

Dear Member,

Welcome to the September CBA e-newsletter, our first update since before the summer - and what a summer it's been for archaeology.

For two weeks in July our Festival of Archaeology saw thousands of people of all ages participating and learning at events up and down the UK. We would like to say a massive thank you to everybody who took part and volunteered to make it one of our most successful ever festivals. Next year's dates are now confirmed - read all about it below.

The CBA has been very active at the ongoing Public Examination of the latest proposals for the [proposed tunnel at the Stonehenge](#) linked with the A303. We continue to raise concerns about the Highways England proposals and stand up for the archaeology of the World Heritage Site.

In July the CBA welcomed a new Communications and Marketing Manager, James Rose - that's me! I'm delighted to be coming on board at a very exciting time for an organisation with real ambition to grow and evolve over the coming years and I'm looking forward to meeting many CBA members along the way. You can get in touch at jamesrose@archaeologyuk.org

Dates announced for Festival of Archaeology 2020



After a hugely successful [2019 CBA Festival of Archaeology](#), we can confirm

that 2020's programme of events will take place from **11th-26th July**.

The 2019 Festival saw over 1000 events held across the UK attended by hundreds of thousands of people, kicking off with a launch event at the British Museum in London. You can read a brief summary of activities in our [Festival Blog](#).

This year's theme was [#ArchaeoTech](#), with participants taking place in a huge range of activities to learn about archaeology, from Geophysics to [3D modelling](#). Next year's theme will be announced very soon, along with details of how you can get involved by hosting or attending an event.

Festival activity continued in cyberspace with July 17th's [#AskAnArchaeologist](#) day trending on Twitter and prompting hundreds of thousands of questions and answers worldwide. On July 22nd we turned our social media accounts over to our young volunteers and [hosting blogs](#) from archaeologists from all over the world for our [#DayInArchaeology](#).

A huge thanks to everybody who helped to make this year's event happen, from volunteers to participants of all ages to CBA staff - and our partners and funders [Historic England](#), [Cadw](#), [English Heritage](#), , [ICM](#), [Towergate](#) and the [National Lottery Heritage Fund](#).

CBA Annual Archaeology Day 2019: 22 November 2019



The Council for British Archaeology's Annual Archaeology Day is now confirmed for **22 November 2019**, and will be held in London.

In the afternoon, you can hear about the work of the CBA over the past year at the AGM, this year taking place at the [Society of Antiquaries of London](#), the same venue that was used for the very first CBA meeting held 75 years ago.

The ceremony for the [Marsh Archaeology Awards](#) (see below) will take place, followed by the 2019 [Beatrice de Cardi](#) lecture. We are delighted to announce that this year's lecture will be delivered by [Richard Osgood](#), an award-winning archaeologist and co-founder of [Operation Nightingale](#), an initiative that uses archaeological fieldwork to aid the recovery of wounded veterans.

We will be announcing the format of the morning session and ticketing details very soon, but for now - save the date!

Roman Mosaic uncovered by Boxford History Project



An astonishingly well-preserved Roman mosaic - one of just three of its kind in the world - [has been uncovered](#) in the West Berkshire village of Boxford.

The [Boxford History Project](#), which received a grant of £1000 from the CBA's [Mick Aston Fund](#), first uncovered the mosaic in 2017. The project has been running since 2011 and has previously uncovered the remains of a large Roman villa, a bath house and a farm building.

The mosaic depicts a mythical chariot race for the hand of a princess. It was open to the public to view on Saturday 31 August, but will now be carefully reburied because of its location on private arable farming land.

Stone Age boat building site discovered

The [Maritime Archaeological Trust](#) have discovered what is believed to be the oldest boat building site in the world, close to the Isle of Wight.



Now underwater, the 8,000 year old site was still part of mainland Europe at the time it was used by humans. It is thought to be the 'most cohesive, wooden Stone Age structure ever found in the UK'.

First discovered by archeologists in 2005, experts could not be sure what the site had been used for. Earlier this year divers from the trust spotted the new

structure and excavations revealed a platform consisting of split timbers, several layers thick, resting on horizontally laid round-wood foundations.

Trust director Garry Momber said: "The site contains a wealth of evidence for technological skills that were not thought to have been developed for a further couple of thousand years, such as advanced wood working."

The CBA published research on the underwater excavations by Garry's team in 2011, which you can purchase from the CBA shop [here](#). Their work was also covered in a feature in [British Archaeology 121](#).

Garry talks you through the discovery in two Facebook live videos, which you can access here: [Part 1](#) [Part 2](#)

Marsh Archaeology Awards



Nominations have now closed for The Marsh Archaeology Awards 2019.

The annual accolades are organised by the Council for British Archaeology and supported by the [Marsh Christian Trust](#) to showcase excellence in archaeology.

Awards in four categories are up for grabs this year:

The **Marsh Award for Community Archaeology** recognises and promotes the results of research and/or fieldwork led by community groups which have made a substantial contribution to knowledge and wellbeing.

The **Young Archaeologist of the Year Award** is for a young person or group of young people under the age of 18 who have made an outstanding contribution to community archaeology.

The **Community Archaeologist of the Year Award** is for an individual who has inspired others to share their love of archaeology.

The **Marsh Award for Early Career Research in Archaeology** is for an early career contribution to archaeology that is judged to be outstanding or

exemplary with single or ongoing impact on the discipline.

Winners will be announced at a ceremony during the Council for British Archaeology's Archaeology Day and Annual General Meeting on 22 November.

Dinas Dinlle dig uncovers Iron Age roundhouse



A 2,500 year old Iron Age roundhouse [has been uncovered](#) during an archaeological dig at the Dinas Dinlle [National Trust](#)-owned monument in Gwynedd, Wales.

Previous archaeological activity turned up Roman coins, a carved gemstone worn in a ring and bits of pottery, indicating it was likely inhabited during the Roman occupation of Britain.

Land near the site is rapidly eroding. The fort was originally entirely enclosed, but the majority of the defences on the western side have already been lost to the sea.

Good resources to find out more about the archaeology of coastal and estuarine sites are [Cadw](#) (Wales), [CITIZAN](#) (England) and [SCAPE](#) (Scotland).

Huge Norman coin hoard discovered



A hoard of 2,528 Norman silver coins dating from the aftermath of the Battle of Hastings [has been found in north-east Somerset](#) by metal detectorists.

It's the second largest haul of Norman coins ever found in the UK, according to the British Museum. The total value of the coins would have been enough to buy a flock of 500 sheep in 1067-68.

The find has yet to be declared as treasure by the Avon coroner. If you find something you believe to have archaeological value, we would advise that you report it as early as possible to the [Portable Antiquities Scheme](#), who can advise on what you may have found and next steps to ensure that the find and its archaeological context are handled with the appropriate care.

CBA East Midlands Training Day Report

Report from Peter Allen of CBA East Midlands

On 22 June CBA [East Midlands](#) held a training day for volunteers and amateurs who have either worked on community archaeological field projects or would like to do so.

The need for training came out of a questionnaire about the difficulties that community archaeology groups had in the East Midlands in finding long-term storage for their finds collections.

At the same time, the former CBA Training Officer, Debbie Frearson, was conducting a nationwide investigation into training needs in community

archaeology groups. A planning team was then formed consisting of CBA EM committee members, Laura Binns of Trent & Peak Archaeology and Debbie.

The training programme was designed to be low cost both to the organisers and the participants. It was limited to one day; none of the organisers was paid to take part.

The structure of the day was built around three workshops. Their themes were pre-project planning; how to organise field-walking, test-pitting and an excavation; and, lastly, post-excavation procedures.

The 37 participants were divided into six groups, each on a table with a facilitator whose job it was to guide them through a discussion on the tasks that they were set on each workshop theme. The facilitators had a checklist to help them. The day was set out with three 10-minute talks about real field-walking, test-pitting and excavation projects that had been done by community groups. After each workshop there was a Q&A session with a panel of experts. Tim Evans rounded the day off with a talk about the work of [Archaeology Data Service](#).

A review of the training day is being carried out, after which it is hoped that a training template can be provided for other groups to use should they wish.

And finally...

CBA Archaeology Day keynote speaker Richard Osgood features in this [BBC Radio 4 feature](#) on how archaeology is being used to aid the recovery of service personnel injured in recent conflict.

[New research](#) from the [Must Farm](#) Bronze Age site has revealed that Britons were infected with a number of parasites including giant kidney worms that could reach up to one metre in length (!).

[British Archaeology](#) editor Mike Pitts was interviewed about his new book *Digging Up Britain: Ten Discoveries, a Million Years of History* on the [History Extra podcast](#).

Work to improve a notorious hairpin bend on the A9 in the Highlands has revealed the site of a [Stone Age hunter-gatherers' camp](#).

Scottish Archaeology month, run by [Archaeology Scotland](#), runs through

September. Check out their [programme of events](#).

We said farewell to CBA Business Administrator Claire Hulmes at the end of August. Claire has given fantastic support to the CBA, particularly in her work for the [Young Archaeologists' Club](#), and we all wish her well for her future adventures.

We'll be back next month with more of the latest news from the CBA and the archaeology community. Thank you for supporting UK archaeology through our charity, and a reminder that you can [make a donation here](#), or support us by simply spreading the word to a friend.

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