

FRIENDS

of the

CANTERBURY ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

Newsletter 99 spring 2016

Dear Friends,

A brief note to explain the attenuated format of Newsletter no 99!

Trust staff are exceptionally busy, fully committed to field projects and post-excavation activity, and particularly preparations for the imminent anniversary exhibition **40years: Canterbury Archaeology Trust**, together with the production of the accompanying review of four decades of discovery. As the latter are urgent preoccupations for those concerned with publications, the FCAT committee has agreed to a format for Newsletter 99 which focuses on providing timely notice of the extensive programme of activities on offer to members in the next few months. Members will receive their copies of the 40th Anniversary review early in April and, later in the summer, the 100th edition of the Newsletter will compensate for the absence of editorial in the 99th.

Chief amongst the highlights immediately forthcoming are those associated with the exhibition at the Beaney House of Art & Knowledge in Canterbury, open from Friday 25 March to Sunday, 24 April. On **Thursday, 31 March from 6pm** Friends are warmly invited to a private view of the exhibition in the presence of the Lord Mayor. Refreshments very kindly will be provided by the Beaney. I hope to see many of you there. Also note in the listings below the free Family Event and various public lectures at the Beaney coinciding with the exhibition. If you would like to participate in the exhibition by volunteering as a steward, please contact Marion. Green@canterburytrust.co.uk or call Marion on 01227 825251 for information.

The busyness of the end of March and April is emphasised by the innovative "Medieval Canterbury Weekend", Friday 1 April to Sunday 3 April with which FCAT is associated. You will find below details of how to access information on the exciting programme of lectures and visits.

With good wishes,

Anthony Ward, Chair FCAT

SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS 2016

Saturday 12th March 2016, 10am to 4pm

ARCHAEOLOGICAL REPORT WRITING

Taught one-day course, tutor Dr Jake Weekes

92a Broad Street, Canterbury CT1 2LU. Fee: £40 (£35 for Friends of CAT)

This course provides a step-by-step guide to the preparation and writing of archaeological reports. Students will be introduced to the different levels of reports, from those reporting negative results, through interim, assessment, analysis and publication reports. The course explores the different options for publication and dissemination, including 'grey literature', online, journal articles and monographs. Templates for different types of reports will be provided, along with examples of short reports.

Book online at www.canterburytrust.co.uk/community_archaeology/archaeology-courses/

Saturday 19th March 2016, 10am to 4pm

FIRST STEPS IN ARCHAEOLOGY

Taught one-day course, tutor Dr Andrew Richardson

92a Broad Street, Canterbury CT1 2LU. Fee: £40 (£35 for Friends of CAT)

Anyone can get involved in archaeology and this day school provides the perfect introduction to the subject. After examining what archaeology is, the course will go on to cover a wide range of topics, including time periods and how we date things, sources and types of evidence, archaeological methods and practices, and different types of archaeology. Guidance will be available on how to take your interest further, either through additional training, higher education or as a volunteer. No previous experience or knowledge is required. Students will get the chance to handle a range of artefacts during the day.

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Friday 25 March to Sunday 24 April

40years: CANTERBURY ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

The Front Room, Beaney House of Art & Knowledge, 18 High Street, Canterbury

Canterbury Archaeological Trust was founded in 1976 and has since carried out thousands of projects. This exhibition celebrates the achievements and discoveries of the last 40 years, covering key sites, finds and buildings, as well as innovative educational and community work.

Saturday 25 March, Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 April, 10am to 3pm

THE LITTLE DIG

Family event

The Learning Lab, Beaney House of Art & Knowledge, 18 High Street, Canterbury

A chance for 5 to 11 years olds to be an archaeologist. Come and have a go with Canterbury Archaeological Trust's popular 'Little Dig' under the supervision of the Trust's Education Officer, Marion Green. Children get the chance to safely excavate real archaeological artefacts from clean sand within a safe indoor setting. Hands-on educational fun for all!

Thursday 31 March, 6pm-7.30pm

40years: CANTERBURY ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

Evening reception

The Front Room, Beaney House of Art & Knowledge, 18 High Street, Canterbury

A chance for Friends to mingle with Trust staff and other guests whilst viewing the exhibition. Refreshments provided.

Friday 1 April – Sunday 3 April

MEDIEVAL CANTERBURY WEEKEND

A series of events is planned for this weekend celebrating medieval history in Canterbury. Mainly centred at Old Sessions House, Canterbury Christ Church University and Canterbury Cathedral Lodge, speakers include Richard Gameson, Helen Castor, Dan Jones, Louise Wilkinson, David Starkey, Michelle Brown, Ian Mortimer and Paul Bennett. Tickets: £10 per event, FCAT members £8 per event.

Full details and booking: Canterbury Christ Church University, Arts & Culture booking office, which is located on the ground floor of Augustine House, Rhodaus Town. Tel. 01227 782994/863690, or online: www.canterbury.ac.uk/medieval-canterbury

Saturday 9 April, 2–4pm

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF WESTGATE GARDENS

Public talk by Dr Jake Weekes

The Learning Lab, Beaney House of Art & Knowledge, 18 High Street, Canterbury

Come and hear the archaeological story of Westgate Gardens, where there is more than meets the eye! Learn about the recent community excavations which explored the line of Roman Watling Street and see some of the many finds unearthed. Booking via the Beaney.

Thursday 14 April, 6–7pm

CAT@40

Public talk by Dr Paul Bennett

The Learning Lab, Beaney House of Art & Knowledge, 18 High Street, Canterbury

Paul will talk about the highlights of the last 40 years of archaeology in Canterbury, Kent and further afield. He will also reveal the latest work of the Trust and look forward to 'the future of Canterbury's past'! Not to be missed. Booking via the Beaney.

Thursday 21 April, 6–7pm

CANTERBURY'S MEDIEVAL COMPUTER: THE DISCOVERY OF THE QUADRANS NOVUS AT THE HOUSE OF AGNES

Public talk by Andy Linklater

The Learning Lab, Beaney House of Art & Knowledge, 18 High Street, Canterbury

In 2005, archaeologist Andy Linklater discovered one of the most unusual objects found in Trust excavations, a *quadrans novus*. Dating back to the 1300s, these complex scientific instruments are very rare; this is only the seventh known in the world. What was it used for? Who used it? How important is it? Come and hear about its discovery and learn more of the story of this medieval treasure. Booking via the Beaney.

Six Tuesday evenings from 3 May until 7 June 2016, 6.30–8.30pm

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF 'UP ON THE DOWNS'

Evening course, tutors Paul Bennett, Keith Parfitt and Andrew Richardson Education Room, Dover Museum, Market Square, Dover. Free (£10 refundable deposit).

These classes, led by senior staff of the Trust, will give an overview of the archaeology of the 'Up on the Downs' scheme area. The classes will examine what we know of this rich heritage, stretching over several hundred thousand years from the Lower Palaeolithic, or Old Stone Age, up to the remains of the epic conflicts of the twentieth century.

Full details and booking via: uponthedowns.org.uk/Get-Involved/Whats-On/

Saturday 21st May 2016

DOVER MARINA OPEN DAY: THE DOVER BRONZE AGE BOAT REPLICA

Dover Marina, CT17 9BN

The half-scale replica of the Dover Bronze Age boat will be at the Open Day again this year, so if you want to come along and see it in action, speak to the team, or have a paddle yourself, we'll see you there! More details can be found at: www.doverport.co.uk/marina/marina-openday-2016/

Saturday 18 June 2016, 10am to 4pm

Wednesday 25 May 2016, 7–9pm

SOUTH FORELAND LIGHTHOUSE: MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

FCAT lecture by Dr Andrew Richardson

Ng07 Newton, Canterbury Christ Church University, North Holmes Road campus, Canterbury. Donation requested: £2 for Friends, £1 Students, £3 for others.

Hear about the fascinating story of South Foreland lighthouse and our recent work there with staff and volunteers from the National Trust. South Foreland was the first lighthouse in the world to display an electric light, just one of its several claims to world firsts. Andrew will reveal the long and varied history of the site, from unexpected Romans, medieval hermits, Marconi and his radio experiments, to the lighthouse at war.

LANDSCAPE ARCHAEOLOGY

Day course, tutor Dr Andrew Richardson

Education Shelter, Samphire Hoe and Whinless Down, Dover. Free (£10 refundable deposit).

An introductory course using local case studies to demonstrate how to interrogate the land around us for signs of the past. An afternoon visit to nearby Whinless Down will explore this fascinating area and put the concepts introduced in the morning session into practice. Full details and booking: uponthedowns.org.uk/Get-Involved/Whats-On/2016/Landscape-Archaeology.aspx

Wednesday 22 June 2016, 7–9pm

A BRONZE AGE PERSPECTIVE ON MIGRATION AND EUROPEAN UNITY

FCAT lecture Dr John Hammond

Ng07 Newton, CCCU, as 25 May. Donation requested: £2 for Friends, £1 Students, £3 for others.

Britain was physically separated from continental Europe until around 5,000 BC. On the eve of an historic referendum, hear how cultural, social and economic links remained strong through to the Bronze Age and beyond.

Monday 20 to Sunday 26 June 2016, 10am to 3pm daily

WESTGATE PARKS COMMUNITY DIG

Dr Jake Weekes will lead a further excavation to investigate the course of Roman Watling Street, at its river crossing just outside London Gate. Come along to view or come along to help! Visitors welcome at any time. To volunteer contact jake.weekes@canterburytrust.co.uk. Places are limited so book early. Guided visits available at the Westgate Parks Open Day on Saturday 25 June. A special guided excursion for the Friends will depart from 92A Broad Street at 2pm.

Monday 11 July to Saturday 6 August 2016, 10am to 4pm

EAST WEAR BAY ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL

Wear Bay Road, Folkestone.

The second season of our Field School. The focus this year will be on the completion of the 2015 trench which revealed a round-house and area for the manufacture of quern stones, both probably dating to the first century AD. Places are available for training courses of one to four weeks duration, or for one-day experiences (fees payable). Limited volunteer places are available for experienced diggers (able to help train and supervise students), finds processors and guides. The site will be open to visitors daily.

Contact andrew.richardson@canterburytrust.co.uk or visit the Trust website for more details: www.canterburytrust.co.uk/community_archaeology/east-wear-bay/

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