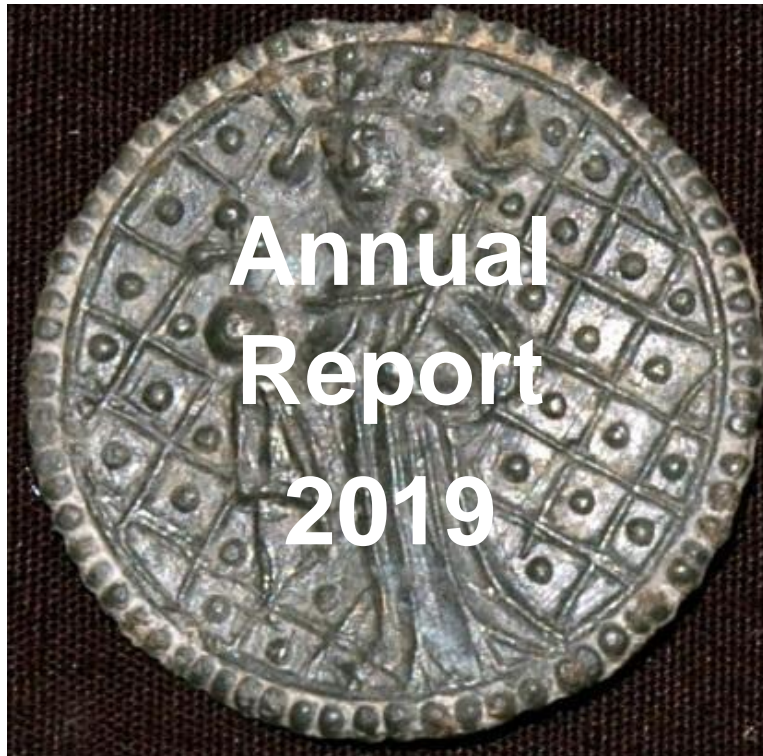


# Southampton Archaeology Society



## 2019 Annual General Meeting

### 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 Any Other Business

Short break for a glass of wine and nibbles!

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 2018

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018

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

**In Attendance:** M Dowell, S Hanna, M Kesby, J Langran, M Garner, A Welch, A Russel, C Evans, R Bright, K Wardley, J Brady, K Labon, F Soffe, B Webb, J Webb, J Wetherall, G Attree, M Attree, C Barnes, D Barnes, S Langham-Brown, D Bryan, E Chaney, E Cole, C Cunio, B Ferguson, V Ferguson, J Griffiths, T Guillochon, C Harris, J Hay, M Hubble, M Huggins, G Hull, K Leipers, M Barker, J Sinclair.  
Total of 34 members and 3 new members who joined at the meeting.

## 1. Welcome and Apologies

The members were welcomed to the 2018 AGM and apologies were accepted from G Kesby, K Welham, L Pritchard, K Wood, D Stewart, S Stewart, G James, R James, C Sellen, A Parsons, P Rudkin.

## 2. Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the 2017 AGM were read and agreed by all present (*proposed by J Wetherall, seconded by D Bryant*) accepted by the majority of those present.

## 3. Chair's Report

M Dowell read the Chairman's Report. This was accepted by the majority of those present, (*proposed by J Webb, seconded by M Garner*).

## 4. Treasurer's Report

John stated that he has changed the layout slightly for clarity. Subscriptions look slightly down, but some were paid early and fell into the last financial year. Included was an increased fee for Xmas Party musicians and the purchase of a new digital projector plus smaller items of project equipment, but overall the accounts are better than they appear. Membership fee increases implemented which should cover the cost of events. Membership now c 80, an increase on recent years. (*Proposed by A Russel, seconded by B Webb*), accepted by the majority of those present.

## 5. Supplementary Reports

**CITIZAN:** JL has spoken to Alex Bellisario of CITIZAN advising we have 6 – 8 members who wish to be involved, with a similar number from The Friends of Weston Shore. A Welch advised that some from YAC would be interested. JL awaiting meeting with Alex & the outcome will be detailed in newsletters.

**YAC:** AW thanked SAS for their support which has helped in these lean times.

**Graffiti Project:** KW advised a strong core of people are involved they have so far recorded Tudor House attics and cellars, Gods' House Tower, South Stoneham and Peartree Jesus Chapel Churches, with Eling Church and Tide Mill being surveyed in the near future. Surveys show medieval and more recent graffiti, the latter helping recent family history records. The group have stopped over the summer period.

## 6. Election of Officers and Committee Members

With the resignation of Martyn Dowell as Chair and also Anna Welch as Programme Secretary, the following posts were proposed as shown:

Hon Chair:	Sarah Hanna ( <i>proposed by A Welch, seconded by J Langran</i> )	
Vice Chair:	Martyn Dowell ( <i>proposed by J Langran, seconded by M Kesby</i> )	
Hon Treasurer:	John Langran ( <i>proposed by K Wardley, seconded by A Russel</i> )	
Admin Secretary:	Mandy Kesby ( <i>proposed by A Russel, seconded by R Bright</i> )	4
Programme Secretary:	Matt Garner ( <i>proposed by A Welch, seconded by M Dowell</i> )	
Archaeological Advisor:	Andy Russel ( <i>proposed by A Welch, seconded by S Hanna</i> )	
General Committee:	Karen Wardley ( <i>proposed by J Langran, seconded by M Kesby</i> ); Rowan Bright ( <i>proposed by S Hanna, seconded by J Langran</i> ); Chris Evans ( <i>proposed by A Welch, seconded by M Dowell</i> )	

*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 M Dowell, seconded by R Bright*). Accepted by those present.

## 8. Any Other Business

8.1 Terry Pook represented SAS at Hampshire Archive Trust and was a member for many years. The Committee proposed a donation in his memory of less than £50 (to be advised) to the organisation, (*proposed by C Evans, seconded M Kesby*), accepted by the majority of those present. Personal donation to Cancer Research as requested by the family.

8.2 D Bryan proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee for their service over the past year

8.3 In thanks for their service over the years, small gifts were given to M Dowell and A Welch.

## SAS Chairman's Report 2019

Our first event after AGM 2018 was the Study Day in June *Hamwic: The Middle Saxon Settlement of Southampton* with an internationally known panel of speakers and an audience of sixty members & guests. Organised by Matt Garner, former archaeologist with the SCC Archaeology Unit, this was so successful he's organised this year's study day on 8<sup>th</sup> June - *Life & Death in Medieval Southampton*.

At our first lecture in September we launched [www.southamptonarchaeology.uk](http://www.southamptonarchaeology.uk), the website created by Chris Sellen, one of our members. This shows details of the current lecture series, notices, membership application forms and booking forms for events and outings. Also held are the archive of SAS newsletters from 2015, reports on all our lectures 2018/19 and accounts of conferences, exhibitions, visits to excavations or historic sites, book reviews, and reports of our Graffiti team's findings.

We took part in the Southampton Heritage Fair on Heritage Open Day (15<sup>th</sup> September) but due to re-routeing the heritage bus transport this was less successful than before. This year the Fair is being held in the concourse of West Quay shopping centre, requiring much organisation and more helpers as opening hours will be 9.00am to 7.00pm.

We had a varied lecture programme for 2018/19, and all were well attended with a capacity audience for Chapel Riverside. This was Anna Welch's last series and we're grateful to her for the many years of lectures she arranged. Matt Garner has taken up the baton now and next year's programme is already booked. Our membership stands at about 90, with a dozen new members during the last year.

We also had a Medieval Pottery Workshop in November held at the Archaeology Unit, thanks to Dr Andy Russel. It was an introduction to the wide range of pottery types in the City collections and there would be potential for a members' project in future; we hope to hold other workshops. This month we had a well-subscribed and much enjoyed visit to the Eling Tide Mill Experience again led by Matt Garner (a volunteer at the Mill).

I'd like to thank the committee who are all standing for election again, but we are a small group of nine so we really need new members (see details below). We're looking forward to the Study Day in June and our new lecture programme. Also the committee this year plans to review the Constitution of SAS (still under the title SCMAS!) with a view to presenting a revised version to members at the AGM in 2020.

Sarah Hanna

April 2019

### 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 Hon. Chair, Vice-Chair, Hon. Treasurer, Admin 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); Admin Secretary – Mandy Kesby; Programme Secretary – 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.

### **SAS Attendance at Lectures 2018/2019**

**2018:** May - AGM – 34 Members/3 New Members  
September - Posies from Pewsey – 26 Members/1 Guest  
November - Neolithic Rock Art – 40 Members/7 Guests  
**2019:** January - Palaeolithic Cannibalism- 37 Members/6 Guests  
March - Chapel Riverside? – 37 Members/16 Guests

June - Study Day – 59 Members/Guests  
October - Protected Wrecks – 35 Members/2 Guests  
December - Xmas Social – 43 Members  
February - Eling Tide Mill – 34 Members/8 Guests  
April – Environmental Archaeology – 34 Members/1 Guest

### **SAS Lectures/Events 2019/2020 for your diaries (full details to be included in coming newsletters):**

**2019:**  
September 10 - Alan Morton: Early 19<sup>th</sup> Century So'ton  
October 8 - Matt Leivers: Larkhill Causeway Enclosure  
November 12 - Mark Brisbane: Novgorod Revisited  
December 10 - Martyn Dowell: Sound Recording to c 1905

**2020:**  
January 14 – Paul McCulloch: Barton Farm Excavation  
February 11 – Mary Harris: Saxon Romsey Charter  
March 10- Roger Leech: Ordnance Survey Archaeology  
April 14 – Karen Wardley: Graffiti Recording  
May 12 – 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. 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.

### **ANY IDEAS FOR EVENTS OR VISITS?**

As you all know, the majority of our activities involve a programme of lectures throughout our year, both on local subjects and national projects of interest, together with weekly hands-on finds sorting and cleaning at the Archaeology Unit in Southampton. We also have a small team of interested members involved in a local Graffiti project where we survey old buildings in our area and record any inscribed markings on the stonework or timber. We are currently pursuing possible involvement in the national CITIZAN project at a local level, surveying remains of coastal structures in the intertidal zone and recording them before they disappear completely with the tides. Last year we held a workshop on Medieval pottery and we could have other topics such as textiles, flint tools or metalwork if there is enough interest.

Over the last couple of years, we have had outings to Eling Tide Mill, Winchester College Treasury Museum and Quarr Abbey in the Isle of Wight. We're hoping you may have some ideas for similar types of visits in the future. Although we have arranged coach trips in the past, the cost of these can be prohibitive, so we have not undertaken them recently, however, we would look into this possibility if anyone has any thoughts. To keep the costs down on the above-mentioned visits we arranged to make our own way to the venue, arranging lifts for some, then meeting up to have a guided tour.

If you have any ideas, please let a member of the Committee know and we will look into it. It needs to be in easy reach so that we can have an hour or so at the venue to look around, with possibly a cuppa and a piece of cake involved!

### **SAS STUDY DAY: Saturday 8 June 2019 (see separate Booking Form)**

#### **10am to 5pm: "Life & Death in Medieval Southampton"**

Norman Southampton was laid out with a grid of streets, quays and merchants houses. The town was defended by ramparts and ditches on the landward side and by a castle on the west. It was served by five parish churches, a Friary and God's House Hospital. Ships laden with goods such as wine arrived from across the Channel, and wool and woollen cloth were exported. Commodities were stored in the vaults beneath houses or in purpose-built warehouses. Later it was defended by a Town Wall with many towers and gates. Evidence from archaeological excavation and surviving documents and buildings gives a vivid picture of the lives, occupations, and health of the people of medieval Southampton.

*Speakers will include Duncan Brown, Ian Friel, Phoebe Merrick, Andy Russel, Ian Riddler and Mary South, with topics covering pottery, changing ships and technology, cloth trade, buildings, disease and health.*

**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 2019/2020 lectures**

*The SAS Committee*