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The CAS Autumn Conference 'Recent archaeology in the Cambridgeshire Region.' will be on Saturday 9th November at Cripps Court, Magdalene College in Cambridge. Talks will include:- Defining Late Bronze Age settlement: a wealth of evidence from Newmarket Road, Burwell. A Saxon settlement at Great Chesterford. The Saxon settlement at Chewells Lane Haddenham. Cherry Hinton excavations: new material 2023-2024. Mysterious Moats: investigations of four of the six medieval moats in Eltisley. Wimpole Gardens : 1630s Hare map, earlier work on the landscape history, and the work over the last 2 years which has included geophysics and excavations. Early prehistoric sites in Cambridgeshire

FEAG talk, Friday 27th September 2024, 7.30 pm. 'Bronze Age farming at the Lincolnshire fen-edge: people, animals and landscape' by David Osborne. All Saints Church Hall, 6 High Street, Cottenham CB24 8SA. This talk focuses on the Lincolnshire Fens, we hope it will of interest to everyone, and particularly to those interested in the Cambridgeshire Fens. Domesticated animals were an integral part of prehistoric communities and analysis of their remains can cast light on their movement as part of their husbandry, as well providing a detailed picture of the day-to-day activity of their human companions.
In this talk, David Osborne will discuss the movement of animals at smaller scales of time and distance, seeking evidence of seasonal movements for grazing. Narrow paths between ditches marking extensive field systems at fen-edge sites have been suggested as 'droveways' for the herding of livestock between fields, potentially on to the Fenland saltmarshes. Isotope analysis has been used to compare cattle and sheep living at two sites, one near marine water, the other inland in a freshwater environment. The droveways have also been investigated by measuring the concentrations of chemical in soil samples to detect for the movement of animals along these routes. A picture is now emerging of the small-scale movements that were part of Bronze Age daily and seasonal life and animal husbandry on the fen-edge.
After studying in archaeology and geography at the University of Nottingham, David pursued a career as a computer programmer and IT specialist at the British Geological Survey and then the University of Nottingham. Awarded an MSc with distinction in Archaeological Research from Nottingham in 2013, he is now working towards his PhD. His interests include British prehistory, isotopes, archaeological theory and computer applications in archaeology.

The 2024 CAS Programme card has been printed and is on its way to all individual members and registered representatives of affiliated societies.

Landscape and Local History Research Group

Invite you to attend the next scheduled Zoom meeting
on 3rd October 2024 at 6.30pm

Oscar Aldred
will present

Colonization, cultural drift and establishment: Iron Age and Roman landscape tenure at Northstowe.

In this short talk, Oscar Aldred will discuss some aspects of a long term excavation of a landscape. Since 2014, the Cambridge Archaeological Unit has mapped, excavated and analyzed the archaeology from 72 hectares of open area excavations within Longstanton and Oakington, across what is called Northstowe. These excavations have been funded by L&Q Estates and Homes England as part of the development of this landscape for a new town. There will be discussion on the background to the development-led excavations, before examining in more depth the archaeology from the Iron Age and Roman periods, though this will inevitably blend into other periods before and after. This is a landscape story of an initial process of colonization with multiple, dispersed settlements and enclosure arrangements, before consolidation takes place, forming two major settlements connected together by a trackway and fields. It is also a story of competing interests within a shared community space, of shrewd decision making, and the allure of materiality. It is also about the material and economic networks that the communities were tied into, and the extension of these influences on the surrounding landscape. It is about community success and failure, settlement aggregation and dispersal, and the inheritance for the living from the dead.

Zoom link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82643518770?pwd=U8GwgaWO6w1XcnaagA6Lpa9nT4EJzD.1

Meeting ID: 826 4351 8770

Passcode: 461895

You are warmly invited to the next CALH presentation on Saturday 5th October entitled "*Getting to the Bottom of the Cambridge Ale Jug". by Imogen Gunn".* *In 1850 a medieval jug was discovered under the foundations of an upmarket grocer on Trinity Street and eventually found its way to the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, where it is currently on display. Its rather nondescript appearance belies its remarkable story as the original 'Cambridge Ale Jug', an early and successful marketing effort by the grocer Woollard & Hattersley in collaboration with Wedgwood. This talk will trace the history of the jug itself, both as an archaeological object and as a part of the wider social history of Cambridge. Imogen Gunn is the Collections Manager for Archaeology at the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology (MAA), where she is currently seconded full-time onto the Stores Move Project which will conclude in early 2025.*This talk is followed by the brief Annual General Meeting of the Association

All meetings are held at 2.15 p.m. in St John's Church Hall, Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 8RN and followed by light refreshments and our regular raffle. So please bring raffle prizes if you can. Entry to meetings is free for individual/family members of the Association £1.00 for members of affiliated societies and £2.50 for guests and non-members.

There is limited car parking at the Church (entered from Blinco Grove) but ample parking space in nearby roads (Cavendish Avenue and Hills Avenue). All buses (other than PR4 to Babraham Park & Ride) from the City Centre/Railway Station to Addenbrooke's and beyond stop at Blinco Grove, 200 yards from the Church.

CBA East events - Saturday 5th October, 10.00 am. Guided tour of three sites around Bures on the Essex/Suffolk border. Meet at Bures Community Centre Car Park, Nayland Road, Bures CO8 5BX, for short drive to the sites. Email cbaeast@archaeologyuk.org to reserve a place. Please include a mobile number for contact on the day. St Stephen's Chapel, Bures, lies on a hilltop just north of the village. It is thought to have been consecrated by the Archbishop of Canterbury on the Feast of St Stephen, December 26th, 1218, while local legend has it that it marks the site of King Edmund's coronation. Following the reformation this manorial chapel became derelict and was variously used as a plague hospital, cottages, school and then as a barn. After WW1 the chapel was acquired by Isobel Badcock, a distinguished Victorian water-colourist who restored the building to its current state. The Bures Dragon hill figure, cut to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012, can be seen from the site.

St Mary the Virgin, Wissington, is a small, but charming 11th century Norman church with a notable ornamented south door, fine Norman chancel arch and a unique C15 font. The interior has a cycle of wall paintings dating from about 1280 which includes an early depiction of St Francis of Assisi and an unusual nativity sequence similar to that found in Autun Cathedral (Burgundy, French Romanesque, 1120-46). The east window by Wilmshurst and Oliphant (c.1852-55) is the only known example in Suffolk of work by these celebrated stained-glass artists. A fine C15 dragon painting adorns the north wall (there are several dragon legends in the area!) and a rare working barrel organ (c1840) can be found beyond the font. Castle Motte, Mount Bures. The 40 foot high motte stands close to the 12th century church which may be sited on the original bailey. The man-made motte is almost 200

feet across and is surrounded by a deep ditch. It is thought to have been constructed during the Anarchy of 1135 - 1154.

Tuesday 29th October 2024. "The Late Roman decorated casket from Fordham, Essex in its wider national context". Dr Stephen Greep, Independent Researcher and former Chair of the Roman Finds Group, will talk about the rare fragments of decorated bone, believed to be from a Roman casket, found at Fordham in Essex during excavations carried out by Colchester Archaeological Group. How do these Fordham fragments relate to other decorated Romano British mounts?
Stephen has significant expertise in artefacts made from bone, antler and ivory, particularly from the Roman period. He has significant experience of lecturing from international conferences to weekend and evening schools, and he has published over 90 articles in learned journals. A Late Roman decorated casket from Fordham, Essex, in its wider context. Tickets, Tue 29 Oct 2024 at 19:30 | Eventbrite

Tuesday Nov 26th. "Rendlesham Revealed Project". Faye Minter, Suffolk County Council's Archaeology Archives and Projects Manager. Rendlesham, recorded by Bede, was once a royal settlement of the kings of East Anglia. Faye will tell the story of the search for the evidence for this and what metal detecting, geo-physical surveying, and archaeological excavation have discovered. Rendlesham Revealed Project Tickets, Tue 26 Nov 2024 at 19:30 | Eventbrite

The Cambridgeshire Collection will be having a local studies booksale on Saturday 9th November on the third floor of Cambridge Central Library 1-4pm. Come along and grab a bargain! No books have been removed from the Cambridgeshire Collection.

Romans: Settling in Southend at Southend Central Museum, 23 March 2024 to 23 March 2025. "The exhibition features a stunning collection of Roman artefacts from across South Essex, many of which are being displayed publicly for the first time.... Visitors will have the opportunity to explore artefacts unearthed from Roman settlements spanning from Prittlewell to Wickford, Shoebury to Rayleigh. Unlike traditional narratives focusing solely on battles, revolts and conquest, this exhibition delves into the domestic, offering glimpses into the personal and familiar aspects of Roman life." Entrance charge. https://www.southendmuseums.co.uk/exhibitions/the-romans%3A-settling-in-southend

The House in the Park. 9th November. Organised by St Albans Museum. This talk is on the House in the Park (the Hypocaust) and will take place at the Hypocaust building, St Albans. Please meet the St Albans Tour Guide at the Hypocaust building in the Park. The talk is free and no booking is required. https://www.stalbansmuseums.org.uk/whats-on/house-park

Oundle Museum Exhibition, March to 30th October 2024. Oundle Museum now has a small exhibition with some of the artefacts found by MiDNAG during our excavations at Nassington in 2016-2020. Head upstairs to see the exhibition, opposite the Remand Cell. The Museum also has plenty of other archaeological exhibits, especially from Ashton Roman town, just outside Oundle itself. Read the interim report on the excavations in 2016-2018 (PDF, 100KB) Venue: Oundle Museum, The Courthouse, Mill Road Oundle, Peterborough, PE8 4BW