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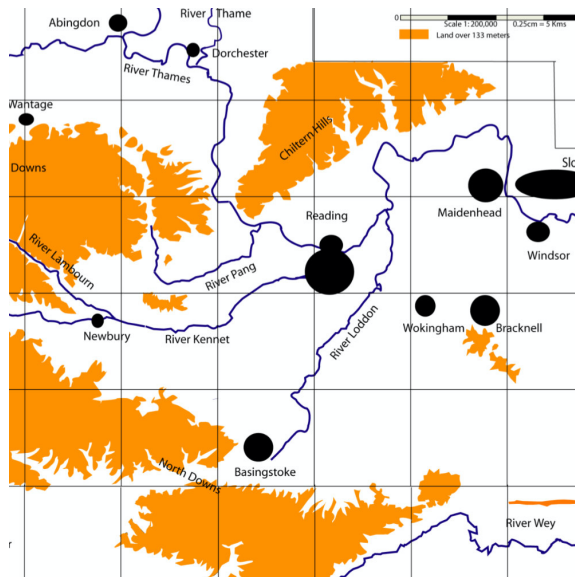
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The Sanctuary at Avebury in the morning mist (photo by Marcus Wood - [click here to see his Facebook page](#))

Sadly we should have visited Avebury together last month. A reminder that all BAS meetings are cancelled until probably September. Meanwhile the Study Group will be holding virtual meetings (see below). Last month we posted a lot of online

archaeology and history that you can access. A few more are listed below. If you know of any others to share then email webmaster@berksarch.co.uk and we'll include them in the next issue.



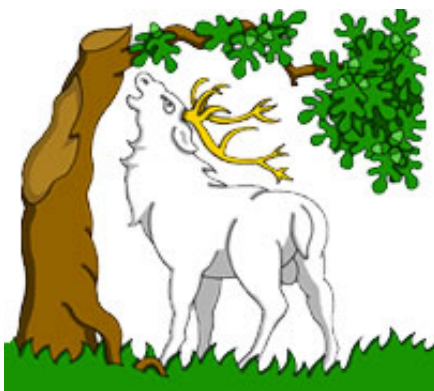
Wednesday 6th May 2020 16:00 –
BAS Study Group

Roman Berkshire 2

Skype meeting

see email from Andrew Hutt

if you have any questions [email Andrew](mailto:Andrew)



Latest newsletter available

Berkshire Local History Association

BAS are affiliated to the BHLA so members can download their latest newsletter and back issues [here](#)

READING Borough Council's (RBC) bid to purchase the Reading Gaol has been rejected by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ).



New Petition for Reading Gaol

RBC has expressed its disappointment that its bid to purchase the Reading Prison has been rejected but has now vowed to work with the successful bidder to ensure its huge historical and cultural value is recognised in any future development.

RBC has always emphasised the historical and cultural value of the vacant Reading Gaol site, particularly in the context of re-opening the Grade I listed Reading Abbey Ruins. The council's position remains that the Reading Gaol site – sitting next to The Abbey on a site of national significance – offers huge potential for heritage-led regeneration.

RBC's planning policies mean it is essential that any proposed future development of the site has provision of a cultural or historical element which draws on the significance of the Reading Prison site. Any proposals would also need to enhance the Abbey Quarter as a heritage and cultural destination. It is highly likely further archaeological assessments and investigations would additionally be needed to inform any future development.

Please sign the petition to encourage the maximum use of planning law to protect the site as much as possible.

[Sign the petition here](#)

See also:

<https://www.facebook.com/group...>

<https://twitter.com/SaveReadin...>

Online Archaeology



On the web

Archaeology Training

Not too late to catch up with these free courses:

[How to do Archaeology](#) - Learn field skills with DigVentures. Very good for anyone who has dabbled in BAS excavations - or would like to.

[Exploring Stone Age Archaeology: The Mysteries of Star Carr](#) - free Future Learn Course from the University of York

[Historic England](#) has a number of online training courses



Online Exhibitions

Virtual Museums

Many international museums have online guided tours or YouTube videos e.g. this one on the St Petersburg [Winter Palace](#)

Follow the hashtag [#MuseumsUnlocked](#) on Twitter for a wealth of images and links



Social Media

Facebook

Time Team has now started a regular Sunday teatime session where everyone is encouraged to watch a particular episode then send in questions. The answers are published in a video the following Tuesday.

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