



WINTER LECTURES 2017 - 2018

Monday 2nd October 2017

A THOUSAND PROSPECTS OPEN TO THE VIEW

RESTORING THE HISTORIC VISTAS OF MOUNT EDGCUMBE COUNTRY PARK & RECENT WORK OF THE CAU

James Gossip

Restoration work has been undertaken on some of the historic features at Mount Edgcumbe, a Grade I parkland, & this talk will discuss what this has revealed. New sites are being investigated in Cornwall all the time, & this will be an opportunity to discuss other recent work of the Cornwall Archaeological Unit. James Gossip is an experienced field archaeologist & surveyor, who has worked with the Cornwall Archaeological Unit since 1999, directing various major excavations & community based programmes.

Special lecture: This is a joint meeting of the Cornwall Archaeological Society and the PAS.

Open to the public. Free. No need to book.

Monday 6th November 2017

OFFA'S DYKE REVISITED

A REVIEW, A RE-STUDY, AND A NEW ERA OF COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

Dr Keith Ray

In recent years, Offa's Dyke has been dismissed as 'just another Early Medieval linear boundary earthwork'. This talk will reprise some of the conclusions of Keith's 2016 book on Offa's Dyke which has re-established its place in the wider political landscape, including its contemporary European context. This has resulted in new collaborative research projects being launched into the history of the Early Medieval Anglo-Welsh borderlands. Keith Ray was City Archaeological Officer for Plymouth (1992-1998) & then County Archaeologist for Herefordshire until 2014. He is now an archaeological consultant.

Monday 4th December 2017

THE FUTURE OF GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY IN ARCHAEOLOGY

PROSPECTING, MAPPING, OR UNDERSTANDING?

Dr Chris Gaffney

This talk will focus on emerging trends in geophysical prospecting, including a discussion of strategies to blend the increasingly common multi-digital datasets. Chris Gaffney is the Head of the School of Archaeological & Forensic Sciences at the University of Bradford, where he has been teaching & researching archaeological geophysics since 2007. With John Gater, he published one of the most popular geophysics textbooks, 'Revealing the Buried Past', which grew out of a longstanding association with Time Team.

Monday 6th February 2018

IN SEARCH OF THE ROANOKE COLONISTS

Prof Mark Horton

Between 1584 & 1587 a number of expeditions set out from Plymouth to establish an English colony in Virginia. Mystery surrounds both their location & the fate of the last attempt, when the colonists were left abandoned on Roanoke Island. Mark Horton is professor of Archaeology at the University of Bristol & has been working on the Outer Banks since 2010 where he has uncovered much new archaeological evidence about the colony. He is well known as a presenter of the long running BBC series Coast.

Monday 5th March 2018

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

HOW A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH HELPS US TO MANAGE ENGLAND'S MARINE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

Angela Middleton & Alison James

To date, 52 shipwrecks have been protected in England, ranging from the remains of Late Bronze Age cargo scatters to early 20th Century submarines. They have highlighted the research potential of shipwreck sites & this talk will look at recent marine archaeological discoveries & how Historic England works to ensure sites are protected, conserved & managed appropriately. Alison James has been a maritime archaeologist at Historic England for over eight years with responsibility for the protected wreck sites. Angela Middleton has worked as an Archaeological Conservator at Historic England since 2007.

Monday 9th April 2018

THE MUST FARM PILE DWELLING

WHAT CAN THIS FENLAND SITE TELL US ABOUT BRONZE AGE LIFE IN BRITAIN?

Mark Knight

Excavations at Must Farm in Cambridgeshire have exposed the best-preserved Bronze Age dwellings ever found in Britain. Large circular wooden houses built on stilts collapsed in a dramatic fire 3,000 years ago & plunged into a river, preserving their contents in astonishing detail. Mark Knight is Site Director of the excavations, funded by Historic England & the building firm Forterra. His interests include comprehending the lives of people in southern Britain between 3800-800 BC.

Our lectures are held at 7:00 pm in the Devonport Lecture Theatre of the Portland Square Building, University of Plymouth. PAS members, University staff & students are admitted free; all others are welcome but asked to contribute £4 towards our expenses. Our lecture theatre facilities will be provided by *Peninsula Arts with Plymouth University*. We thank them for their support. Further details of the Society's activities can be found overleaf or on our web site – www.plymarchsoc.org.uk.

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