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### Happy New Year!



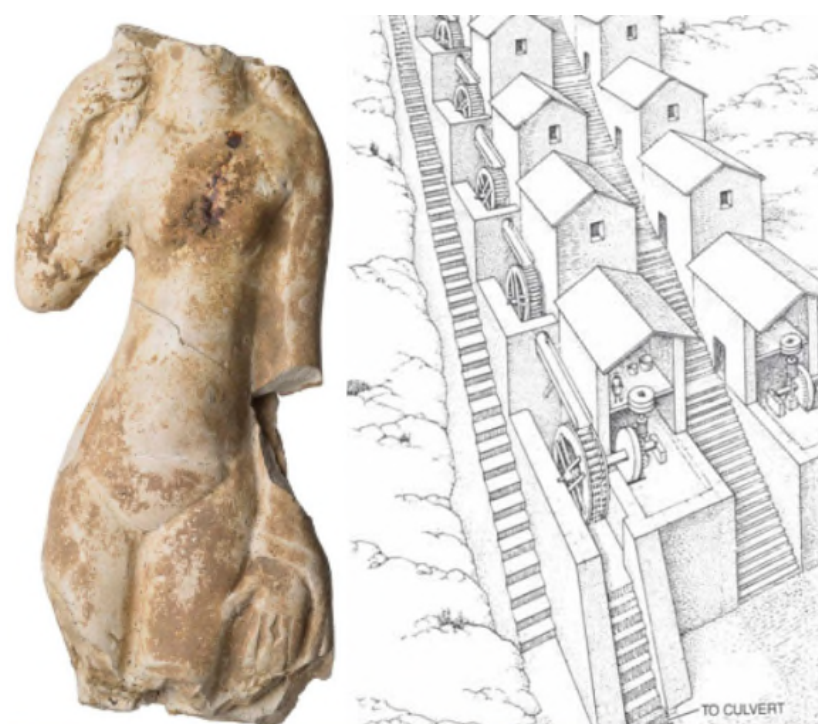
*Butser Ancient Farm in the recent snow (Petersfield Post)*

There is an exciting programme of events and activities coming up in 2018. Our regular series of lectures carries on until the summer when there are sure to be visits to places of interest. Sadly there will be no Spring Tour this year but we will publish the itinerary that was originally planned in case any members wish to follow it on their own.

The Study Group is moving to Brock Keep for a few months to see if this is a useful venue for us. It is also broadening its scope to include subjects relating to field work. Field projects may commence in April so watch this space for opportunities to volunteer.

See below for advance notice of the annual Day School in April

### PAST EVENTS



Saturday 9th November 2018

#### Lectures by BAS Members

##### **Venus Figurines in Roman Britain** by *Mathew Fittock*

An exploration of the 'Gaulish style' pipeclay figurines of Venus that have been found in Britain. Their rarity, distribution and occurrence in well-furnished graves has suggested a possible link with high status immigrants.

##### **Roman Factory in Provence** by *Andrew Hutt*

At Barbegal, some 12km north east of Arles in Provence in southern France there is a sequence of waterwheels that is the remains of a Roman factory

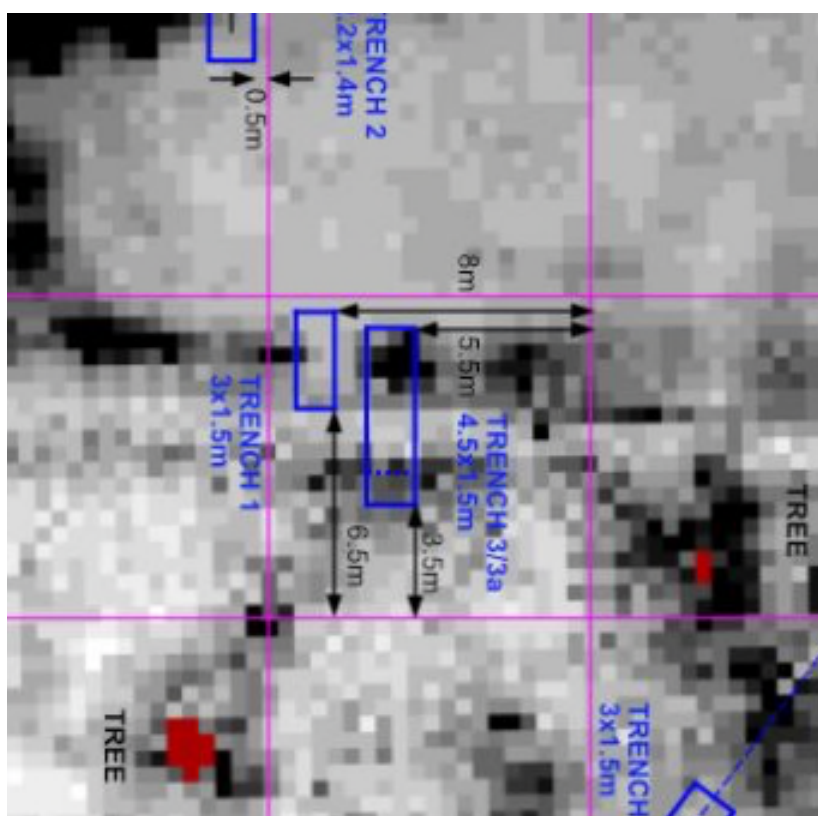
##### **European Cave Art - non-destructive visiting** by *Tim Lloyd*

Tim talked about recently opened replicas of the Paleolithic decorated caves at Chauvet and Niaux.

[full report on website.](#)



### UPCOMING BAS EVENTS



Wednesday 3rd January 2018

#### **BAS Study Group: Drawing Archaeology**

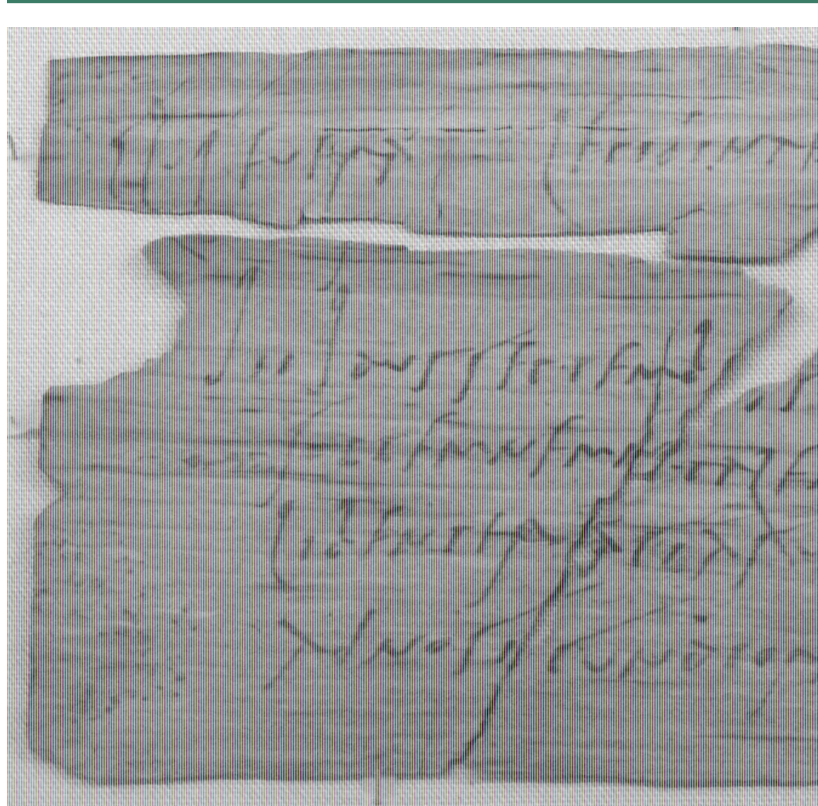
We will be dedicating this session to a demonstration of how we use computer aided drawing programs (CAD) to draw site and excavation plans - with opportunities for some hands on practice.

All members are welcome to come along to listen or participate. Please let [Andrew Hutt](#) know if you wish to attend. He can also answer any questions about what to bring.

##### **Note new venue:**

Brock Keep, 571 Oxford Road, Reading RG30 1HL.

[more details on website](#)



Saturday 20th January 2018 - BAS Lecture

#### **Roman Literacy**

by *Dr Hella Eckardt (Reading University)*

Hella Eckardt teaches provincial Roman archaeology and material culture studies. Her research focuses on theoretical approaches to the material culture of the north-western provinces and she is particularly interested in the relationship between the consumption of Roman objects and the expression of social and cultural identities.

2.00 for 2:30pm at The RISC Centre, London Street, Reading RG1 4PS

[more details on website](#)



#### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

Saturday 14th April 2018 10am to 4pm

#### **BAS Day School**

Subjects cover the Mesolithic to the Iron Age. Highlights are:  
The Mesolithic Kennet Valley by Professor Martin Bell.  
A Neolithic settlement at Datchet  
Boxford Roman villa  
Professor Fulford on the new temple found in Silchester and Nero's Brickworks at Little London.  
Plus a talk on Roman tools found in London.

St Nicolas Hall, Newbury RG14 5HG

[more details on website](#)

### OTHER EVENTS



Thursday 18th January 2018

Invitation from Marlow Archaeology Society

#### **The Archaeology of Timber-framed Buildings**

by *Trevor Ottlewski*

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

[More information here](#)



Last chance - closes 14th January 2018

British Museum BP Exhibition

#### **Scythians - warriors of ancient Siberia**

[More information here](#)



Voting open until 5th February 2018

#### **Current Archaeology Awards 2018**

There are a number of local entries that members may wish to vote for:

Research Project of the Year: Boxford Roman Villa

Archaeologist of the Year: Jim Leary and Hella Eckardt - both of Reading University

[More information here](#)

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