

HS2

Bucks discoveries as the excavations close

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HS2 ARCHAEOLOGY CONFERENCE 6

**will now be held on
Saturday 22 October 2022**

AFTER ITS POSTPONEMENT FROM 10 SEPTEMBER DUE TO THE QUEEN'S DEATH

**Saturday 22 October 2022, 10am–4.45pm,
at The Oculus, Bucks Council Offices, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury HP19 8FF**

PROGRAMME AND TIMINGS

9.30am: Doors open

10am: INTRODUCTION by **Jay Carver**, Lead Archaeologist, Fusion JV

- A brief Question and Answer session will follow each talk.

10.10: **Andrew Harris**, Historic Environment Manager, Fusion JV

The secret life of the farm

Farm buildings are affected all along the HS2 high-speed rail line – and every one has revealed a secret. The farm building is not ordinary at all: with hidden stairs, lost architectural masterpieces, life upstairs and downstairs, spies and saboteurs.

10.55: **Guy Hunt**, Director of Infrastructure, Museum of London Archaeology

What came before St Mary's?

For nearly 1,000 years parishioners at Stoke Mandeville worshipped in their old church unaware of what lay beneath their feet. Excavation has revealed fascinating Roman remains, placing church and churchyard in a much wider historic landscape.

11.40: BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS: coffees, teas and squash.

11.55: **Mark Collard**, Director, Rubicon Heritage

Shining new light on Grim's Ditch, Great Missenden

Surveys and excavations of the enigmatic Grim's Ditch have shown how it evolved as a late Iron Age bank and ditch, possibly reusing an earlier Bronze Age land boundary - and how the Roman period changed the landscape again.

12.40: LUNCH BREAK – teas, coffees, squash, with optional buffet.

1.10: **Edward Biddulph**, Senior Project Manager, COPA

Going to town: Assessing Roman Fleet Marston

Thousands of fieldwork records, finds and environmental samples are producing a picture of domestic, commercial, religious and other aspects of daily life in this bustling and diverse roadside market town where Akeman Street crosses several other important routeways, north-west of Aylesbury.

1.55: **James West**, Assistant Project Manager, Museum of London Archaeology

Backgrounds: 1,000 years of settlement

Where the line crosses Northamptonshire archaeologists have traced a settlement that started in the early Iron Age, in the sixth century BCA, then continued as a Roman small town, abandoned only after the Romans had left. A wealth of finds illustrates all aspects of life across a thousand years of intensive occupation, continuity in a period of great cultural changes.

2.40: BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS: teas, coffees and squash

2.55: **Tom Meharg**, Archaeologist, Connect Archaeology

From Iron Age agriculture to high-status Roman

Three sites that demonstrate the differences in material culture and agricultural practice from the adaptation of a late Iron Age rural community, assimilating to Roman influence, to a seemingly high-status Roman community with potential military connections.

3.40: **Roger Doonan**, Head of Specialist Services, Archaeological Research Services

Excavations at a deserted medieval village

The deserted medieval village of Radbourne, up the line of HS2 in Warwickshire, has been known for years but unexplored. Now the proximity of HS2 has triggered an excavation that has revealed not only much about how its medieval inhabitants lived, but also prehistoric features which show its enduring popularity as a place of settlement.

4.25: **Jay Carver** will briefly outline early results from the excavation at **Chetwode Mill**, which resulted from research by the Bucks Archaeological Society's documentary research team - and will then sum up his many colleagues' five-year investigations across Buckinghamshire.

4.45: CONFERENCE ENDS

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