

## WARG talks to the end of 2019 – Abstracts

Date	Speaker	Title	Synopsis
9 Sept	Jeremy Clutterbuck, MA Osteoarchaeology, University of Southampton	New Evidence for the Chronology of Execution Sites in Hampshire	The cemetery at Weyhill Road, Andover had all the characteristics of a Late Saxon execution site, but emerging results from scientific analysis carried out as part of the post-excavation works have provided some surprising evidence which may give us new insights into the duration of such punishment cemeteries in times of political and possibly social and cultural change.
14 Oct	Julie Adams, Volunteer Guide, Winchester Cathedral	The Fascination of Green Men - Winchester's Contribution	Many people puzzle over how and why a symbol which predated Christianity is often found in churches and cathedrals throughout Europe. There are four different forms of the motif and Winchester Cathedral boasts examples of all four. In this talk, Julie will reveal where some of the 60+ green men hide amongst the carvings high in the stone vaulting, and in the leafy wooden carvings of the Quire.
11 Nov	Alex Lewis, A former lawyer who trained as a Fowey Harbour Guide after retiring to Cornwall	1889 - Trade and Tragedy in a west- country seaport	Inspired by a study of harbour records from the late 1800s, this illustrated talk takes a look at Fowey's shipping industry during the twilight years of sail, at a time when the profits to be made often came at a high price for local communities.
9 Dec	Andy Manning MA Wessex Archaeology Regional Manager South	The Amesbury Archer and Boscombe Bowmen: 15 years on. An update on recent discoveries at Amesbury	It is 17 years since the discovery of the richest Beaker burial found in Western Europe – the Amesbury Archer. Within a year another project had found a new, significant Beaker burial group nearby - the Boscombe Bowmen. These individuals are now known to have travelled long distances and may be associated with the later phase of Stonehenge, so why are the burials not there but at Amesbury? Subsequent years' major excavations at Amesbury continue to reveal important Neolithic and Beaker activity and new evidence has come to light which again reinforces the wide links with the continent and perhaps explains why the burials were placed where they were and the dramatic changes these people lived through.