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Geophysical Surveyor and ERAS member, James Lyall carrying out a survey in N. Lincolnshire. Photo: Sue Beasley

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ERAS LOCAL NEWS . . .

DMV website

A new website has been launched by the Department of History, University of Hull, co-directed by ERAS member Helen Fenwick. 'Beresford's Lost Villages' is a web page dedicated to the study of Deserted Medieval Settlements. It has been made possible by a generous legacy bequeathed to the University by Professor Maurice Beresford. The first launch of the website has concentrated on those settlements identified as being deserted in the seminal publication of 1971, edited by Maurice Beresford and John Hurst entitled *Deserted Medieval Villages*. Not all counties are complete, but the East Riding is one of those that has full descriptions. Visit the site at www.dmv.hull.ac.uk

Survey of Beverley's Georgian Spa

ERAS has been asked to carry out a resistivity survey of the site of the Georgian Spa, near the spring dedicated to St. John, on Swinemoor, just east of Beverley. The foundations of the building, which was used for bathing, should give good results, providing the site is generally dry enough to operate on. There were also various wells in the vicinity. Subject to permissions being granted, details of how to take part will be on the website in the summer and it is hoped to do further work on this project, with demonstrations for the general public, at an open day in September.

Easington Report

The drawings for the report on the flint from Easington Barrow and Neolithic site have now been completed and Antony Dickson will be finalizing the report, towards the end of April. Terry Manby has catalogued the pottery and is in the process of writing a report and selecting pottery sherds to be drawn. A draft report on the querns has been prepared by John Cruise. The site, dug by ERAS in 1996-7, represents an important addition to the data for the Holderness, especially as it produced well-stratified samples for radio-carbon dating. Members sometimes suggest ERAS does more excavation, but the sitework is only the beginning. As can be seen, processing, cataloguing and publishing finds is time-consuming for volunteers, but expensive if you pay someone else to do it, although sometimes the level of expertise required, means you have to pay to have the work done.

Field Studies Group

During 'Field Studies' meetings, members are still working on cataloguing pottery from the 2004/5 Arram excavation. The group is friendly and informal, with a wide age range, so join them at 7.30pm on the first Weds of the month at St Nicholas Community Centre, Holmechurch Lane, Beverley or ring Graham on 07815 088573 for details.

Fishbourne Trip

33 members have booked for the Fishbourne trip with Acklams Coaches, in June and will be staying two nights at the Langstone Hotel on Hayling Island, visiting Avebury and possibly Devises Museum on the way down. Saturday morning will be spent at Fishbourne Roman Palace and the afternoon at the Mary Rose Museum on the Naval Dockyard at Portsmouth. We are having a guided tour of Butser Iron Age site on the way back on Sunday.

Hayton publication

After a recent meeting with Prof. Martin Millett and Dr. Peter Halkon, the ERAS committee has voted to contribute £1000 towards the publication of the Hayton report. Many members gained valuable experience working as volunteers on the excavations at Hayton, near Pocklington, a few years ago. Subject to other funding being secured, this major publication will be a source of data, and an asset to the archaeology of the region.

The Brigg Bronze Age Sewn-plank Boat

Although not exactly 'local' in terms of counties, but near enough and our secretary Rose Nicholson is Collections Manager for the N. Lincolnshire Museum Service, you should certainly see the recently opened displays, at the Brigg Heritage Centre, funded by WREN and LEADER. The Brigg Bronze Age 'raft' had been languishing in the stores of London's National Maritime Museum since its excavation in the 1970s, but has now been restored and is on display at the Brigg Heritage Centre, in Market Place, Brigg, on the first floor of The Angel, a former 17th coaching inn.

It is free and there is a café in the Angel courtyard.

Opening times - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10am – 2pm, also Saturday 10 am – 3pm.

(Tel 01724 296771)

Your Newsletter by email?

If you prefer, to have your newsletter by email **only**, please send me an email, if you have not already done so.

Renewals

A Standing Order/Direct Debit is the easiest way to pay your ERAS membership and it saves us time and money on postage, sending out reminders. Please email me if you would like a form to pay this way in future.

ERAS Auditors

Our previous auditor, Graham Evans has had to give up the job, but members Ken and Jacky Parker have agreed to take it on and have just finished their first stint, monitoring the 2013 end of year accounts. See page 9. Thanks to Ken and Jacky for agreeing to do the job.

Editor

CONFERENCES

These really are for YOU

When conferences or 'symposia' are advertised by Yorkshire Archaeological Society (YAS), or the Council for British Archaeology (CBA) – it really does mean they are for YOU. Though entitled 'conferences', they rarely require input from the audience. Questions, if time allows, may be at the end of the day or after each speaker. There is the opportunity to network with other archaeologists or volunteers during the tea and coffee breaks (and often rather good biscuits). You can learn a lot and you are supporting the archaeology of your local area. There always used to be a large contingent of ERAS members at such meetings and they were sociable occasions. I can't guarantee they'll all be good, but some are brilliant. Do give them a try - go with a friend, next time!

Ancient Human Occupation of Britain Exhibition

Your editor recently visited the Ancient Human Occupation of Britain (AHOB) exhibition at London's Natural History Museum. Bearing in mind the vast time scales involved, which can be quite difficult to get to grips with, the exhibition was well organised, interpreted and presented. It was a great opportunity to see the 400,000 year old Swanscombe skull, the 'modern' male 33,000 year old skeleton from South Wales (formerly known as the red lady of Paviland) with its ivory adornments, also the Homo heidelbergensis tibia from Boxgrove and many other well known early prehistoric artefacts and skeletal matter. The chance to examine the various skulls together, at close quarters, and to compare the shapes and sizes was worthwhile. Many of the early flint and stone tools shown were much more complete and recognisable than I had expected and the two life size models, a Homo sapiens and a Neanderthal, were absolutely riveting. A video featuring the million year year-old footprints found at Happisburgh, a timely discovery, made just before the opening, has been added to the exhibition.

If I had a criticism of the exhibition, it would be that there could have been more-detailed information panels to cater for those people already having some knowledge of the topic; also more in-depth analysis and hypotheses, relating to the effects of the climate changes on the vegetation and landscape. Pre-booking is recommended.

Vikings at the BM

Former ERAS treasurer, Lesley Jackson went to the Viking exhibition at the British Museum. She found that the exhibition, although expected to be popular, was so crowded that it was difficult to move around and to get a good look. Pre-booking is essential, but if you are considering going, you should try to book tickets for a fairly quiet time of day.

150 Years of Roman Yorkshire

Conference at York, St Johns College, Nov.2013

Although this conference was full of big names and sounded excellent (I recommended it in the last newsletter) I thought the presentations were variable. The highlight was a talk by osteologist Malin Holst, who also came to ERAS to lecture last year. After giving a lively and comprehensive summary at the end of this conference, Prof. Martin Millett spoke about the future of archaeology in the economic climate of the next few years and was not optimistic about the funding situation. Nor was he optimistic about the preservation of archaeology on the Yorkshire Wolds, especially where potato growing [resulting in deeper soil disturbance] takes place. However, he made two important and well received points in relation to volunteers.

- 1. Be ambitious - volunteers can make a huge contribution.***
- 2. Get out there in the field and do some organised field-walking. It really is worthwhile.***

CBA Symposium

Sheffield Hallam University, February 2014

It's fortunate the University is so near the railway station, as the weather was awful on the day of this conference. Too windy for brollys, some people arrived looking a bit wet and battered.

The Symposium had a good variation of period and type of presentation, but Yvonne Luke's contribution, *Neolithic Long Mounds of the Yorkshire Dales* was very interesting. Her research into a little studied class of prehistoric monument was very well-presented. In her initial research, she has distinguished several monument types, long cairns (both sub-rectangular linear cairns and oval long cairns) and long barrows (both short long barrows and oval long barrows). She noted that the short long barrows in particular, have received scant attention in the past. Also identified in the initial research were four potential round barrows, apparently of the type found in the Great Wold Valley of East Yorkshire.

Yvonne will be carrying these studies further, in the Autumn when she starts a Ph.D at Bradford University, under the supervision of Alex Gibson and Chris Gaffney. Long or oval mounds are sometimes found to be of natural origin or to be the remains of field boundaries or man-made rabbit warrens. So verification or elimination of potential Neolithic long mounds will be followed by geophysical survey, measured survey, test-pitting and possibly some excavation. She will be lecturing to ERAS on her topic in March 2015.

Editor

CBA Launches 'LHEN' Project

By Tegwen Roberts

The Council for British Archaeology is launching a new Local Heritage Engagement Network Project (LHEN) later this year and is encouraging local archaeology groups to get involved. The aim of the project is to support archaeological groups who are championing archaeology in their local areas, and to raise awareness about issues that might impact on the future of archaeological sites across England and Wales. These include budget cuts to archaeology services in local authorities and public consultations on proposed changes to English Heritage and the National Planning Policy Framework.

The project, funded by the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation, will develop a new Local Heritage Engagement Network to share information about how these sorts of issues are affecting archaeology in different parts of the country and what local archaeology groups can do (and are doing!) to make a difference. The CBA will also develop a toolkit of resources and guidance, and a programme of training and workshops to support the Network over the next four years.

Protection at a local and regional level

As many of you will know, in the UK archaeology is generally protected through the planning system. A small percentage of sites are designated as Scheduled Monuments, but the vast majority are not. These non-designated sites are currently dealt with under the National Planning Policy Framework, which states that local planning authorities must recognise that heritage assets are an irreplaceable resource and that the impact of any development on heritage needs to be carefully considered. Most local authorities have specialist archaeological advisors who ensure that the impact of any proposal on archaeological sites is considered at an early stage in the planning process, and that conditions are put in place to ensure that sites are investigated and recorded as part of the development. Vital to this process are the county Historic Environment Records (HERs), or Sites and Monuments Records (SMRs), which are databases of all the known archaeological sites and finds in each region.

Under the National Planning Policy Framework, local planning authorities are obliged to consult the local HER when considering planning applications. However, ongoing budget cuts in many local authorities have meant that archaeology services, and in particular HERs, are increasingly under threat. The Institute for Archaeologists has estimated that there has been an 18% fall in staff numbers within local authority archaeology services since 2008 and that this number is continuing to decrease every year. There are also similar, and connected, issues in

libraries, archives and museums. This comes at a time when there is a growing emphasis on local decision-making and local lists and neighbourhood plans are increasingly forming the basis for future planning decisions by local authorities.

Thus it is more important than ever for local groups and people who are interested in archaeology to get involved in discussions about these plans, and to make sure that archaeology is being taken into account at the planning stage so that sites are not needlessly destroyed. Local archaeology groups have a vital role to play in this, as they usually have in-depth knowledge of local sites and are therefore in the best position to monitor what is happening in their area, and to raise awareness of any potential issues.

Barn Conversions in the Yorkshire Dales

In some cases national developments have a particular local impact. The Government recently put forward plans to take barn conversions out of the remit of planning control. This has caused particular concern in the Yorkshire Dales National Park, where the consequences for the historic landscape could be huge. Field barns and dry-stone walls are considered one of the special qualities of the National Park, and as many barns are situated away from the core of the farm in outlying fields, converting them to residential use will inevitably require the provision of new services and access roads, all of which cuts across current provision for protecting heritage within the local planning system. The National Park Authority, and many local groups (along with others across the country) have raised concerns with their councillors and in the regional and national press, and it was recently reported that Government may be reconsidering the proposals. So local voices can, and do, make a difference.

What can you do?

The project will be working closely with the CBA regional groups and other archaeological societies across the country to share information and to raise awareness of opportunities for people to speak up for archaeology in various ways. If you would like to join the network, and receive updates on current issues in your area, or nationally, please get in touch.

There are other things you can do. **Just sharing information about the sites you know in your area with friends and neighbours will help to raise awareness of them and why they matter.** It is even more important that you let your local archaeology service know if any new discoveries come to light, so that these can be added to the HER.

In terms of the national picture, English Heritage is currently running a public consultation on updates to the National Planning Policy Framework, which includes

provision for archaeology and heritage. There are a number of free workshops taking place around the country which people can take part in, and an online survey - <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/about/news/have-your-say-priorities-caring-for-englands-heritage/>

As the saying goes, every little counts, and the more people there are, speaking up for archaeology, the better chance we have of ensuring that our important archaeological heritage continues to be properly valued and looked after in the future.

Other work the CBA is involved in

Over the next few years, in conjunction with the LHEN and other projects (including the current Home Front Legacy 1914-18 recording project) the CBA will also be working to support groups who are involved in the stewardship of archaeological sites.

For more information please contact the project on lhen@archaeologyuk.org or visit the CBA website - <http://new.archaeologyuk.org/local-heritage-engagement-network/>.

Tegwen Roberts

(If you really care about our archaeology, you could also consider supporting it by joining CBA, which gets you their excellent monthly magazine, British Archaeology. Editor)

LEADER - What does it stand for?

ERAS has benefitted greatly from European LEADER funding over the past two years., but what does LEADER stand for? Contrary to its slightly misleading English acronym/title, it stands for - *Liaison entre actions de developpement de l'économie rurale.*

As the first round of the LEADER projects ends, East Riding of Yorkshire Council is preparing for the next round and ERAS committee members attended a consultation meeting in Driffield recently. We put the case that we would like to see more signage explaining and interpreting the most important archaeological features on the Yorkshire Wolds. Although details of the next round of funding are not out yet, the general feeling seemed to be that it will be focussed less on heritage *per se* and more on job creation and the economy. In view of the stated aims of the organization, that is fair enough, although we would always make the point that with some effort, awareness of heritage assets can result in an improved rural economy. More local awareness and a sense of ownership of heritage, will almost certainly help protect those archaeological features.

K. Dennett

Past Caring?

Changes to English Heritage

It has been proposed that the organization now known as English Heritage should be split into two sections. One part, dealing with planning matters and heritage protection will be renamed 'Heritage England' and will be funded in the future at the same level as currently. (in effect, of course, a cut). Consultation and further details are yet to be announced for this section.

The second section, operating the various EH properties, will become a self-funding charity. After eight years of preparation and funding, the new charity will aim to be completely independent of government. Someone influential, who shall remain nameless, suggested it be called 'Past Caring'. It will retain the name English Heritage and will operate, under license, those properties currently opened to the public by the present organization. Known as 'The Heritage Collection' these properties will remain in public ownership. As a charity, the new English Heritage will be competing with other organizations, such as the National Trust, for members and for funding.

The main advantage of becoming a charity is that the new style English Heritage will be eligible to apply for funding from major bodies such as the Heritage Lottery Fund, whereas currently, it has to rely on government funding which in itself is reliant on short term planning and the vagaries of our political system. (We have three EH sites in E.Yorks - Skipsea Castle, Wharram Percy, and Burton Agnes Norman Tower.)

'Consultation' has recently taken place and ERAS has had an opportunity to comment via the ERYC Cultural Partnership. We had a very short timeframe in which to comment, and I had to respond on behalf of ERAS, without committee consultation, but hope that you would agree with my main concerns. Most people seem to agree that the current funding method is not ideal, but in the new system, there are worries about what will happen if the charity is not is not able to be completely independent after the eight years preparation. I am concerned that after the current baby-boomer generation with golden pensions has passed on, the next generation will busier, poorer and less inclined to spend their hard-earned cash on supporting a charity. My second concern is lack of information on conservation and management of the properties in the future and the loss of conservation skill and jobs. .

My third concern is the fact that the new Heritage England section, particularly important for planning and protection of our Wolds area will only be funded at the same (inadequate) level as at present. So be prepared to start lobbying for archaeology (See LHEN, page 5) .

K.Dennett

A Geophysical Surveyor

An interview with James Lyall

How long have you been doing geophysical survey work and how did you first get into it?

I did my first geophysical survey in 1993. I was working for Dominic Powlesland at the time, and one day he came in to the office and asked if I wanted to learn how to do geophysics. I said yes, and he handed me a manual and a case with a Geoscan Research FM18 in it and said “Off you go, then”. I read the manual, did a few practice grids in the field outside, and conducted my first commercial survey a couple of weeks later. Twenty years down the line I have now walked the equivalent of Land’s End to John O’Groats three times, or over 110 marathons, so it certainly helps keep you fit.

What sort of changes have you seen in the profession over the past few years?

There have been a number of changes, and not all of them for the better. One of the good things is that most people know what I’m doing now when they see me wandering around in fields. When I started, they used to come up and say, “That’s a fancy looking metal detector you’ve got there, mate. Found any gold yet?”. Since Time Team was broadcast, everybody now knows about “Geofizz”. There have been many enhancements and improvements made to the devices we use. When I began, single sensors were the only instruments available, but now dual or even multiple sensors are the norm, and much of the time these are “driven” by GPS systems, which means you no longer have to set out grids.

On the negative side, because of the current economic downturn, the last few years have seen a constant reduction in the amount charged per hectare, to the point where it is now becoming difficult to make a living doing geophysical surveys alone.

Is your survey work always related to archaeology?

My surveys do tend to be, although quite often you discover things which are useful to farmers, such as the location of field drains and water pipes. Other practitioners specialize in the detection of unexploded ordnance, which is potentially a much more dangerous activity!

Do you usually work alone?

When I began doing geophysical surveys, we always used to work as a team, with two or three of us out in the field, taking turns to use the machine. Nowadays, I usually work alone, which requires a particular kind of mindset. You spend much of the day walking up and down, often in muddy fields miles away from anyone, so you need to enjoy your own company!

How much of your own equipment do you have and how often do have to hire it in?

I currently don’t have my own kit, so I have to hire it in each time I do any fieldwork.

What is the balance of your working week in terms of fieldwork and deskwork?

This varies depending on the time of year, and of course the weather. I try to get out in the field when the weather is good, and save the data processing and report writing for the more inclement days, but it’s not always possible to do it that way.

What do you particularly enjoy about the work?

Getting back to the office and downloading the data. There is always a frisson of anticipation when you are about to see the first results appear on the screen. Even after twenty years, the feeling of being the first person to see the archaeological features which have been hidden for hundreds or thousands of years is still amazing. For me it’s just like excavation, when you uncover artefacts which have not been touched since the person who buried them placed them into the ground.

And the worst thing?

Working on clay in the winter, and I write this with feeling, having spent weeks this winter doing just that!

What do you think are essential study subjects for a young person wanting to go into this field?

This depends on what part of the discipline you are interested in. If you want to create and build the equipment, then a thorough grounding in physics and electronics is required. You might then wish to do a degree in Engineering, which will provide you with the knowledge required for building the geophysical survey instruments.

If you want to get into field geophysics, then a number of routes are open to you. You could join a local society which is active in this field, (such as ERAS, with its resistivity meter). Training will be provided by people who know how to use the kit, and there is a friendly atmosphere in which to learn how to survey (generally by making mistakes!). It is much less common for societies to own magnetometers, as they are so much more expensive to buy than resistance meters.

If you want to get professional training, then the taught MSc course at Bradford (Archaeological Prospection – Shallow Geophysics) is a good place to start. A degree in archaeology or another related subject is required for entry to the course.

With many thanks to James, of Geophys.biz based at Manor Farm, West Heslerton in North Yorkshire.

New members

ERAS has a fairly big turnover of members nowadays. Current membership stands at 243 addresses, although many of these are couples or families, so the actual number of members is higher than that. The university lecture format is perhaps not the best way of meeting new members - the Field Studies sessions in Beverley being a better bet. Below are some of the people who have joined lately.

Mr and Mrs Fincham joined ERAS in January this year. They recently moved to Beverley from Suffolk and wanted to find out what was going on in the area, that fitted with their interests – one of which is archaeology. They are newly retired and although they haven't managed to make it to a meeting yet, we look forward to seeing them perhaps at Field Studies or at an ERAS event over the summer.



Cherie Blenkin

Cherie from Roos, in Holderness, originally studied design and interiors, but now works freelance with vulnerable adults and children, as well as being an elected Parish Councillor. She likes history, photography and architecture and is hoping to publish a book to promote East Yorkshire, based on the author JRR Tolkien, which discusses his stay and possible inspiration whilst in Roos, Holderness during the first World War. Cherie volunteered at the Star Carr excavations last year and was delighted to find a Mesolithic axe. She is hoping to assist the team again on this year's project. They suggested Cherie might like ERAS, and by joining the Society she hopes to broaden her historical knowledge of the area and perhaps even unearth more buried finds.

Keeping in Touch

Sophie Adams, who gave ERAS the very interesting and comprehensive lecture on Iron Age brooches last year, emailed recently to say she had received her doctorate. Well done Dr. Adams.

And New Books

East Riding Archaeologist, Volume 14

Volume 14 of our own ERAS publication, edited by Dave Evans is almost ready to go to print and will be out in time for the new lecture season in September (or possibly before that). ERAS members receive it free of charge and if you can pick yours up from a lecture or Field Studies meeting it saves us a hefty amount of postage.

The Parisi: Britons and Romans in Eastern Yorkshire. By Dr. Peter Halkon

This new book, published by History Press in October 2013 is well produced, with good crisp maps, plans and photographs, some in colour. It is a good buy, detailing the Iron Age and Romano-British period in East Yorkshire, but setting it into a wider European context. The book is currently selling well and is into its second print run.

£19.99 pp288 pb ISBN 9780752448411 History Press

Available from bookshops or from Peter

A.P.Halkon@hull.ac.uk

Roman Yorkshire; People, Culture and Landscape. By Patrick Ottaway

Another new book from a Yorkshire archaeologist, Patrick Ottaway's contribution to Roman studies was published by Blackthorn Press late last year. It has had good reviews and a flyer with further details is included in with this newsletter.

Prehistoric Yorkshire

This journal of the Prehistoric Research Section of Yorkshire Archaeological Society (YAS) edited by Keith Boughey, is a useful publication, to keep you up to date with research in the region and with new books and papers and Portable Antiquities Scheme finds. In A4 format, spiral bound with 126 pages and many full colour photographs of artefacts, it has reached Vol. 51. It comes free if you join YAS and then pay the extra £6 to join the Prehistoric Research Section.

ISSN 2048-0997

Prehistoric Yorkshire. By Jan Harding

Not to be confused with the above journal, this major publication is due out in late June 2014. Comprehensive and fully illustrated, it will be a 'must-have' for anyone studying the prehistory of this area.

177pp ISBN 9781848682399 Amberley

Hathor – A Reintroduction to an Ancient Egyptian Goddess

Look out for ERAS member Lesley Jackson's new book due out soon, published by Avalonia Books.

(avaloniabooks.co.uk).

**East Riding Archaeological Society
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,**

**7.00pm WEDNESDAY 16th APRIL 2014
ROOM S1, WILBERFORCE BUILDING, HULL
UNIVERSITY**

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Minutes of the 2013 AGM**
- 3. Matters arising**
- 4. Secretary's report**
- 5. Treasurer's report**

- 6. Election of officers**

Committee nominations are:	Chairman
Fiona Wilson	
	Vice Chairman
Rod Mackey	
	Programme
Secretary Richard Coates	
	Secretary
Rose Nicholson	
	Editor
Dave Evans	
	Treasurer
Kate Dennett	
	Website Officer
Dave Clarke	
	Field Studies
Officer Graham Myers	
	Marketing
Officer Samantha Braham	

Any other nominations for the above posts should be sent to the secretary in writing no later than April 9th. Members wishing to nominate someone should seek that person's agreement before doing so.

- 7. Election of five ordinary committee members**
Ordinary committee members who are willing and eligible to stand for election are Angela Fawcett, Colin Parr, Nicola Reily, Val Reily and Katherine Roe.

We have five nominations for five places. Further nominations are most welcome and may be made in advance or from the floor of the meeting. Members wishing to nominate someone should seek that person's agreement before doing so.

Should there be more nominations than places, an election will be held for all five places.

8. Any other business

The meeting at **7.00pm** will be followed by the scheduled lecture 'The Leader Project: Five Heritage At Risk Surveys' by Richard Coates.

AGM notice

Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Until May. After the Ice.

Star Carr Mesolithic artefacts at the Yorkshire Museum, Museum Gardens, York.

A good opportunity to see the famous deer frontlets and many other beautifully made Mesolithic artefacts brought together in a small but interesting exhibition.

Thurs. 3 April, Lecture: The Clergy, the People and the English Civil Wars. Prof. Jackie Eales, National President of the Historical Association.

The Historical Association (Hull and East Riding Branch) Meetings of the local branch are at the Danish Church, in Osborne St. (Hull city centre) starting at 7.30pm Visitors welcome, £2 donation. Refreshments available.

Sat 26 April. Yorkshire Dales Day School. Grassington Town Hall. Annual event looking at results of recent research. email herinfo@yorkshiredales.org.uk or telephone 01969 652353

Fri 30 May St Andrews Church Weavertorpe. Lecture, Prof. Julian Richards: Anglo-Saxon Estates on the Yorkshire Wolds. 7.30pm, £5 incl. refreshments.

Sat. 3 May National Coal Mining Museum, Wakefield Geological exhibits and displays. 10am – 5pm For Yorkshire Geology Month.

Short geology walks to the local rock exposure on the Museum site. 11.00 Underground Tour of Caphouse Colliery. To be booked **ON THE DAY** at the NCM Reception Desk. The tourist tour, which includes a geological display, geared for children. 10.30 and 12.30 Underground walks into the drift mine. These are to be booked **ON THE DAY** at the NCM Reception Desk. This walk will be longer and more arduous than the ordinary underground tour, as it includes a long and steep walk up the drift. However, there is plenty of geological interest to see.

Afternoon session 2.15 to 4.45 - 60 min. lectures on the landscape and geology of Yorkshire's national parks – the Yorkshire Dales and the North York Moors. The event will be open free of charge to all members of the public

Sat. 31 May. Day school at Dearne Valley College, South Yorks. £18/£14 including lunch.

<http://www.elmetarchaeology.co.uk/dvad.html>

2 June-27 July. Bamburgh Castle, Northumberland, training excavation, campsite accommodation, all ages.

Contact graemeyoung@bamburghresearchproject.co.uk
<http://tinyurl.com/q7rjbjn>

Sat 7 June. Eoforwic Anglian Fishergate and pre-Viking York. At York Novotel (Anglian site). £15/10 9.45am – 4.30pm. Bookings FFH (York) 11 Grange St. York. YO10 4BH www.ffhyork.weebly.com

13-14 June. Connecting through Coinage. Free two day conference, hosted by York Museums Trust, University of York and Yorkshire Numismatic Society. Speakers include Patrick Ottaway and Prof. Julian Richards. Event free but expected to be popular so book in good time. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/connecting-through-coinage-conference-tickets-951101689>

June 8-July 19. Excavations at Roman Carsulae, Italy. Students and volunteers can gain academic credits, but costs apply. Deadline for applications March 31st. <http://sgpres.org/carsulae.html>

Star Carr Mesolithic site, North Yorkshire. For volunteering opportunities for the 2014 season, contact mike.bamforth@gmail.com

Conisbrough Castle, near Doncaster. 1 – 14 June. Community Archaeology Project. The deadline has already passed but you could still try making contact, if you are interested in volunteering or in training to be a supervisor on this excavation project. www.english-heritage.org.uk/volunteering

ERAS Geophysical Survey of Swinemoor Georgian Spa, Beverley. Details available later in the summer on our website.

6 July – 1 August. Thornton Abbey. N. Lincs. Sheffield University Field School. £195 per week. Includes camping, food and supervision. Contact Dr Hugh Willmott via email. h.willmott@sheffield.ac.uk

Brodsworth Project. Ongoing research by Universities of Hull and Sheffield, studying eight parishes west of Doncaster. Based at High Melton College University Centre, Doncaster, this year, work will be 7 days a week, 9.15am-4.15pm, throughout August. Fieldwalking, geophysical surveying and excavation. Volunteers welcome. Contact Helen Fenwick on h.fenwick@hull.ac.uk

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ERAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 2 Apr	Field Studies meeting, Beverley.
Wed 16 Apr	AGM at 7pm followed by lecture by Richard Coates The LEADER Project, Five Heritage at Risk Surveys
Wed 7 May	Field Studies meeting, Beverley
Wed 4 June	Field Studies meeting , Beverley
Fri 8 June	ERAS trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace
Wed 2 July	Field Studies meeting, Beverley
Wed 6 Aug	Field Studies meeting, Beverley
Wed 3 Sept	Field Studies meeting, Beverley
Wed 17 Sept	Lecture, Reports Meeting, A round-up of recent work in the region
Wed 1 Oct	Field Studies meeting, Beverley
Wed 15 Oct	Lecture, by Phil Abramson From Barrows to Bunkers: (The Archaeology of the Salisbury Plain Area)

Lectures are in Room S1, Hull University, Wilberforce Bldg, Cottingham Rd., Hull. 7.30pm Members free, visitors £1.

Field Studies meetings are at 7.30pm at St. Nicholas Community Centre, Holmechurch Lane, Beverley.

Contact Graham Myers on 07815 088573 for further details of Field Studies

NB Please keep an eye on our website, over the summer, for any field work or visits.

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