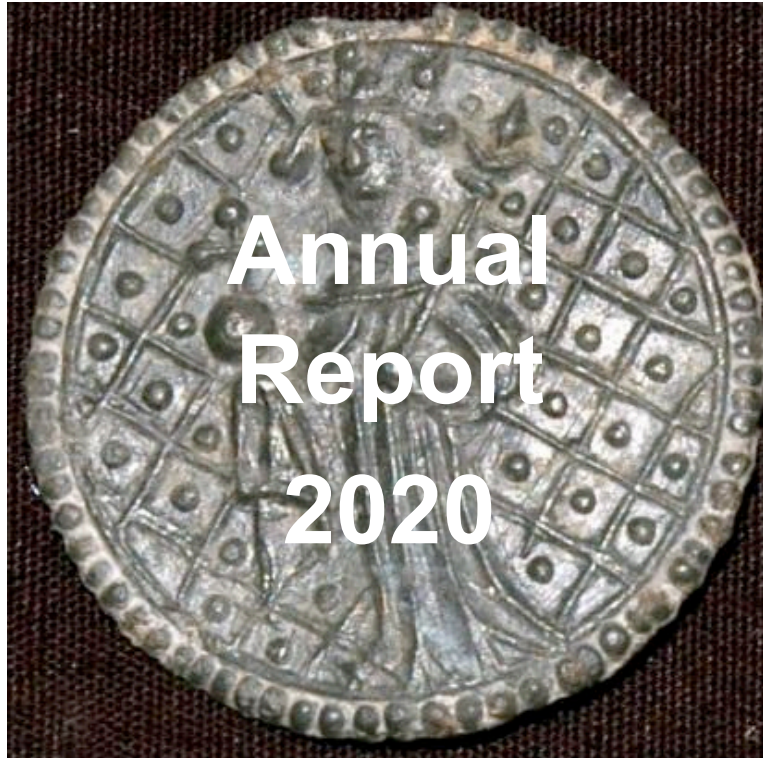


# Southampton Archaeology Society



## 2020 Annual General Meeting 13 October 2020

### AGENDA

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting
3. Chair's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Report on members' projects
6. Election of Officers and committee
7. Election of Independent Examiner
8. Covid-19 Regulations
9. Any Other Business

Dr Andy Russel will give a presentation of the work carried out by Southampton Archaeology Unit during the past year.

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2019

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**Venue:** St Joseph's Hall, Bugle Street, Southampton

**In Attendance:** R Bright, M Dowell, A Russel, M Kesby, S Hanna, M Garner, K Wardley, J Langran, C Evans, E Chaney, M Hubble, K Labon, B Webb, J Webb, A Welch, J Wetherall, S Stewart, D Stewart, M Huggins, M Hunneybun, G James, R James, B John, J Neale, M O'Connor, A Parsons, J Porter, J Hay, L Pritchard, F Soffe, G Attree, M Attree, C Barnes, D Barnes, K Bradley, S Langham-Brown, E Cole, S Davies, B Ferguson, V Ferguson, T Guillochon. Total of 42 members.

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

The members were welcomed to the 2019 AGM and apologies were accepted from G Kesby, C Cunio, E Wood, J Hankie, D Bryan, B de Lara, J Sinclair, M Barker.

### 2. Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the 2018 AGM were read and agreed by all present (*proposed by M Garner, seconded M Huggins*) accepted by the majority of those present.

### 3. Chair's Report

S Hanna read the Chairman's Report (*proposed by K Wardley, seconded by M Dowell*) accepted by the majority of those present.

### 4. Treasurer's Report

J Langran presented his Treasurer's Report and advised membership now increased to 90, improving income and covering cost of our meetings. Visitor numbers have also increased this year due to more advertising and a successful set of talks. Some items affected figures as they fell in the last financial year - some membership income; payment of hall rental (paid early to guarantee bookings); Eling Tide Mill booking; clearance of several cheques. Study Day generates more income than membership. Experimental Pottery Workshop made a small loss, but future similar Workshops will be arranged. SAS has a good investment account level and JL has investigated getting better returns, but because it is a commercial account, this is not possible. (*Proposed by A Russel, seconded by M Hubble*), accepted by the majority of those present.

### 5. Supplementary Reports

**CITIZAN:** JL advised he now has contact through New Forest Archaeology with CITIZAN and they have been receptive to our involvement which we are investigating.

**YACs:** AW thanked SAS for their support as SAS, parents and other local organisation are their main funders. A written report will be included in a future Newsletter.

**Graffiti Project:** Currently surveying Eling Tide Mill with help from M Garner and will continue with other surveys. About to break for the summer.

### 6. Election of Officers and Committee Members

The following posts were proposed as shown:

Hon Chair:	Sarah Hanna ( <i>proposed by K Wardley, seconded by C Evans</i> )
Vice Chair:	Martyn Dowell ( <i>proposed by M Garner, seconded by M Kesby</i> )
Hon Treasurer:	John Langran ( <i>proposed by M Dowell, seconded by K Wardley</i> )
Hon. Secretary:	Mandy Kesby ( <i>proposed by S Hanna, seconded by J Langran</i> )
Archaeological Advisor:	Andy Russel ( <i>proposed by M Dowell, seconded by M Garner</i> )
Programme Secretary:	Matt Garner ( <i>proposed by R Bright, seconded by M Dowell</i> )
General Committee:	Karen Wardley ( <i>proposed by M Dowell, seconded by R Bright</i> ); Rowan Bright ( <i>proposed by M Kesby, seconded by M Dowell</i> ); Chris Evans ( <i>proposed by M Garner, seconded by M Kesby</i> ) ( <i>Proposed by D Stewart, seconded D Barnes</i> ). Accepted by the majority of those present.

### 7. Election of Independent Examiner

It was established that Chris Sellen was prepared to continue in this post (*proposed by M Dowell, seconded by A Welch*). Accepted by those present.

### 8. Any Other Business

None.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed 8.06 pm

## SAS Chairman's Report 2020

Along with most of this exceptional year, the Annual Report 2020 is different: six months delayed, and definitely in 'two halves'!

Last year's AGM was attended by 42 members and after the meeting and a glass of wine we were treated to Andy Russel's first thoughts on the Bargate-Queensway excavations, from the prehistoric to post-medieval periods (which Andy later wrote up in three instalments for the SAS newsletter). In June our Study Day on **Life & Death in Medieval Southampton** explored the town's development from Saxon burgh to wealthy trading centre within well-fortified walls. Depending on maritime trade in English wool and French wine, the population suffered Norman invasion and marauding French pirates, not to mention its share of pestilence and plague.

The warm summer saw our members following individual interests, such as excavating the site of Clarendon Palace (where three of us visited on one of the hottest days); or exploring the Picts on holiday in Scotland, which were all reported in our newsletter. The final date of the summer was Southampton Heritage Federation's Heritage Fayre hosted by the West Quay concourse on 14<sup>th</sup> September, an unqualified success for all participants!

The lecture programme from September 2019 to March 2020 was an exciting mix, with excavations from 10<sup>th</sup> century Novgorod through 18<sup>th</sup> century military camps in Hampshire to WW1 training trenches on Salisbury Plain; the early history of sound recording; and tracing Anglo-Saxon charter boundaries in the Test Valley, followed by the methods used by Ordnance Survey in surveying antiquities on their maps, with indexes now fully accessible online. Like the Study Day our lectures attract increasing numbers of non-members to attend, thanks to publicity through social media such as our Facebook group. Reports of the study day and all lectures are posted on the SAS website [www.southamptonarchaeology.uk](http://www.southamptonarchaeology.uk)

But in late March all activities stopped abruptly as the UK went into Lockdown to prevent the alarming spread of the coronavirus pandemic COVID-19, which made it difficult to plan future events. Our cancelled meetings have been rescheduled, but the 2020 Study Day **Southampton & Hampshire in the Time of the Mayflower** has been postponed twice this year and it's now planned to hold it in spring 2021. I'd like to congratulate programme organiser Matt Garner on holding things together so successfully; and we started the new lecture series last month with a story of graffiti left by American troops in WW2, as they waited to embark for D-Day and later battles in Europe.

Despite the virus we're cautiously optimistic for the next year, as we start with a positive bank balance and full committee, with many thanks to you all for your support to SAS.

*Sarah Hanna*

October 2020

## ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

If you would like to stand for one of the committee positions, please give your name and the post you would like to stand for, together with the names of two other SAS members (one to propose you as a candidate and one to second you) to the Secretary or any current Committee Member before the meeting begins.

The current Committee posts are Chair, Vice-Chair, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, Programme Secretary, Archaeological Advisor, General Committee Members.

We will ask for last minute nominations from the floor but if there are no nominations, the present Committee, all of whom are willing to stand again, will be proposed for election *en bloc* as follows:

Chair – Sarah Hanna; Vice-Chair – Martyn Dowell; Hon. Treasurer – John Langran (Facebook); Hon. Secretary – Mandy Kesby; Programme Secretary – Matt Garner; Archaeological Advisor – Dr Andy Russel; General Committee Members – Rowan Bright, Chris Evans, Karen Wardley, Sue Davies (proposed new Committee Member).

We need new Committee Members to bring new ideas to the table. If you think you might like to join us as a general member but are unsure, please speak to a Committee Member. People can be co-opted onto the Committee at any time so you can always come along and see what you think. The Committee meets 6-8 times a year, the meetings are informal and usually last no longer than an hour and a half.

## Southampton Young Archaeologists' Club

Our Society held two fundraising events for the YAC at our Christmas and AGM meetings, and we hope to do so again once CV-19 restrictions allow. Unfortunately YAC have been likewise restricted by Covid Regulations and no report has therefore been received of their activities during the year.

### SAS Attendance at Lectures 2019/2020

**2019:** May - AGM – 42 Members

September – Soton Opium Trade - 21 Members/5 Guest

November – Novrogod Revisited - 33 Members/1 Guest

**2020:** January – Barton Farm - 30 Members/5 Guests

March – Archaeology on OS Maps – 27 Members/11 Guests

October – The Larkhill 300 – 37 Members/3 Guests

December - Xmas Social – 47 Members

February – Anglo Saxon Charters – 36 Members/7 Guests

### SAS Lectures//Events 2020/2021 for your diaries (full details to be included in coming newsletters):

**2020:**

October 13 – AGM & Archaeology Unit Up-date

November 10 – Mayflower Lives

December 8 – Christmas Social with "The Hither Side of the Hedge"

**2021:**

January 12 – Axes Bold as Love: Imported Neolithic Axes

February 9 – The People & Economy of Old Sarum

March 9 – Victorian Discover of Palaeolithic Soton

April 13 – If Walls Could Talk: Hants Medieval Graffiti

May 11 – AGM – Andy Russel: Projects Update

Lectures are free to members and £3 per visitor - bring your friends! We meet at St. Joseph's Hall, Bugle Street SO14 2AH. Meetings start at 7.30pm (and generally finish by 9.00pm). In line with current Covid-19 Regulations, our usual refreshments will not be served.

***We are mindful that the situation may possibly change and we must therefore be prepared to change our plans for the AGM and future lectures should further restrictions be introduced.***

### SAS STUDY DAY: Saturday 24 April 2021

**10am to 5pm: "Southampton & Hampshire at the time of the Mayflower" @ Art Gallery Lecture Theatre, Civic Centre, Southampton**

Our Study Day will look at Hampshire & Southampton in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century, ships of the period & how Southampton was chosen as the port of departure. Other talks will focus on archaeological evidence from Southampton, religious dissent in Hampshire and aspects of life in 17<sup>th</sup> century Hampshire will be related by costumed re-enactors. To mark its recent refurbishment, one talk will tell the story of Southampton's Mayflower memorial.

**Speakers will include:** *Dr Andy Russel & Emma Anderson (Southampton Archaeology Unit), Jo Bailey (SC Monuments & Memorials Officer), Dr Rosalind Johnson (University of Winchester), Godfrey Collyer (SeeSouthampton), plus Mary & Roger Harris (Little Woodham 17<sup>th</sup> century village).*

**Booking forms will be available for this event early next year**



**Thank you for attending the Annual General Meeting of the Southampton Archaeology Society. We hope to see you at our 2019/2020 lectures**

**The SAS Committee**