curtis

Venue: Birmingham & Midlands Institute

## Staffordshire Archaeological and Historical Society

<https://www.sahs.uk.net/events>

**18th February 2022** - David Moore MA "Lichfield (Sandfields) Waterworks Trust"

A lecture live at the Guildhall, Lichfield 8pm

**4th March 2022** - Chris Patrick "Recent Archaeological and Historical Investigations in Birmingham"

A lecture live at the Guildhall, Lichfield 7:30pm

**11th March 2022** - George Demidowicz "Soho Manufactory, Mint and Foundry"

An online lecture via Zoom

**18th March 2022** - Dr Gillian White "Catherine of Aragon"

A lecture live at the Guildhall, Lichfield 8pm

**25th March 2022** - Ashleigh Coffey "A Guide for the Child and Youth"

An online lecture via Zoom

**22nd April 2022** - Professor Chris Baker "St. Michael's, Lichfield – Clergy and Parish."

A lecture live at the Guildhall, Lichfield

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## Shropshire Archaeological and Historical Society

<https://shropshirearchaeologyhistory.org/events/>

**Saturday 12th February 2022** 'Old Oswestry Hillfort: recent work' by Tim Malim

2.30pm, The Gateway, Chester St, Shrewsbury, SY1 1NB

**Saturday 12th March 2022**

'Llansilin. A Welsh village through time' by Paul Hughes

2.30pm, The Gateway, Chester St, Shrewsbury, SY1 1NB

**Saturday 9th April 2022** 'The King's Writ does not run here': The Welsh

Marcher Lordship' by Philip Hume  
2.30pm, The Gateway, Chester St, Shrewsbury, SY1 1NB

## Coventry and District Archaeological Society

<https://covarch.weebly.com/>

**February 8th 2022** Rediscovering Medieval Coventry in Maps, Mark Webb

Physical Meeting at Friends Meeting House

**March 8th 2022** The Anglo-Saxon

Hall at Atcham, Dr Roger White  
Physical Meeting at Friends Meeting House

**April 12th 2022** Excavations in the Temple of Deir el Bahri- how early archaeologists rebuilt the past, Chris Kirby

Physical Meeting at Friends Meeting House

## Solihull Archaeological Group

All meetings are at 7.45pm in the John Palmer Hall, Union Road, off Warwick Road, Solihull B91 3DG

**Tuesday 18 February-** Stuart Peirson: Elizabethan moat, manor and gardens at Coleshill

**Tuesday 15 March-** Jan Cooper: John of Gaunt- power and passion

**Tuesday 17 May-** Jeff Perry: The Dingles dam- a disaster in the making?

**Tuesday 21 June-** Jane McArdle: Divine beauty- conserving the Burne Jones windows at Birmingham Cathedral

# Talks and lectures

## **Worcestershire Archaeological Society**

[http://worcestershirearchaeologicalsociety.org.uk/?page\\_id=17](http://worcestershirearchaeologicalsociety.org.uk/?page_id=17)

Non-members who would like to attend a Zoom lecture should contact the Secretary, Bob Ruffle – [secretary@worcestershirearchaeologicalsociety.org.uk](mailto:secretary@worcestershirearchaeologicalsociety.org.uk) . There is a recommended donation of £2 per lecture.

**Mon 31 January** Ringing the dead to heaven: Worcester Cathedral and the lost belltower of St Michael, Michael Shapland (Archaeology South-East / UCL Centre for Applied Archaeology)

**Mon 21 February** Europe's lost frontiers – the archaeology of Doggerland, Vince Gaffney (University of Bradford)

**Mon 14 March** ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, followed by: Eat like your ancestors: the archaeology of food and farmed landscape and the future of food (a West Midlands perspective), Liz Pearson Mann (WAAS)

**Mon 4 April** Tewkesbury Abbey: the archaeology and history of a great medieval Benedictine abbey in the west, Ellie March (University of Exeter)

**Mon 25 April** THE BERKELEY LECTURE: An excavation in Fladbury revisited, David Hinton (University of Southampton)

## **FOLIO Sutton Coldfield**

<https://foliosuttoncoldfield.org.uk/>

**Saturday 12 February**, 2.30 pm, Sutton Coldfield Library: Mike Hodder- The Archaeology of Sutton Park: New discoveries

## **Black Country Museum**

Zoom talk on the latest project to include 40's, 50's and 60's

**Wednesday 9 February 2022**  
(14:00-15:30)

[Reflections on 'Forging Ahead' at the Black Country Living Museum \(birmingham.ac.uk\)](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk)

Features objects from the Museum's collections.

## **Half Term Explorer Quest at Kenilworth Castle**

19 Feb - Sunday 27 Feb 2022

10am - 4pm

Kenilworth Castle and Elizabethan Garden

Suitable for Children <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/whats-on/kenilworth-feb-half-term-quest/>

## **Battle of Shrewsbury Medieval Weekend**

23 Jul 2022 - 24 Jul 2022

10:00 AM to 05:00 PM

Free

<https://www.livinghistoryarchive.com/event/battle-of-shrewsbury-medieval-weekend>

## **Warwick Castle**

Throughout 2022 indulge in afternoon tea in the Conservatory Tea House and take-in the stunning views of the Peacock Gardens and Pageant Field. From £19.95 per person.

Events include the Festival of Archery during February half term.

[Special Events | Warwick Castle \(warwick-castle.com\)](https://www.warwick-castle.com)



## Out and about

### Friends of Moseley Bog

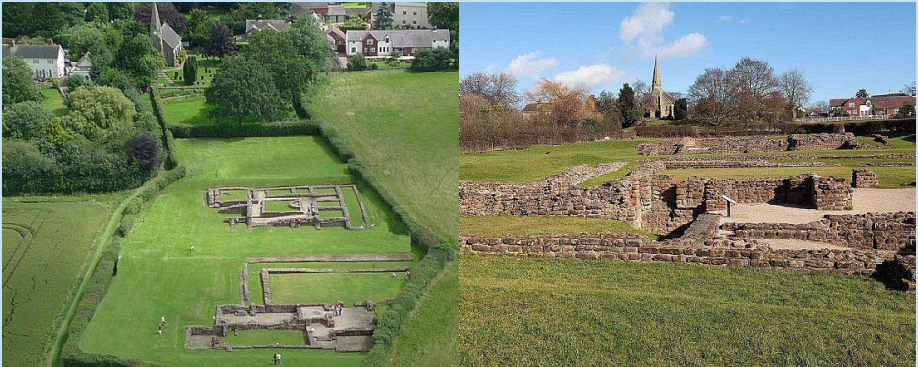
Moseley Bog Archaeology walk, Saturday 29 January, 11am and 2pm. Free, but booking essential [mosbogfriends@gmail.com](mailto:mosbogfriends@gmail.com)



Moseley Bog Nature Reserve by Ashley Dace - [geograph.org.uk/p/2370307](http://geograph.org.uk/p/2370307)

### Friends of Sutton Park Association <http://fospa.org.uk/>

Sutton Park Archaeology walk, Saturday 26 March, 10am, start Bracebridge car park (vehicle entrance to Park via Four Oaks Gate or Hartopp Gate; nearest station Four Oaks). Free, no need to book.



### Friends of Letocetum - Wall Roman site

Walk and talk, Saturday 9 April, 2pm. £5 including refreshments, booking essential

<http://www.wallromansitefriendsofletocetum.co.uk/>

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## Out and about



**Discover the Birmingham catacombs** Sunday 6th March  
<https://www.birminghamwalkingtours.co.uk/catacombs.html>

### **Highbury open days (multiple dates)**

Join an hour long Tour of Highbury and find out more about the Chamberlain Family.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/highbury-mansion-tour-tickets-163180536377?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>



**Guided tour Warstone Cemetery** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
Walking History Tour with our experienced guide includes the history of Warstone Lane Cemetery , the unique tiered catacombs and the residents resting in this Church of England Cemetery  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/guided-tour-of-warstone-lane-cemetery-in-birmingham-jewellery-quarter-tickets-219844800717?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

# News from the Past

## Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### Carr's Lane Church, Birmingham

Our annual day school is returning to Carr's Lane Church, Birmingham, in 2022. We have a fascinating line-up of talks featuring the latest archaeological discoveries from around the West Midlands.



Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

**All government guidance on covid safety will be followed.**

Registration for the day school is now open.

If you have any questions regarding the event please contact Caroline Mosley, CBA West Midlands Event Co-Ordinator at [nftp.cbawm@gmail.com](mailto:nftp.cbawm@gmail.com).

We look forward to you joining us in March!

<https://cbawm.archaeologyuk.org/meetings.php>



## Talks

10.00 – 10.10 **Welcome**

10.10 – 10.35 **Dr Mike Hodder** (University of Birmingham), 'Digging Sutton Park'.

10.35 – 11.00 **Prof Keith Ray** (Cardiff University), 'Windows on a Neolithic Landscape: Investigations at Dorstone Hill, Herefordshire and its environs, 2011-21'.

11.00 – 11.10 **Q & A**

11.10 – 11.30 Break

11.30 – 11.55 **Simon Davies** (Archaeology Warwickshire), 'A North Warwickshire Pit Alignment: Monument, boundary or something more?'

11.55 – 12.20 **Henry Chapman** (University of Birmingham), 'The Berth, Shropshire - an Iron Age marsh fort?'

12.20 – 12.45 **Dr Roger White** (University of Birmingham), 'Atcham Toll House: investigating our contemporary past'.

12.45 – 13.00 **Q & A**

13.00 – 14.00 **Lunch Break**

14.00 – 14.25 **Gary Lock** (University of Oxford) and **Paul Reilly** (University of Southampton), 'Nesscliffe Camp, Shropshire'.

14.25 – 14.50 **Matt Parker Wooding** (Coventry City Council), 'Recent Archaeological Work across the city of Coventry'.

14.50 – 15.15 **Dr Susheela Burford** (Warwickshire and Worcestershire Finds Liaison Officer) 'News from the Portable Antiquities Scheme: a brief round-up of the PAST 12 months'.

15.15 – 15.30 **Q & A**

15.30 **Close**

## Online exhibition

### The Barber Institute of Fine Art

An online display: **Buried Treasures: Uncovering Hoards** examines 8 of the 48 hoards held in part at the Barber Institute's coin collection – from here you can explore the exhibition case by case.



Unlike a lot of archaeology, hoards can be found by ordinary people, from builders to farmers, metal detectorists to divers. Similarly, the coins and other objects found in hoards were likely handled by all different sorts of people from the past – army wages found in chests, banks found buried in the ground, taxation leaving the provinces and treasured items hidden from looters but never recovered.

<https://barber.org.uk/buried-treasure-online-exhibition/>

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## In the news

### Medieval castle found in Shropshire

In 2021 students from Cardiff University and the DigVentures team discovered the remains of a 13<sup>th</sup> century castle in Shropshire.



In the grounds of Soulton Hall, near Wem, a large mound had been investigated in 2019. New investigations uncovered a substantial stone wall with timbers beneath it, believed to date to the 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Reported on by the BBC - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-shropshire-58069335>

<https://digventures.com/projects/soulton-hall/>

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**Save the date – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022!**

For our Summer Field Day and AGM we are hoping to visit Tysoe, Warwickshire. As well as the business meeting there will be talks and an opportunity to visit the earthworks, churchyard and a formal session around the finds. More details to follow.

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