



BAS News

Berkshire Archaeological Society - May 2016

BAS Annual Conference - A Great Success!

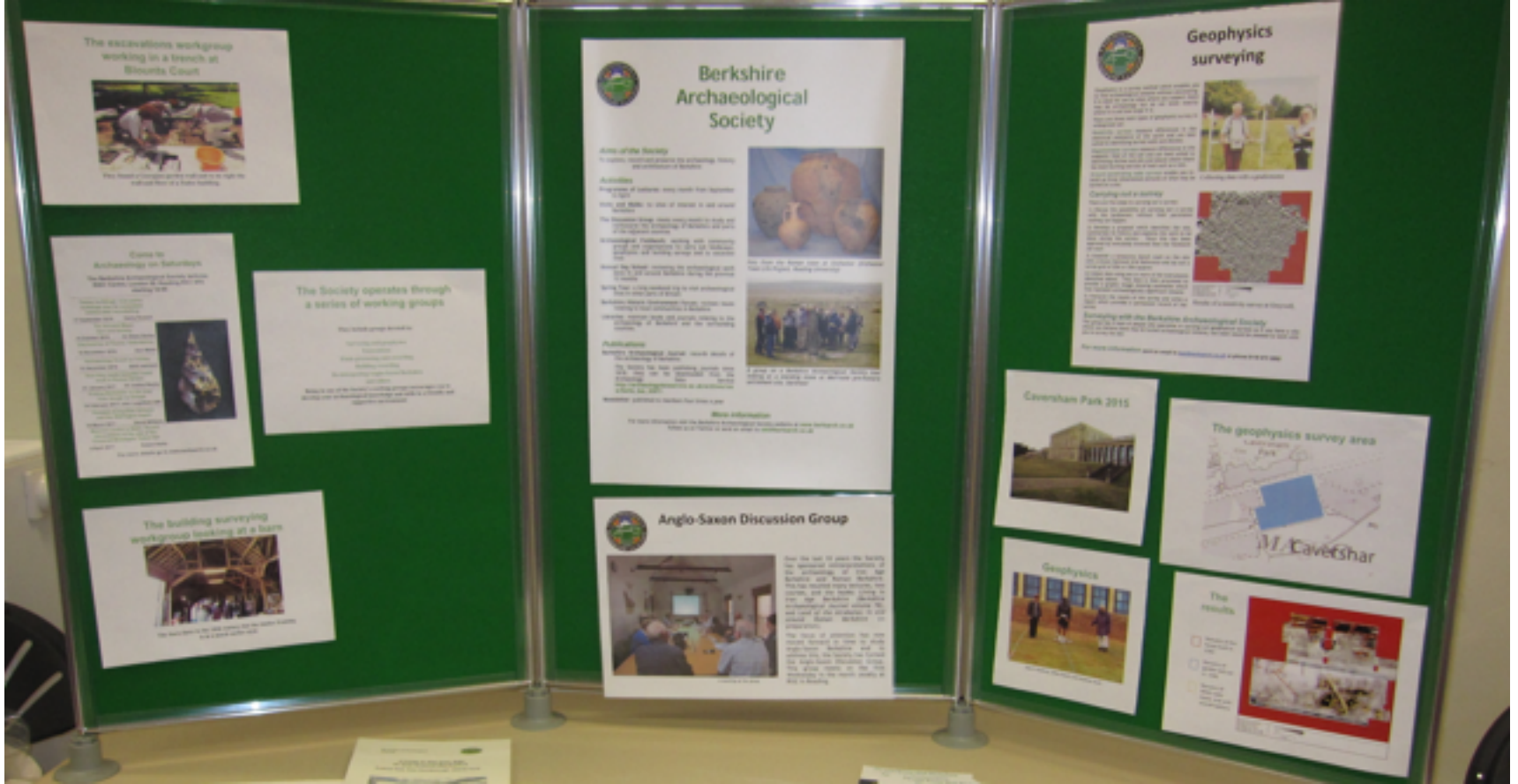


BAS hosted a full programme of speakers at a well attended Annual Conference in Newbury on April 6th.

Our Chairman, Ann Griffin, is photographed here with Phil Harding (Wessex Archaeology) and Cathy Barnett (University of Reading).

Read the report [here](#)

RECENT EVENTS



West Berkshire Heritage Road Show

On Saturday 16th April 2016, the West Berkshire Museum was given over to the West Berkshire Heritage Roadshow, an event where 16 groups and societies put up stands to explain to the public the work they were doing. I went along with a stand to represent the Society (see photo above) with a theme that practicing archaeology is a team sport and pictures of the excavation and the barn survey at Blounts Court, the geophysics at Caversham Park, a new poster advertising the work of the Society and copies of the last three issues of the Berkshire Archaeological Journal.

During the day some 50-60 people came past. I was surprised to find myself using the journals to answer people's questions about their local archaeology and as result I have had offers of two new projects and several people expressed an interest in joining us.

Andrew Hutt



APRIL LECTURE

The Enigma of Insula III, Silchester

A lecture given to Berkshire Archaeological Society on Saturday 16th April 2016 by Professor Mike Fulford

Professor Fulford explained what led him to excavate Insula III after spending 18 years and £5.0m excavating Insula IX. In that insula the building, known as 'house 1', which lay diagonally across the excavation trench, was found to have foundations with recycled monumental masonry in it.

[read more here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

BAS Lecture series recommences in September

Summer visits are in preparation and will be announced by email and in the next news-sheets.

Check the events list on the website [here](#)



6-9th May 2016 Spring Tour

We hope that all those booked on the BAS tour of Cornwall will have a wonderful time.

In 2017 the Tour is likely to be East Anglia, mainly Norfolk, and Lincolnshire, based in King's Lynn. It will include a 'Saxon Shore' Fort, a mill, a Saxon Church, a Roman Fort, Norwich and other historical sites. As always there will be a luxury coach to take us there and back with the usual breaks and visits on the way. There will be more details next year.



Thursday 12th May 2016 Marlow Lecture *Invitation from Marlow Archaeology*

Buildings archaeology: New evidence at Hampton Court Palace

by Deirdre Ford, Oxford Archaeology

Garden Room, Liston Hall, Marlow SL7 1DD
at 8pm

Visitors are welcome at all these events.

Entrance is £4 and £3 for members,
students £1.50.

All queries, including membership, tel:
01628 523896.

[more information](#)

Geophysics Survey at La Hyde

Last year the Society carried out a geophysics and topographical survey of the suspected site of La Hyde to the east of Sulham Lane between Pangbourne and Purley on Thames and several members of the Society enjoyed a walk round the site and lunch in the pub at Tidmarsh.

This year we are planning to return to the site to survey two more fields to the east of the field we surveyed last year. We are still discussing the details with the landowner but are expecting to be on site between 31st

May and 10th June 2016.

Martin Labram has kindly agreed to organise this event so if you would like to help please contact him by emailing Martin@m2cc.co.uk



No meeting in May. Next meeting is on:
Wednesday 1st June 2016

Anglo-Saxon Discussion Group

RISC Conference room 3, 14:00 to 16:00
[see website](#)



Tuesday 14th June 2016 Visit to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village

This site has reconstructions and remains of hall houses and sunken feature building, plus artefacts so it is well worth the trip. West Stow is near Bury St Edmonds so we will be car sharing. Several people have already agreed to drive while others have expressed an interest in being driven.

I have organised a guided tour of the site starting at 14:00. The cost of the site entrance and the guided tour is £6 per head.

If you would like to come along please send me an email or phone me.

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