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Welcome

to *CA Live! 2024*

Dear ticket holder,

We are delighted to welcome you to our annual conference on 24 February, and to be able to share the latest archaeological news and discoveries from the UK and further afield with you. We are also excited that this one-day event is again being held in partnership with UCL's Institute of Archaeology: a leading beacon of expertise and best practice in our field with research and teaching undertaken on a global scale in the archaeological sciences, heritage studies, and world archaeology. Founded in 1937 as a centre for archaeological training, today the Institute is one of the largest and most highly regarded centres for archaeology and heritage studies in the UK.

Like last year, *CA Live! 2024* will take place at Logan Hall at UCL's Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL (see p.3 for details and directions).

Read on to discover what the conference day has in store, including the bustling marketplace of exhibitors at the Archaeology Fair, and the projects, people, and publications in the running for one of our prestigious *Current Archaeology Awards*.

We look forward to seeing you,

The *Current Archaeology* Team

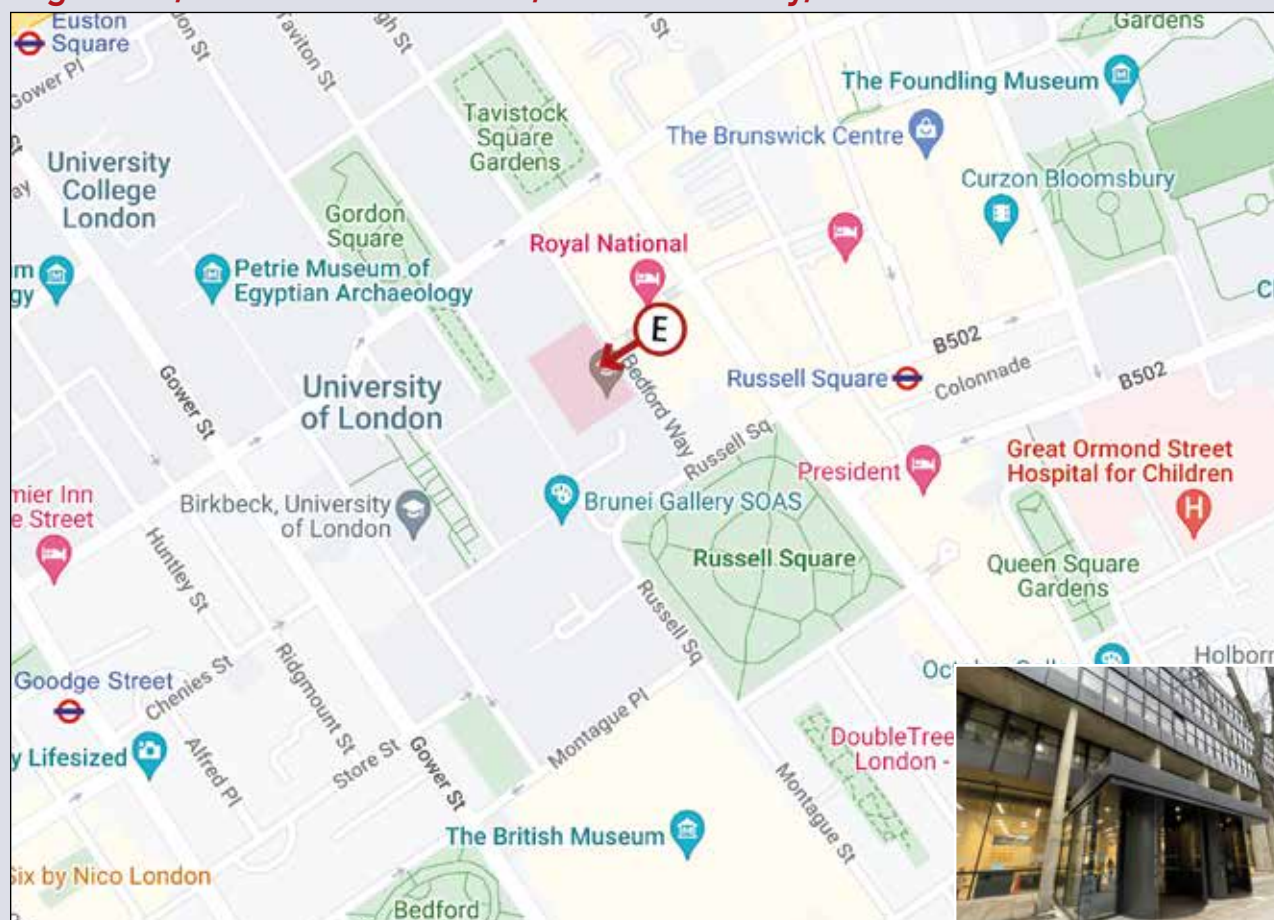
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Saturday 24 February

9.15am	WELCOME
9.30-11am	SESSION 1
	Dr Matt Pope (UCL Institute of Archaeology) <i>Solving The Mystery of The Last 'Neanderthals' of La Cotte de St Brelade</i>
	Ali Cameron and Alice Jaspars (Cameron Archaeology/University of Southampton) <i>The Missing Monastery: archaeological work at Deer 2017-2022</i>
	Nathalie Cohen (National Trust) <i>Smallhythe Explored: Roman and medieval riverside discoveries along the Kent/Sussex border</i>
11-11.30am	COMPLIMENTARY MORNING TEA
11.30am-1pm	SESSION 2
	Ashley Tuck (Wessex Archaeology) <i>Between the Salt Water and the Sea Strand: excavation of the Hornsea Project One Cable Route in the marshes of northern Lincolnshire</i>
	Professor Kevin MacDonald (UCL Institute of Archaeology) <i>Tumuli through Time in Mali and Senegal</i>
	Natasha Billson (Behind the Trowel) <i>From the Trench to the Screen</i>
1-2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2-3.30pm	SESSION 3
	Professor Julian Thomas (University of Manchester) <i>Arthur's Stone: a Neolithic Chambered Tomb in Herefordshire</i>
	Dr Brendon Wilkins (DigVentures) <i>Deep Time: Collective Intelligence and the search for our shared past, present, and future</i>
	Rachel Frame (Vindolanda Trust) <i>Breaking New Ground: excavations at milecastle 46</i>
3.30-4pm	COMPLIMENTARY AFTERNOON TEA
4-5pm	KEYNOTE SPEAKER
	Dr John Gater (Time Team/SUMO GeoSurveys) <i>Behind the Scenes of Time Team: 30 years in the media limelight ('a talk embracing archaeology, science, education, family entertainment, and the benefits of responsible drinking')</i>
5-5.15pm	THE CA AWARDS , presented by Julian Richards
	Our annual celebration of the people, projects and publications that have made an outstanding contribution to archaeology during the last year
5.30pm	LAST WORDS , conference ends

CONFERENCE VENUE:

Logan Hall, Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL



The entrance to the Institute of Education (INSET), is marked (E) on the map above.

Additional information

GETTING THERE

Logan Hall at UCL's Institute of Education is located just off Russell Square at 20 Bedford Way. The nearest tube stations are Russell Square on the Piccadilly line, and Goodge Street on the Northern line. Tottenham Court Road underground station is fairly nearby.

SESSIONS

All sessions will be held in the Logan Hall on Level 4 (lower ground floor) of the venue, which is reached via lifts or two long flights of stairs. Seats are on a first-come, first-served basis, it is a large auditorium with plenty of space for distancing if preferred.

Access to the building will be from 8.40am. A brief welcome will be given at 9.15 and the first session will begin at 9.30am. Please make sure you arrive on time to avoid disturbing the speakers and audience once the sessions have started.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

All halls and rooms are accessible and a managed evacuation process is available from areas on levels 1 and 3 of the building for persons with mobility impairment. However, it is essential that you let us know in advance if you have any mobility special needs or would require help in the event of an emergency evacuation.

We will need to book spaces for wheelchair users or those with any mobility special needs in the auditorium in advance, so please inform us if you will need any of these services. There is a hearing loop. If you require any help on the day, please do not hesitate to ask one of our team members for assistance.

PLACES TO EAT

Morning and afternoon tea/coffee and biscuits will be served during the breaks in the Jeffery Hall directly opposite the Logan Hall. For lunch, the cafe on the upper level will be open during the long break; otherwise you are welcome to bring a packed lunch, and there will be seating available in the areas around the lecture theatre for you to eat at the venue if you wish. There are also options to choose from nearby, including cafes in Russell Square Gardens and the Brunswick Centre, however please note that they are likely to be busy at this time and there may be queues.

Archaeology Fair 2024

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Current Archaeology Awards 2024

The nominees for the 16th annual *Current Archaeology* Awards are below. The awards celebrate the projects and publications that made the pages of the magazine over the past 12 months, and the people judged to have made outstanding contributions to archaeology.

The winners will be announced at 5pm on 24 February as part of *Current Archaeology Live! 2024*.

ARCHAEOLOGIST OF THE YEAR

Who deserves special recognition for their work, research, and dedication to archaeology?

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Andrew Birley

Andrew is the third generation of Birleys to work as the Director of Excavations on Hadrian's Wall, after his father, Robin Birley, and grandfather, Eric Birley. He started excavating at Vindolanda as a teenager, before getting his undergraduate degree and PhD in archaeology from the University of Leicester. Andrew became the Vindolanda Trust's Director of Excavations in 2005, its CEO in 2015, and during that time has enabled more than 7,000 volunteers to take part in research excavations on Hadrian's Wall. Widely published and often seen on TV, Andrew is the Chair of the Writing Tablet Research Committee and is heavily committed to the battle to combat the damaging effects of climate change on our historic monuments and landscapes. He currently directs two excavations on Hadrian's Wall, at Magna and Vindolanda Roman forts.



Nick Card

Since moving to Orkney more than 30 years ago, Nick has directed and managed a wide range of projects for the Orkney Research Centre for Archaeology within the UHI Archaeology Institute. He has also been involved in various aspects of research and fieldwork relating to Orkney's World Heritage Site since it was inscribed in 1999, most notably as director of the Ness of Brodgar excavation (see www.nessofbrodgar.co.uk). This project has been internationally recognised, widely reported, and the recipient of several awards, while maintaining both a community ethos and high research standards. This has all been accomplished by a dedicated team effort.



Amanda Clarke

Amanda is Associate Professor of Field Archaeology at the University of Reading. Since 1997, she has been the Director of the Archaeology Field School, located at Silchester Roman Town (Insula IX) for 18 years, then in the Vale of Pewsey for 3 years and, most recently, at Silchester, Islay, and Cookham. During these years, Amanda has developed an assessed Field School module that delivers a truly transformative experience for Reading students (and others), combining excellent research with professional training. The Field School embraces the diversity of archaeology in the field, as well as the increasing diversity of its workforce. Her credo is #itsnotalldigging, and over the 28 years of its life the Field School has seen its graduates (some 2,000 students) utilise the many skills gained to contribute fully to the archaeological profession.



BOOK OF THE YEAR

Many excellent new archaeological books have been featured in CA this year. Below are those that we feel deserve special recognition.

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Picts: scourge of Rome, rulers of the North

Gordon Noble and Nicholas Evans, CA 395

Drawing on the latest research, this book combines traditional resources with fresh perspectives and an emphasis on archaeology, providing a much-needed, comprehensive, and up-to-date survey of the Picts.

The Rise and Decline of Druce Farm Roman Villa (60-650 CE): excavations 2012-2018

Lilian Ladle, CA 397

Bringing together detailed discussions and substantial specialist reports, this book will stand as a reference point for villas in Dorset and beyond.

Winters in the World: a journey through the Anglo-Saxon year

Eleanor Parker, CA 398

Engagingly and lyrically written, this book takes a fresh approach to understanding the Anglo-Saxon world-view, exploring the seasons with deft clarity and detailed references to contemporary texts.

Doggerland: lost world under the North Sea

Luc Amkreutz and Sasja van der Vaart-Verschoof (eds), CA 399

This is a comprehensive and thoughtful account of far-reaching research into a long-vanished landscape, drawing on the experiences of archaeologists and amateur collectors alike.

Lessons from Our Ancestors: equality, inclusivity, and sustainability in the Ancient World

Raksha Dave, CA 401

We don't often nominate children's books, but this one is encouraging critical thought and debate in a way that will inspire future generations.

Broken Pots, Mending Lives: the archaeology of Operation Nightingale

Richard Osgood, CA 404

This landmark publication summarises 12 years of work by Operation Nightingale, carrying out excellent archaeology and undertaking equally invaluable work to improve the wellbeing of military veterans.

Ballynahatty: excavations in a Neolithic monumental landscape

Barrie Hartwell, Sarah Gormley, Catriona Brogan, and Caroline Malone (eds), CA 405

Essential reading for those interested in Neolithic monumental complexes, this book is an all-encompassing summary of an important excavation.

The Forgotten Cemetery: excavations at Ranelagh, Co. Roscommon

Shane Delaney and Eileen Murphy, CA 405

Written in a brilliantly engaging, accessible style, but packed full of solid archaeological and scientific data, this report vividly illuminates a medieval community while never losing sight of the human story behind the finds.

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**RESEARCH PROJECT OF THE YEAR**

This has been another exceptional year for archaeological research. The following are some of the most exciting projects to have featured in CA over the last 12 months.

The Ness of Brodgar: marking 20 years of Neolithic discoveries

Ness of Brodgar Trust, CA 395

The Ness of Brodgar has recently reached 20 years of excavations, uncovering an extraordinary range of Neolithic remains that have transformed our understanding of the period.

Pondering Penwyrlod: in search of the early origins of the Cotswold-Severn long cairn and barrow group

William Britnell (Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust) and Alasdair Whittle (Cardiff University), CA 395

Recent excavations and radiocarbon dating of Penwyrlod, a Neolithic long cairn in south-east Wales, have made us rethink our interpretations of monuments of this type.

At the edge of the world: exploring early medieval asceticism on the Skelligs

John Crowley and John Sheehan (Cork University Press), CA 398

Detailed research has shed vivid light on what early monastic life was like at the edge of the known world, and how amazing feats of architecture were constructed.

Rural Romanitas: rethinking the role of villas

Martin Henig (University of Oxford), Grahame Soffe, Kate Adcock, and Anthony King (Association for Roman Archaeology), CA 399

Bringing together evidence from sites across Britain, this impressive study has called into question previous assumptions about the purpose of Roman villas, with thought-provoking results.

The bare bones: presenting a very regional Neolithic

Matt Ritchie (Forestry and Land Scotland), CA 401

Recent research has revealed fascinating new details about the people who built enigmatic communal megalithic funerary monuments on either side of the North Channel.

Archaeology on prescription: using fieldwork to support York's mental health provision

York Archaeology, CA 402

This pioneering initiative in York is using archaeology to improve the wellbeing of some of the city's most vulnerable populations, while also uncovering archaeology dating back 2,000 years.

'Tired beyond all telling': revealing the hard, often brief, lives of pauper apprentices

Durham University, University of York, and Washburn Heritage Centre, CA 403

A churchyard excavation at Fewston in North Yorkshire has provided a rare look at a rural post-medieval population from the north of England, including the lives of children who worked in the nearby mills.

A monumental mystery: unpicking the evolution of Arthur's Stone

The Arthur's Stone Project, CA 404

Important new evidence is allowing archaeologists to understand the intriguing evolution of a Neolithic monument in Herefordshire.

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**RESCUE PROJECT OF THE YEAR**

Rescue archaeology is carried out in areas threatened by human or natural agencies. The following projects highlight the vital importance of this work.

Pitch perfect: tackling a previously unknown Roman villa at Dings Crusaders RFC

Cotswold Archaeology, CA 394

Excavations on disused rugby pitches in Stoke Gifford, just north of Bristol, have uncovered the remains of an entire Roman villa estate.

Excavating Weeley Barracks: echoes of the Napoleonic Wars in Essex

Oxford Archaeology, CA 395

Investigations in Essex have revealed traces of a 19th-century military camp built to guard against the threat of a French invasion during the Napoleonic Wars.

Harpole's hidden gem: excavating early medieval Britain's most significant female burial

MOLA, CA 395

Archaeological work just outside Northampton has uncovered an internationally significant burial, furnished with a remarkable 7th-century necklace and a number of other high-status grave goods.

The Knowe of Swandro: excavating eroding archaeology in Orkney

Swandro-Orkney Coastal Archaeology Trust/Bradford University, CA 396

This multi-period site on Rousay spans the Neolithic, Iron Age, Pictish, and Norse periods of Orkney's history, and archaeologists are in a race against time and tide before it is lost to the sea.

The Gloucester: piecing together the story of a royal wreck

The Gloucester Project, CA 398

Underwater investigations of the wreck of HMS *Gloucester*, which sank off Norfolk more than 340 years ago, and ongoing analysis of recovered artefacts have revealed new details about its final voyage.

Ponteland's prehistoric past: tracing life and death on the edge of the Northumberland Coastal Plain

Archaeological Research Services Ltd, CA 399

A recent excavation of a ring-ditch in Ponteland has uncovered a number of early Bronze Age burials, revealing new details about life in prehistoric Northumberland.

Surprises from the Roman frontier: excavating Hadrian's Wall in urban Tyneside

Pre-Construct Archaeology, CA 400

Development-led excavations have revealed a previously unknown Hadrian's Wall turret in Newcastle-upon-Tyne – the first to be discovered in more than 40 years, and the largest to-date.

Excavating Ankerwycke: from priory to pleasure ground

National Trust/Surrey County Archaeological Unit, CA 404

Ongoing excavations and conservation work are shedding new light on how a riverside site evolved from a medieval nunnery to a Tudor residence, and finally to a 19th-century pleasure ground.