

Saturday 13th April 2019

Roger White (University of Birmingham)

'An Anglo-Saxon hall at Atcham: excavations and explorations in 2017'

Cropmarks of two or three timber buildings were revealed by photography in 1975 on a gravel ridge near Atcham, Shropshire. This site is unique in the West Midlands and probably represents the centre of power of an important Saxon overlord. Following a geophysical survey of the site in 2011, Dr Roger White of Birmingham University and Janine Young of the National Trust carried out trial excavations on the site in June 2017. This talk will explore the site and the recent investigations.

2.30pm at the Shirehall, Abbey Foregate

Saturday 11th May 2019

Castle Pulverbatch site visit led by Giles Carey

Castle Pulverbatch is recognised as one of the finest examples of a motte and bailey castle in the county. In 2017 a programme of geophysical survey and UAV survey at Castle Pulverbatch took advantage of recent scrub clearance by the Friends of Castle Pulverbatch. This site visit, led by Giles Carey, Historic Environment Records Officer, Shropshire Council, will look at the castle on the light of the recent survey work.

Meet at the Castle at 2.15pm. There is parking the White Horse Inn (NGR: SJ 424 024) with limited parking at the castle itself. Cost: £3.00

Saturday 8th June 2019

Stokesay Castle and Onny Valley site visit led by David Pannett

English Heritage have recently improved the interpretation and catering facilities at Stokesay Castle. There is a lot more to explore and explain all around the castle site including the river channels, mills, bridges, building stones etc.

Meet at the Stokesay Castle car park (Post code: SY7 9AH; NGR: SO 435 817) at 2.15 pm. Fee £2.00 on the day. Optional Castle entrance extra.

Book: David Pannett 01743 850773 or jessicapannett@hotmail.co.uk

Saturday 13th July 2019: CBA West Midlands AGM (joint with CBA)

Shrewsbury Flax Mill Maltings 10.00 – 4.00pm, Talks, tours, site visits etc – see overleaf.

Saturday 21st September 2019

AGM (2.00pm) followed by Annual Lecture (2.30pm)

Heather Sebire (English Heritage Trust)

'The restoration of the Iron Bridge'

2.30pm at the Shirehall, Abbey Foregate

Saturday 12th October 2019

Ian Purchase (Friends of Attingham Park)

'John Nash at Attingham Park'

2.30pm at the Shirehall, Abbey Foregate

Saturday 9th November 2019

John Hunt (University of Birmingham)

'Pre-conquest Much Wenlock'

2.30pm at the Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND

Council for British Archaeology West Midlands Annual General Meeting 2019

This meeting is organised by **CBAWM** in partnership with the **Shropshire Archaeological and Historical Society** as a part of their programme of events for their membership.

Date: Saturday July 13th, 2019, 10.00am – 4.00pm

Venue: Ditherington Flax Mill, Shrewsbury (SY1 2SZ)

Proposed Programme:

10.00 Doors open / coffee / 'registration'

10.30 – 11.00 AGM Business Meeting

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee while prepare for talks

11.20 – 13.00 Series of 20 minute Chaired by Sheene Payne-Lunn (CBAWM Chair). Talks (in no particular order)

- Tim Jenkins (University of Chester at Shrewsbury) - The rediscovery of Vaughan's Mansion
- Giles Carey (Shropshire Council HER Officer) - Capturing the Castle: recent survey work at Caus Castle and Castle Pulverbatch.
- Paul Belford (CEO Clwyd Powys Archaeological Trust) - The Brooke family: Catholic iron masters
- Roger White (UoB) - Dating the Dark Ages, or how 30 years really makes a difference
- Richard Benjamin (Friend of Shrewsbury Flaxmill Maltings) - The restoration of Ditherington Flaxmill Maltings

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch (*not provided; participants may bring a packed lunch or visit the local Pub / shop which are only a short distance away*)

14.00 – 16.00 Afternoon activities:

- Accompanied tour of the Ditherington Mill, concluding around 15.30
- Alternative - Guided Tour of Castlefields



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