



What's On

Berkshire Archaeological Society - February 2025

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News



Februarius

Ancient sources derived *Februarius* from *februum*, a thing used for ritual purification. Most of the observances in this month concerned the dead or closure, reflecting the month's original position at the end of the year. The [Parentalia](#) was a nine-day festival honoring the ancestors and propitiating the dead, while the [Terminalia](#) was a set of rituals pertaining to boundary stones that was probably also felt to reinforce the boundary of the year. (from Wikipedia)

Image: Februarius panel from the 3rd-century mosaic of the months at El Jem, Tunisia (the mosaic museum is amazing!)

Upcoming Events



Tuesday 4th February 2025

Finds Group

Agenda to include:

- Finds milestones
- Agree working methods
- Practical labelling

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

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Wednesday 5th February 2025

Study Group

Agenda:
Recording an excavation
Anchurus II design

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

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Saturday 15th February 2025

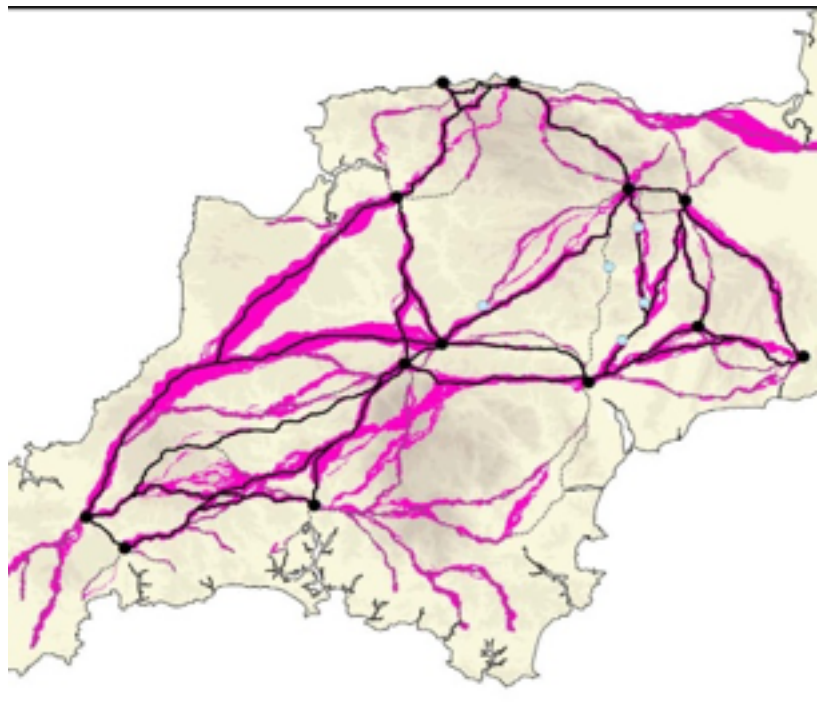
BAS Lecture: Roman Copper Alloys

By Dr. Peter Bray, University of Reading

2:00 for 2:30 pm at RISC (2:15 on zoom)

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Past Events



Saturday 18th January 2025

BAS Lecture: Mapping Roman Roads in SW England

by Dr Chris Smart, University of Exeter

[Read the report](#)

Other News



until 23rd February 2025 - British Museum

Silk Roads

This major exhibition unravels how the journeys of people, objects and ideas that formed the Silk Roads shaped cultures and histories

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1st March 2025 - University College London, Institute of Education

Current Archaeology LIVE!

An exciting line-up of expert speakers covering the archaeological spectrum from prehistory to the present day.

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Starts 15th March 2025 - Reading Museum

Roman Silchester

A series of three talks at Reading Museum & Town Hall, by Professor Michael Fulford CBE, FBA, FSA, Professor of Archaeology at the University of Reading.

Best to book early!

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Local Societies

See the links below of details of their activities:

- [Maidenhead Archaeology Research Group](#)
- [Maidenhead Archaeological and Historical Society](#)
- [Marlow Archaeology Group](#)
- [South Oxfordshire Archaeological Group](#)
- [Thames Valley Ancient Egypt Society](#)

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