

Life and Death in Medieval Southampton

Study Day 8/6/2019 – Southampton Archaeology Society

Speaker Biographies (in order of talks)

Dr Andy Russel BA, PhD, MCIfA

Dr Andy Russel came to Southampton to excavate in 1986 on a one year contract and has been here ever since. He now manages the Southampton Archaeology Unit, and takes care of the city's ancient monuments.

Duncan Brown BA, FSA, MCIfA

Between 1982 and 2009 Duncan worked for Southampton Museums, initially as a medieval pottery researcher, then Curator of Archaeology. In 2002 he published '*Pottery in Medieval Southampton*' and contributed many other papers on medieval pottery, museum archaeology and archaeological archives. Duncan joined English Heritage/Historic England in 2010 and continues to study post-Roman ceramics, being a co-author of '*Standards for Pottery Studies in Archaeology*'. Duncan was founding Chair of the ClfA Archaeological Archives Group, and formerly President of the Medieval Pottery Research Group and Chair of the ClfA Finds Group. He is currently a Council member for the Society of Antiquaries of London and Chair of the Society for Museum Archaeology.

Phoebe Merrick MA, MPhil

Phoebe has been an amateur historian since about 1969 when she discovered the delights of old documents and what they tell about the past. Her work has concentrated primarily on Romsey and the immediately surrounding area, but attendance at many conferences has broadened her horizons. Her two research degrees examined aspects of the medieval cloth trade and the people who administered the ulnage. For many years she was a committee member of the Lower Test Valley Archaeological Study Group. Her current work involves an examination of the Domesday Survey for the lower Test valley after which she is planning to embark on a study of place-names for the area.

Dr Ian Friel MA, PhD, FSA

Dr Ian Friel is an independent historian, writer and heritage consultant. He is the author of *The Good Ship* (1995), *The British Museum Maritime History of Britain and Ireland 400–2001* (2003) and *Henry V's Navy* (2015), and of numerous papers and reports on medieval and early modern maritime history. He worked in museums before going freelance in 2007, and has participated in some significant maritime archaeology projects.

Ian Riddler MA, FSA

Ian has worked on the analysis of objects and waste of antler and bone from England and Ireland since 1984, publishing articles on the subject since 1986. The articles range from Neolithic to post-medieval in date but mainly deal with Iron Age and Anglo-Saxon material. They include several articles on the worked antler and bone from Hamwic and Ian hopes to produce a monograph on the subject in the near future. He is a co-founder of the Worked Bone Research Group, now an international organisation with over 300 members and is also a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and a member of AFAM (Association Française pour Archéologie Mérovingienne).

Mary South MSc, PhD

Mary South trained as a biologist and ecologist. Switching to local history for her PhD, she was unable to wrench herself free from her scientific roots and studied the role of inoculation against smallpox in Southampton. This became an ecological study looking at the role of cowpox in providing protection for rural communities. She taught science in a comprehensive school, but also worked in industrial laboratories, the NHS, tourism and finally as Head Education Officer at Hampshire's Hillier Gardens, where she claims she 'was paid for playing silly games with children all day long'! Since retiring she has written various articles and three books, *Titanic Threads*, *The Southampton Book of Days*, and *The Inoculation Book 1774–1783* (Southampton Records Series). She is a Visiting Research Fellow at the University of Winchester, and on the Editorial Boards of the *Hampshire Papers* and Southampton Records Series.