



# Southampton Archaeology Society

## DECEMBER SOCIAL

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020

7.00pm on Zoom

*We will send out a Zoom invitation with meeting details to all SAS members by email the day before the lecture*

*Speakers will be:*

Dr Andy Russel

Head of Southampton City Council Archaeology Unit

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Michael O'Leary

The Hagstone Storyteller

Mike tells the story of the Hagstone; a story set out on Millstone Point, by the lazy meandering estuary of the old River Itchen. It includes Old Nan, a lost



Corkhead, and the spectres of transportees from Southampton, drowned off the coast of Tasmania in a stolen boat. The story has been guaranteed as true by the respected marine archaeologist Tibs Hull.

*Mike is a newcomer to Southampton, having lived here since 1978. He has penned a few books on Hampshire and Sussex folklore, plus a novel based around the story of a stitched together creature who wanders from East Sussex to Brittany, via Northam and the bottom of the deep blue sea. However, Mike sees himself primarily as a storyteller, rather than story writer – he's been telling stories professionally since 1995.*

Andy Russel will be reporting on the work undertaken by the Southampton City Council Archaeology Unit of the past year, in Southampton and the local area.

