

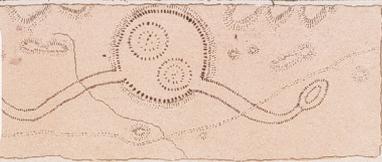
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SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF LONDON

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS AUGUST–DECEMBER 2020



Detail from 'Grand Conventional Festival of the Britons' by C. Hamilton Smith from 'Costume of the Original Inhabitants of the British Isles' (1815)



Festival of the Britons.

Published June 1816, by R. Taylor, 5, Chapel Street, London.

LIST OF ORDINARY MEETINGS

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2pm–3pm President's Annual Address

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COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

This programme may be subject to change dependant on any new regulations made by the government. Presently some of our dates are to be confirmed as speakers were no longer able to commit to being part of the programme. Lectures will be announced in due course for November 12th and 26th and the Christmas Miscellany.

ATTENDANCE AT BURLINGTON HOUSE

Attendance at our lectures may be limited for the rest of the 2020 subject to any restrictions imposed by Government in response to Covid-19.

Following social distances regulations that are now in place, numbers at our lectures are limited to 25 people and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Registration for these 25 places will be released a month in advance of each lecture. However all lectures will be live streamed either via Zoom or directly to our YouTube channel. Both our public and Fellows' lectures will be streamed and are open to anyone to join us online, numbers are unlimited.

Those attending Burlington House will be subject to temperature checks before being admitted. Hand sanitiser stations will be available at the Society.

BALLOTING PROCEDURES

We aim to resume balloting in October by temporarily suspending in-person voting due to Social Distancing, but to allow postal and electronic votes. This is subject to the Fellowship voting to accept the proposed motion at the EGM.

The results will be read at the beginning of the following Meeting and published online. Online ballots close at noon on the date of the scheduled ballot

SIGNING AND GUESTS

Fellows and guests will be signed into the Attendance Book by a member of staff. While restrictions remain in place Fellows can not bring guests to Burlington House.

CATERING

Unfortunately, we are not able to provide any catering facilities during this period.

LIBRARY

The Library will open two days a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 11 am to 4 pm with a lunchtime closure from 1 pm to 2 pm. Anyone wishing to use the Library will need to book a 2-hour slot in advance by emailing the Library and, if availability allows, they will be able to book consecutive slots. Those attending events can not avail of the Library service unless they have booked in advance. Once the Library closes at 4pm all readers will have to leave the building.

Admittance to events is only 20 minutes prior to the start time.

The Society is taking every precaution to ensure the health and wellbeing of all our staff, Fellows, and visitors to Burlington House.

PUBLIC LECTURE

14 AUGUST | 13:00–14:00

“Beautifully but shamefully printed up”: reading the erotic in sixteenth century European poetry

by Dr Linda Grant

This talk will start by looking at an infamous ‘obscene’ book from sixteenth century Italy: Pietro Aretino’s sonnetti lussuriosi and the ‘pornographic’ engravings that accompanied them, together known as I Modi. The first edition was burned on the orders of Pope Clement VII, but a defiant second edition was produced in 1527 in Venice. Using this volume as a launch pad, we will explore the concept of the ‘erotic’ in sixteenth century European poetry. ‘Erotic’ is a notoriously difficult term to pin down, whether as a description or a critical term. What is deemed ‘erotic’ in literature is relative and subjective. It is also shaped by, and understood through, historicised cultural and aesthetic norms. Linda Grant will contend that the tensions between the erotic and transgressive may be used to interrogate, possibly – even subvert – social, political and cultural hierarchies.

This is a free event but booking is essential.



PUBLIC LECTURE

08 SEPTEMBER | 12:00–13:00

Edward Burne-Jones’s 1871 Italy sketchbook

by Dr Mark Stocker FSA

In 1871 Edward Burne-Jones went on his third visit to Italy. On his trip, he took with him a small octavo sketchbook. It is now located in the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa where the speaker works as a curator. In it, there are over 150 sketches which record his response to a diversity of places, from Turin down to Rome. This was his first (and only) visit to the Eternal City and he disliked it intensely! The sketches can be categorised as landscapes, including studies of olive trees, architecture – both domestic fragments and panoramas – and copies of the mostly Early Renaissance art that most inspired him, while occasionally there are definite touches of his whimsical humour. The sketchbook is also interspersed with pithy observations about his responses to the art he saw and the people he met. If there was ever a one-shilling sketchbook that punched above its weight, it is this one. This lecture will look at its significance.

This is a free event but booking is essential.



EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

26 SEPTEMBER | 12:00–13:00

Council have proposed changes to the Society’s Statutes, the result of which will be announced at this meeting.

Places at Burlington House are restricted and can be booked via our website. Fellows are encouraged to join the meeting online but registration is required to receive the link. You must register to be sent the link to join this meeting as it will not be streamed publicly.

*Fellows Event: Open to Fellows

ANNIVERSARY MEETING

26 SEPTEMBER | 14:00–15:00

President's Annual Address

The formal business of the meeting will take place and the Presidents' address will follow. Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions there will be no anniversary reception to follow.

Places at Burlington House are restricted and can be booked via our website. Fellows are encouraged to join the meeting online but registration is required to receive the link.

*Fellows Event: Open to Fellows only.

PUBLIC LECTURE

06 OCTOBER | 13:00–14:00

The Battle of Brunanburh: new light on the 'Great War' of the Tenth Century.

by **Prof Michael Wood FSA**

This lecture will look at one of the most famous events of the Viking Age. In AD 937 a Viking and North British coalition invaded England, only to be defeated by the English King Athelstan at a place called Brunanburh. A generation later, according to the chronicler Æthelweard, the battle was described by the man in the street as 'The Great War'. Long the subject of controversy, the site is still unidentified, but over the last forty years a consensus has grown that it should be located on the Wirral. Reviewing the evidence from texts, coins and place names, and setting the war in the context of the politics of Northumbria, North Britain and the Irish Sea in the Viking era, Michael Wood will offer a new perspective on arguably the most significant battle to have taken place in Britain in the five centuries before Hastings.

This is a free event but booking is essential.

ORDINARY MEETING / EVENING LECTURE *Ballot

08 OCTOBER 17:00–18:00

From Shibayama to Stonehenge: William Gowland – pioneer of archaeology in Japan and England

by **Dr Simon Kaner FSA & Dr Luke Edgington-Brown**

William Gowland, former Vice President of the Antiquaries, is perhaps most famous for his excavations at Stonehenge at the start of the 20th century. Between 1872 and 1888, working at the Osaka Mint, Gowland established his archaeological credentials through a series of surveys and investigations of over 400 mounded tombs in Japan as well as visiting sites in Korea. Of particular significance was his meticulous excavation of the now long destroyed Shibayama mounded tomb. He published his findings in *Archaeologia*, the then journal of the Society. Some of the Japanese sites he studied are included in those inscribed in July 2019 as UNESCO World Heritage. This lecture will also review some of the findings of the Gowland Project, which has spent the last decade studying the unique archive of kofun-related artefacts and associated materials held by the British Museum, where they were deposited by Gowland on his return to the UK following his sojourn in Japan.

*Fellows Event: Open to Fellows & their invited guests.

ORDINARY MEETING / EVENING LECTURE *Ballot

15 OCTOBER | 17:00–18:00

Rapa Nui's (Easter Island) archaeology and heritage: changing narratives and current issues

by Prof Susan Hamilton FSA

Rapa Nui is renowned for its colossal statues and the apparent dramatic end of this tradition. The lecture presents the multi-scalar fieldwork of the Rapa Nui Landscapes of Construction Project: the complex social, ideological and ecological interfaces of Rapa Nui's prehistoric past; and its intermingling with a living but eroding heritage, on an island-wide scale.

*Fellows Event: Open to Fellows & their invited guests only.

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ORDINARY MEETING / EVENING LECTURE

22 OCTOBER | 17:00–18:00

Manufactured bodies: The Impact of Industrialisation on London Health

by Jelena Bekvalac FSA

This lecture will look at the findings from an innovative bioarchaeological collaborative project to examine for the first time through large scale British archaeological human skeletal assemblages and the application of modern medical imaging the tangible impact of industrialisation to the lives and health of Londoners. The project examined the skeletal remains of over 2,000 adult males and females of all social status from the pre-Industrial and Industrial period from areas within London and Non-Metropolitan locations to enable a comparison for providing a means to gauge the impact of Industrialisation on London itself. Highlighting as well that the actual process of industrialisation was not uniform throughout the country and as such the comparison with the Non-Metropolitan assemblages enabled better capturing of the effects of living within the urbanised environs of London. The resultant data has enabled a synthesis of large scale data, notably with the comparison of post medieval assemblages not previously done and the wider impact up to the present day on how our health has changed as a result of industrialisation.

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29 OCTOBER | 17:00–18:00

Reliquae Isurianae: the antiquarian and contemporary exploration of Roman Aldborough

by Prof Martin Millett FSA

This lecture will focus on the recently published monograph *Isurium Brigantum: An Archaeological Survey of Roman Aldborough* (Rose Ferraby and Martin Millett FSA) It will pay particular attention to the analysis and re-interpretation of the antiquarian work on the site, showing how this can provide key insights when combined with selective re-excavation and survey. The volume presents the results of an extensive geophysical survey of the site together with a review of the results of antiquarian work (from the late 17th century) as well as excavations in the 20th century. The site is of especial significance for antiquarian research in the period down to 1852 when Henry Ecroyd-Smith published his *Reliquae Isurianae*.

*Fellows Event: Open to Fellows & their invited guests.

PUBLIC LECTURE

03 NOVEMBER | 13:00–14:00

Nefertiti: Queen and Pharaoh of Egypt

by Prof Aidan Dodson FSA

Nefertiti, wife of the ‘heretic pharaoh’ Akhenaten, lived during the 14th century BC, and has over the past century become one of the most iconic figures of the ancient world. This lecture will explore what we really know (and do not know) about her, and also the various misconceptions that have grown up around her and have become baked into popular views of her and her immediate family. The picture of her career has been significantly altered in recent years, both through the availability of new genetic and inscriptional evidence, and also of new analyses of material known for a long time, the latter strongly suggesting that during the last years of her life she became a fully-fledged female pharaoh. As such, she was responsible for the return to orthodoxy after her husband’s death, probably as co- ruler with Tutankhamun, whose mother she now seems likely to have been. If her mummy has been correctly identified, however, she will have died a horrific death at the hands of persons unknown, to be expunged from history, and only re-emerge as a personality 3,500 years later through the labours of Egyptologists.

This is a free event but booking is essential.

ORDINARY MEETING / EVENING LECTURE

05 NOVEMBER | 17:00–18:00

London Bridge and its houses, c.1209-1761’

by Dorian Gerhold FSA

New evidence about London Bridge and its houses in the seventeenth century, especially dimensions, makes it possible to reconstruct a plan of the bridge and houses. With this plan, and the rentals of the bridge houses, the houses and house plots can be traced back to the first survey of the houses, in 1358, only a century and a half after the bridge was built. This provides new information about the bridge and its development. The lecture will provide a new understanding of one of the most important buildings of medieval and later London, which was larger and more impressive than previously thought and was an important aspect of London’s identity. It will be based on the speaker’s book published in July 2019 by the London Topographical Society.

*Fellows Event: Open to Fellows & their invited guests.

FINANCIAL PRESENTATION TO FELLOWS

19 NOVEMBER |

Presentation of Statutory Accounts, 2019–20

by our Treasurer **Stephen Dunmore FSA**

This will be uploaded to YouTube for Fellows to view after.

*Fellows Event: Open to Fellows



‘Lamp of Knowledge’

ORDINARY MEETING / EVENING LECTURE

19 NOVEMBER APRIL | 17:00–18:00

Norwich Castle Keep

by Dr Tim Pestell FSA & Dr John Davies FSA

This lecture will look at the capital project that is ongoing at Norwich Castle Keep. The £13.5m Gateway to Medieval England project funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund began in 2019 and aims restore the castle as a 12th Century royal palace. As part of the project the original floor level for the 2,000 square foot Great Hall will be restored. The lecture will look at the impact of this work and the significance of the keep.

*Fellows Event: Open to Fellows & their invited guests.

ORDINARY MEETING / EVENING LECTURE

22 NOVEMBER | 15:30–17:00

TBC

*Fellows Event: Open to Fellows & their invited guests.

ORDINARY MEETING / EVENING LECTURE OUT OF LONDON MEETING IN YORK

26 NOVEMBER | 17:00–18:00

TBC

*Fellows Event: Open to Fellows & their invited guests and associated organisations.

PUBLIC LECTURE

01 DECEMBER | 13:00–14:00

Wee Willie & the King's Silver Trousers: A Tale of Medieval Arms & Armour from the Society of Antiquaries Library

by Dr Ralph Moffatt

The Society has in its care a very rare document. Dating from the reign of Edward III, this scrap of parchment contains a wealth of detail as to the arms and armour used in the court of a king obsessed with war, jousting and tournaments. The details of its content can be unpicked and its vocabulary explained. Using objects and artworks from Glasgow Museums' fantastic collections for illustrative purposes, this lecture will provide some insight into the glittering (but sometimes greasy) world of medieval arms and armour. There will also be a solution to the riddle of Wee Willie and the royal silver trousers!

This is a free event but booking is essential.

ORDINARY MEETING / EVENING LECTURE

03 DECEMBER | 17:00–18:00

Changing Skins: Exploring the use of animal products in Late Bronze and Early Iron Age Costume.

by Dr Peter Hommel

The lecture builds on interest in the so-called ‘Scythian’ cultures of the Early Iron Age. It includes samples from the famous burials at Arzhan II and Pazyryk as well as the more representative graves excavated by colleagues at the Institute for the History of Material Culture in St Petersburg and a range of other comparative materials. The initial project was financed by the Janet Arnold Fund of the Society of Antiquaries in 2019, but significantly extended with laboratory and analytical support from the Max Planck Institute in Jena.

*Fellows Event: Open to Fellows & their invited guests.

CHRISTMAS MISCELLANY / EVENING LECTURE

12 DECEMBER | 17:00–18:00

Join us for a selection of papers on a wide range of themes.

A newly found old English Runic Inscription and its decipherment
by Prof John Hines FSA & Dr Simon Maslin FSA

Further papers TBC.

*Fellows Event: Open to Fellows & their invited guests.

CHRISTMAS PARTY / MULLED WINE RECEPTION

12 DECEMBER | 18:00–19:30

Subject to Covid-19 restrictions

Further information will be announced closer to the date.

*Fellows Event: Open to Fellows & their invited guests.

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BURLINGTON HOUSE CLOSINGS

The Society's apartments at Burlington House (including the Library and Fellows' Room) will be closed for the Christmas holidays from Wednesday 23 December until Monday 4 January 2021.

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