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**Our President Simon Stoddart reports the passing of Professor, Lord Colin Renfrew. He and his wife Caroline Malone were some of Colin's doctoral students at Cambridge. No doubt many others in CAS will be sad to hear of his passing.**

<https://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/news/professor-lord-colin-renfrew-1937-2024>

**The Society of Antiquaries of London - All the World's on Discs Tuesday 3 December, 1pm. Free lecture at Burlington House & online.** The invention of recording on cylinder and disc led to the establishment of several sound archives. The first among them was the Phonogrammarchiv. Featuring audio samples, this lecture will serve as an introduction to the beginnings of the Phonogrammarchiv, its early recording technique and phonographic field research.

**Warhorse: The Archaeology of a Medieval Revolution? Thursday 5 December, 5pm. Free lecture at Burlington House & online.** The lecture presents headline results from an AHRC-funded research project '[Warhorse: Archaeology of a Medieval Revolution](#)'. The project succeeded in carrying out the first ever study of archaeological evidence for warhorses and horses in medieval England.

**CAFG - Wednesday 4th December will be hosting a talk at the McDonald Institute, Cambridge (7-9:30pm).** The speakers will be Tom Midgley and his Oxford Archaeology colleague Laura Mitchell. The topic will be: "The Roman pottery industries of Horningsea and Colchester". We'll have a selection of handling objects available - a quantity of Horningsea pot sherds and kiln furniture, and then a more varied assemblage of local pottery sherds including nene valley colour coat, Samian and black burnished wares.

**Gresham College - Barnard's Inn Hall, Thursday, 5 Dec 2024 - 18:00.** This lecture by Charles O'Brien FSA, the Listing and Architectural Research Director at Historic England, who, until 2022, was the joint Series Editor of the Pevsner Architectural Guides... traces the history of this famous series by Sir Nikolaus Pevsner, starting from its conception in 1947. It describes the research and writing of the original forty-six

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volumes for England and the extension of the books to Scotland, Wales and Ireland. It then assesses their significance alongside a reflection on the 2024 achievement of the full updating of the English series. To watch online - [https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/pevsner-buildings?mc\\_cid=1da3902dfb&mc\\_eid=c1d41bdf3d](https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/pevsner-buildings?mc_cid=1da3902dfb&mc_eid=c1d41bdf3d)

**Judith Christie, Deputy Chair of the Cambridge Gardens Trust has asked for information on the landscape of Bourn Hall Cambs and in particular the Castle believed to have been the site selected by William de Picot the first Sheriff of the shire in the 11th Century.** CGT is organising a study day and looking for potential speakers for March 2025. The current hall was built in 1602/3 for which we have a certain amount of information but again we would like to know more. I would be very grateful for your help. If you can help please contact Judith at:- [judith.christie@ntlworld.com](mailto:judith.christie@ntlworld.com)

**English merchant shipping and early modern maritime communities, c.1588–c.1765. The annual BALH Dymond Lecture 2024.** Thursday 5th December 2024 7:00pm. How did England's merchant fleet develop over the course of two tumultuous centuries? Who sailed in these ships and what roles did they play in their local communities? What types of goods were imported and exported? And how did war, politics, and regional differences affect English seaborne trade? This lecture will introduce the early findings of a three-year, AHRC-funded project that will help us to answer these – and many more – questions. **Craig Lambert** is Professor of Maritime History at the University of Southampton and Principal Investigator of the project. **John McAleer** is Associate Professor of History at the University of Southampton and Co-Investigator of the project. There will be plenty of time for Q+A after this talk. Admission: £5.00 (BALH Members FREE) Book this Zoom talk - [www.balh.org.uk](http://www.balh.org.uk)

**There will be an exhibition in Magdalene College celebrating the individual who wrote Land of Hope and Glory.** The Benson Centenary; 12 March-21 March 2025. More details will be in our next Newsletter.

**REMINDER - FEAG talk to be followed by the 2024 AGM. December 6th, 7.30pm, at All Saints Church Hall, Cottenham.** 'Chapel Hill, Little Thetford: A medieval site at the edge of the River Great Ouse, and at the edge of the historic fenland - but where is the Chapel that should be here?' by Adam Loeden of Allen Archaeology. All welcome. Free to FEAG members and £3 to non-members.

**THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER. 6.45pm for 7pm. Hear Karen Staples of Anglian Water outline plans for a NEW RESERVOIR ON THE FENS.** For more details, to sign up and receive the link, go to <https://tinyurl.com/ye6r37v8> All welcome.

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**The Sutton Hoo Ship's Company - are holding an open day on Saturday 21st December to celebrate the Winter Solstice, so if you live in the area please do call in.**



**Saturday 21 December 11 AM to 3 PM**

Free Entry

Come along with the family...

Storytelling at 11.15 AM and 1.00 PM

Spoon Carving Workshop\*

Have a go at using a spoon auger to make a hole

Split a log with a froe

Nail up a copper rivet

Complete the children's festive Treasure Hunt

**The Longshed, Tide Mill Way, Woodbridge, IP12 1FP**

\*limited places available, to book into the spoon carving workshop please email [contact@saxonship.org](mailto:contact@saxonship.org). There is a cost of £50 for this 4 -hour workshop. All tools and materials are included.