

Southampton Archaeology Society



2018 Annual General Meeting

AGENDA

- 1 Welcome and Apologies
- 2 Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting
- 3 Chair's Report
- 4 Treasurer's Report
- 5 Supplementary Reports
- 6 Election of Officers and Committee Members
- 7 Election of Independent Examiner
- 8 Any Other Business

Short break - wine and nibbles!

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1. Welcome and Apologies

34 members attended and were welcomed to the 2017 AGM apologies received from 8 members.

2. Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the 2016 AGM were read and agreed by all present (*proposed by Matt Garner, seconded by Chris Sellen*)

3. Chair's Report

Martyn read the Chairman's Report. This was accepted by the majority of those present, (*proposed by Derek Stewart seconded by Joan Webb*).

4. Treasurer's Report

John Langran presented his Treasurer's Report and advised there was a surplus due to FoS contribution, some being spent on a new projector and the rest invested. Overspend on Christmas Party & Newsletter printing. The deficit is roughly £150. (*Proposed by Julia Wetherall, seconded by Rowan Bright*), accepted by the majority of those present.

5. Proposal to Increase Subscriptions from May 2018

It was proposed that as from May 2018 the annual subscriptions be increased by £1 p.a. on all individual rates, £2 for family memberships and visitors charges increase from £2 to £3. This is due to membership not covering regular outgoings for some years and this proposal will raise approx.. £100 p.a. Chris Sellen proposed an increase of £2 and £3 respectively. Anna Welch stated that this may result in loss of membership, especially of members who support us but cannot attend evening lectures. A vote was taken - 5 in favour of higher increase, but majority in favour of lower increase, with none voting for neither to be adopted. The first, lower increase was there carried. (*Proposed by Martyn Dowell, seconded by Andy Russel*).

6. Election of Officers and Committee Members

The majority of the Committee were prepared to stand again for the coming year, as follows:

Hon Chair:	Martyn Dowell (<i>proposed by Sarah Hanna, seconded by John Langran</i>)
Vice Chair:	Sarah Hanna (<i>proposed by Martyn Dowell, seconded by John Langran</i>)
Hon Treasurer:	John Langran (<i>proposed by Martyn Dowell, seconded by Rowan Bright</i>)
Secretary:	Mandy Kesby (<i>proposed by Martyn Dowell, seconded by Sarah Hanna</i>)
Archaeological Advisor:	Andy Russel (<i>proposed by Matt Garner, seconded by Martyn Dowell</i>)
Programme Secretary:	Anna Welch (<i>proposed by Sarah Hanna, seconded by Martyn Dowell</i>)
General Committee:	Matt Garner (<i>proposed by Sarah Hanna, seconded by Sarah Hanna</i>) Chris Evans (<i>proposed by Anna Welch, seconded by Chris Sellen</i>)

We had no communication from Sylvia Horlock and as she has not attended any Committee Meetings over the past year, it was assumed that she would be standing down. Also, Terry Pook is standing down from the Committee after many years in various posts. A vote of thanks was proposed by Chris Sellen and seconded by Sarah Hanna. Those present accepted the election of the Committee.

7. Election of Independent Examiner

It was established that Chris Sellen was prepared to continue in this post (*proposed by Martyn Dowell, seconded by Joan Webb*). All present accepted.

8. Discussion of Results of Members' Survey

Sarah Hanna received c 20 responses to the survey, with workshops on pottery, bones and flint main interest and possibly jewellery, coins and conservation of textiles. Weekday session were most popular, possibly weekends, but no evenings. These sessions could be held at St Josephs but hopefully at premises of those leading the event. Also possibly visits to other Societies digs. This is on-going and Sarah asked for further input from members after the meeting. Arrangements will be sent out in Newsletters etc.

9. Any Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting was closed 8.10pm

SAS Chairman's Report 2018

This year has brought bad news and good news. Firstly I have to tell you that our long standing committee member Terry Pook who had been very unwell for some time, sadly died on 18th April. Nevertheless we have welcomed several new members, and advertising our activities more widely has improved lecture attendance.

Last year's Study Day was also successful and now that Matt Garner has retired from the Southampton Archaeological Unit, he has agreed to take over the planning of events for us. He has already arranged a good study day for the Southampton University Lifelong Study programme, has prepared our own on Saxon Southampton for June 9th, and will be taking over from Anna the winter lecture series. Anna is retiring after a gruelling 20 years in the role, during which time she has worked tirelessly finding and harrying tardy lecturers, pinning them down to dates! She has been working away for some time and her father is now ill also.

Whilst we could not arrange the Basing House visit we had hoped for last year, this year we have already visited Winchester College Treasury, an interesting collection of items in a beautifully restored medieval building, guided by its' knowledgeable curator. We will soon be offering the first of our long planned practical learning sessions, on pottery identification with Andy Russel, and other projects are on-going. Recording of milestones is nearly finished, the recording of graffiti goes on, and participation in the Citizen project is being explored, though this has proved complex to arrange.

Finally, I have decided to retire from the chairmanship, having held the post since 1996, which is really far too long at one go and you all know how poor my memory has become! Sarah Hanna has applied to take over with some new ideas and I am sure her style and approach will make a refreshing change. My thanks for all these years of support go to Anna in particular, and to Sarah, John, Mandy and others inside and outside the committee, without whom the society could not function.

Martyn Dowell

15th April 2018

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, Treasurer, Secretary (Admin), Secretary (Programme), 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; Treasurer – John Langran (Facebook); Secretary (Admin) – Mandy Kesby; Secretary (Programme) – Matt Garner; Archaeological Advisor – Dr Andy Russel; General Committee Members – Rowan Bright, Chris Evans, Karen Wardley,

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

2017/18 has again provided a wide mix of activities including visits, getting our hands dirty on site and a first for the club – a sleepover!

Our sleepover was held in June at Butser Iron Age farm where we had a tour and lots of activities before sleeping in a roundhouse around an open fire. It was a brilliant experience for YAC members and Leaders alike and we're hoping to make the sleepover a regular event and are aiming for Bursledon Brickworks this year. We were invited, along with other YAC groups, to a Big Dig day run by Bournemouth University and learnt about the Durotriges settlement on which Miles Russel has given SAS talks. Despite some rain, we were able to dig.

After our summer break we had a session on Meso-American archaeology, learning when and where different cultures lived, their beliefs, art and architecture, making head-dresses and totem pole money boxes. There was also an energetic re-enactment of 'the ball game' played across Meso-American cultures. October saw prehistory being explored with experimental archaeology to investigate cutting techniques and cutting-edge technology to see the results, with help from University of Southampton students. In November we visited Winchester Cathedral to look for signs and symbols and experimented on different types of building materials. We were very lucky to try stone carving with the cathedral stonemasons. In December we looked at games and pastimes from history and tried out many examples as well as having a go at inventing our own.

After our January 2018 break, we started with a session about Napoleon & archaeology. We learned of the archaeological evidence for Napoleon's retreat from Russia, his explorations in Egypt and the amazing things his scientists found. Our March meeting was cancelled due to snow and in April we looked at communication throughout the ages which involved Chinese whispers, a visit from Romsey's Town Crier and a very loud "Oh yeah"-off! By the time of the SAS AGM we'll have had our May meeting on ancient Greeks and look forward to more YAC.

The club would like to thank SAS members for their interest and support over the last few years and for the raffle donations which have helped to secure the club's future and allowed more expensive activities such as our sleepover.

SAS Attendance at Lectures 2017/2018

10.06.17 Study Day – 60 Members/ 6 guests
12.09.17: Southampton Castle – 49 Members/14 guests
10.10.17: Between the Monuments – 37 Members/4 guests
14.11.17: CitiZan – 38 Members/2 guests
19.12.17: Xmas Event – 45 Members
09.01.18: WARG – 38 Members/1 guest
13.02.18: Durotriges – 46 Members/4 guests
13.03.18: Paleolithic Paints – 45 Members/7 guests
10.04.18: Barrow Clump – 37 Members/2 guests

SAS Lectures//Events 2018/2019 for your diaries (details will be included in coming newsletters):

June 16 th 2018	September 11 th 2018
October 9 th 2018	November 13 th 2018
December 11 th 2018	January 8 th 2019
February 12 th 2019	March 12 th 2019
April 9 th 2019	May 14 th 2019 AGM

Lectures are free to members and £3 per visitor - bring your friends! We meet at St. Joseph's Hall, Bugle Street. Meetings start at 7.30pm (and generally finish by 9.00pm). Tea and coffee is served from 7.00pm. Please join us after the talks in The Duke of Wellington pub.

SAS STUDY DAY: Saturday 16 June 2018

10am to 5pm: "Hamwic – The Middle Saxon Settlement of Southampton"

Revealing findings in the St Mary's area which not only show the layout of the town, but ditches, houses, workshops, rubbish pits and cemeteries. These give us an insight into beliefs, health and demographic composition of the population and evidence of diet, crafts and trade.

Thank you for attending the Annual General Meeting of the Southampton Archaeology Society. We hope to see you at the forthcoming Study Day and at our 2018/2019 lectures

The SAS Committee