



What's On

Berkshire Archaeological Society - October 2026

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News



BAS Study Group

Educating our members, and the wider public, is an important aim of the Society.

The BAS Study Group has been running for many years as a forum for members to engage in desktop archaeology projects and stay up to date with the work of various BAS projects. More recently, a Finds Group was formed to build the Society's expertise in finds analysis and so support our field projects. These are all an essential part of our offering to members and we encourage anyone with any interest in local archaeology to participate, perhaps do some research and even run a project yourself.

The BAS Council has decided that both the Tuesday evening and the Wednesday afternoon meetings will come under the Study Group banner. This gives the organisers the flexibility to vary the agenda and include reports and activities related directly to field projects as well as desk based research. We hope that members who are not available during the daytime can attend in the evening and vice-versa. Note that each meeting will have a distinct agenda and not be a repeat of the other. Please come to both if you can!

To get you excited about the topics to be covered, here is the plan for the next 3 months:

Tues 6th October at 7:30pm @Woosehill Community Centre:

- Level 1 Pottery Identification Training (Keith Abbott)
- The archeology and identification of clay pipes (Geoff Anderson)

Weds 7th October at 2:30pm @Woosehill Community Centre:

- Ground Penetrating Radar trials at Wickham (Philip Raststron)
- Forthcoming BAS geophysics survey of a Roman site at Hurley (Peter Carver)

Tues 3rd November at 7:30pm @Woosehill Community Centre:

- Interim results of the analysis of worked flint discovered at Wickham (Fay Heblich - tbc)
- Analysis of the Roman and Medieval Glass discovered at Wickham - and launch of 2026 analysis assemblage (Peter Clifford)

Weds 4th November at 2:30pm @Woosehill Community Centre:

- The archaeology of watermills (James Peddle - tbc)
- Producing reconstructive artwork of archaeological sites (Julian Cabell/Tim Lloyd - tbc)

Tues 1st December at 7:30pm @Woosehill Community Centre:

- Interim results from the BAS geophysics survey at Hurley (Peter Carver/Phil Cobley - tbc)
- Proposal for season #3 of excavations at Wickham (Keith Abbott)

Weds 2nd December at 2:30pm @Woosehill Community Centre:

- CBM identification workshop - and identification of CBM from Wickham (tbc)

(image: Keith Abbott and a group of volunteers at Marcham who are sorting pottery from Wickham)

Upcoming Events



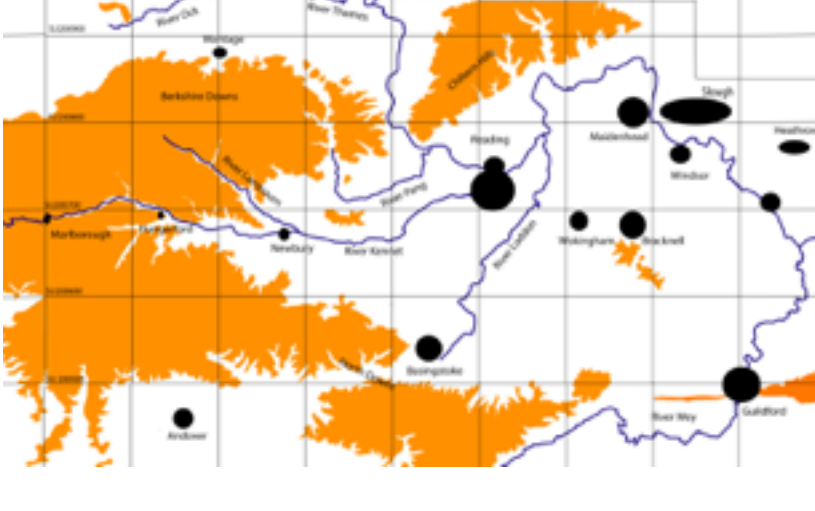
Saturday 3rd October 2026 Archaeology in Berkshire 2026 BAS Day School

10am to 4:15pm The Cornerstone,
Norreys Lane, Wokingham RG40 1UE

All welcome. £15: book online or pay at the door

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Tuesday 6th October 2026 Study Group

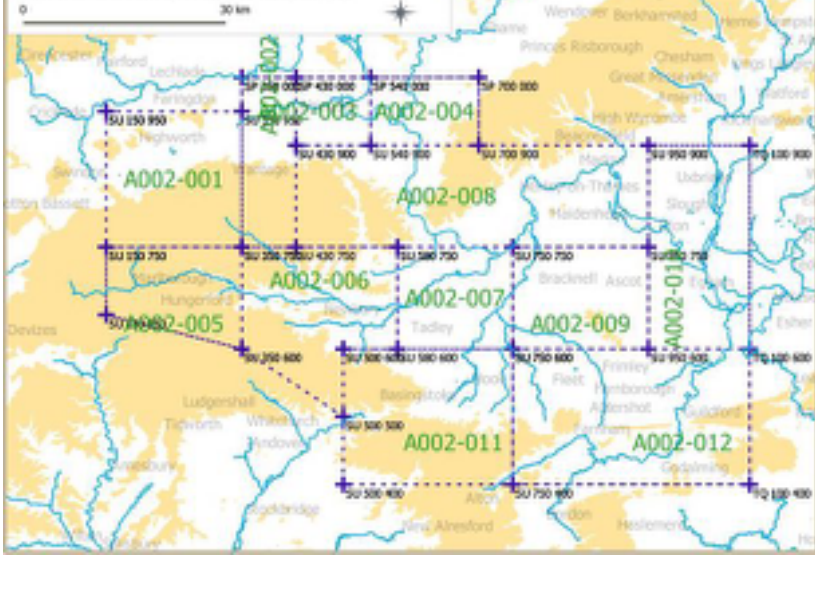
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- Level 1 Pottery Identification Training (Keith Abbott)
- The archeology and identification of clay pipes (Geoff Anderson)

All welcome.

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

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Wednesday 7th October 2026 Study Group

Agenda:

- Ground Penetrating Radar trials at Wickham (Philip Raststron)
- Forthcoming BAS geophysics survey of a Roman site at Hurley (Peter Carver)

All welcome.

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

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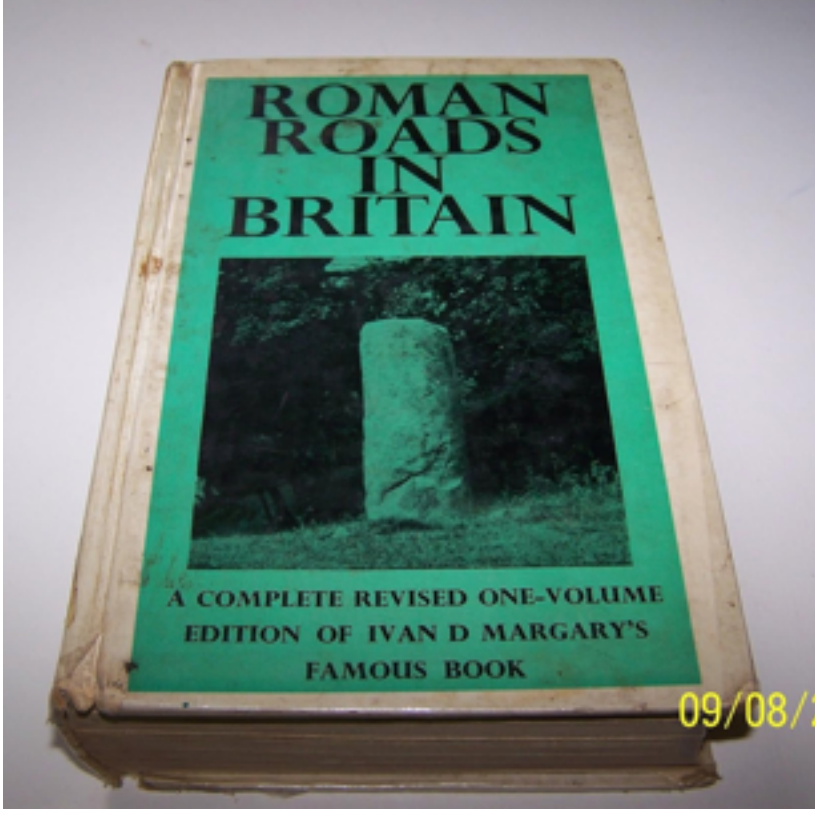


Wednesday 14th October 2026 Pub Lunch

All welcome for an informal chat.

If you want to join us please notify Tim Lloyd at tim.lloyd@berksarch.co.uk by the Saturday before the lunch.

12:00pm at The Wheelwright's Arms,
Davis Way, Hurst, Reading, RG10 0TR.



Saturday 17th October 2026 BAS AGM & Lecture: Ivan

Donald Margary (1896-1976): An Officer, Gentleman, Scholar & Philanthropist

by Dr David Rudling FSA, MCIF

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

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Past Events



Saturday 19th September 2026 BAS Lecture: The Archaeology

of Chocolate

by Prof. Katie Sampeck (University of Reading)

[Read the Report](#)



Wednesday 23rd September 2026 Zoom Meeting: Wickham

Post-Ex Kick Off

Contact Keith Abbott if you would like to be involved.

You don't need to have participated in the excavation.

[email Keith](#)

Other News



From 1st October 2026: British Museum Korea

Featuring outstanding examples of sculpture, painting and decorative arts over two millennia – up to the present day – the exhibition presents the most comprehensive chronological survey of Korean visual and material culture seen in Europe for over 40 years

[See website](#)



From 10th September 2026: British Museum The Bayeux Tapestry

Members booking re-opens October 6th for 2027 dates

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7th November 2026 9:30 to 4:30 CBA Wessex Conference

Shaw House, Church Road, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 2DR

The line-up so far includes talks about Shaw House and its lost gardens, the Second Battle of Newbury (1644) a Thirteenth Century Wreck from Studland Bay and the recently announced 'solstitial alignment' at Bulford.

[See CBA website](#)

Local Societies

See the links below for details of their activities:

[Berkshire Archaeology Research Group](#)
[Henley on Thames Archaeological and Historical Group](#)
[Maidenhead & Marlow Archaeology and History Society](#)
[South Oxfordshire Archaeological Group](#)
[Thames Valley Ancient Egypt Society](#)
[Thatcham Historical Society](#)
[The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society](#)

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