


What's On

Berkshire Archaeological Society - February 2024

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News



Catacomb of St. Valentine


Searching for some archaeological link to Saint Valentine's Day I came across this:

The catacomb is located along Viale Maresciallo Pilsudski, at the foot of the **Parioli hill**, near a **vast pagan funerary area**, with **tombs and mausoleums** dating back to the **1st and 2nd centuries AD**. It originates in the **3rd century** with the construction of a **series of perpendicular galleries**, dug with a "trellis" pattern, with flat access. During the **4th century**, by the will of Pope Julius I, a **three-nave basilica**, with a crypt and an apse carved into the side of the hill, was erected probably in the place where the **tomb of St. Valentine** was located.

The cult of Valentine seems to date back to the Constantinian period, although this name identifies two martyrs associated to Via Flaminia, Rome and Terni. It is likely that it is the same person, a native of the Umbrian city and also venerated in Rome.

See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catacombs_of_San_Valentino

Upcoming Events




Tuesday 6th February 2024

Finds Group

7:30pm at Woosehill Community Hall, RG41 3DA

[See website](#)




Wednesday 7th February 2024

Study Group

Using an IT system to record sections and finds

2:30pm at Woosehill Community Hall, RG41 3DA

[See website](#)




Wednesday 14th February 2024

Pub Lunch

Contact Keith to book.

12pm at The Wheelwright's Arms, Davis Way, Hurst, Reading, RG10 0TR

[email Keith](#)



Saturday 17th February 2024


BAS Lecture: Silchester Environs Project

by Prof. Michael Fulford

2:00 for 2:30pm at RISC

[See website](#)

Past Events



Saturday 20th January 2024


BAS Lecture: Who we are and where do we come from

by Francis Taylor

2:00 for 2:30pm at RISC

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Other News




to 11th February 2024 - British Museum

Burma to Myanmar

Picking up the thread around AD 450, the exhibition explores how Myanmar's various peoples interacted with each other and the world around them, leading to new ideas and art forms.

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from 1st February 2024 - British Museum

Legion: life in the Roman army

What did life in the Roman army look like from a soldier's perspective? What did their families make of life in the fort? How did the newly-conquered react? Legion explores life in settled military communities from Scotland to the Red Sea through the people who lived it.

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24th February 2024 - UCL, London

Current Archaeology LIVE!

A one-day conference bringing you all the latest archaeological discoveries and research from Britain and beyond.

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Local Societies

See the links below of details of their activities:

[Berkshire Archaeology Research Group](#)

[Maidenhead Archaeological and Historical Society](#)

[Marlow Archaeology Group](#)

[South Oxfordshire Archaeological Group](#)

[Thames Valley Ancient Egypt Society](#)

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