



# What's On

**Berkshire Archaeological Society - April 2024**

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## News



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### Visit to Villa Ventorum

Our lecture season is now at an end until September. Meanwhile we have organised a group visit to the Villa Ventorum, which is a reconstruction of a Roman villa, at The Newt in Somerset. The location is about a 2 hour drive down the A303 then off at Wincanton

The guided tour is booked for 11am on Monday 10th June. The tour will take about 2 hours then we will have free time to have lunch at the cafe or restaurant and explore the gardens before heading back home.

No transport is provided other than car sharing which we will organise nearer the time. Plan on leaving Reading area about 08:30am.

If anyone wants to extend the trip and find overnight accommodation we do go past Stourhead (NT) and Stonehenge (NT & EH) or there is an art gallery in Bruton.

Please reply to Tim Lloyd on [tim.lloyd222@gmail.com](mailto:tim.lloyd222@gmail.com) by April 5th. I have booked 20 places and it will be first come first served!

<https://thenewtinsomerset.com/garden>

<https://www.exploringbuildinghistory.co.uk/villa-ventorum-at-the-newt-a-roman-estate-reimagined-part-1-looking-at-the-exterior/>

## Upcoming Events



No meeting in early April. Next meeting Tuesday 30th April 2024

### Finds Group

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



No meeting in April. Next meeting will be Wednesday 1st May 2024

### Study Group

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



Wednesday 10th April 2024

### Pub Lunch

Contact Keith to book.

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

[email Keith](#)



Saturday 5th October 2024

### Day School

Advance Notice

If you had this in your diary for April please note that it has been moved to 5th October.

## Past Events



Saturday 16th March 2024

### BAS Lecture: Iron-ing it out, Nail-ing it Down

A new multi-period methodology and typology for recording structural iron nails

by Kate Manby, University of Reading

[Read the report](#)

## Other News



to 27th April 2024 - Willis Museum, Basingstoke

### Becoming Roman – Silchester, a Town of Change

In this interactive exhibition, explore the streets of ancient Silchester as it changes from an Iron Age to a Roman town.

(Note that the BAS visit on 17th April is now fully booked)

[See website](#)



to 23rd June 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.

[See website](#)

## Local Societies

See the links below of details of their activities:

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[Maidenhead Archaeological and Historical Society](#)

[Marlow Archaeology Group](#)

[South Oxfordshire Archaeological Group](#)

[Thames Valley Ancient Egypt Society](#)

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