

Olney Archaeological Society Programme of Lectures, Sept 2024-June 2025

The red dates indicate a speaker at the Olney Centre and via Zoom. Black dates indicate a talk via Zoom and screened at the Olney Centre.

3rd Sept. "Henry II and Eleanor of Aquitaine" Matthew Lewis, Chair of the Richard III society. Author, fiction and non-fiction, on medieval history.

17th Sept. "Cursus monuments of Buckinghamshire and the Great Ouse Valley" Dr David Saunders, worked at Blick Mead, Marden Henge, Cats Brain long barrow, Wilsford Henge Lectures in the UK and takes guided tours abroad.

1st Oct. "A Date with the Cerne Abbas Giant with Uffington and Wilmington" Dr Martin Papworth archaeologist for the National Trust for 37 years, provides archaeological advice for National Trust properties in Gloucestershire, Somerset, Dorset, most of Wiltshire and the Killerton and Knightshayes estates in Devon.

15th Oct. 'The decline of the Great Estates.' Dr Paul Stamper From the 1870s England's great landowners faced a succession of challenges and calamities: agricultural depression and falling rents; the Great War; and Death Duties. Regular speaker, archaeologist, formerly with English Heritage.

5th Nov. "Women on the Cusp of Power: climbing the political ladder" Linda McDougall Journalist, TV producer, author of books on women both in and connected with parliament. For 38 years was married to the late Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Grimsby.

19th Nov. "Gardens in the Age of Chivalry" Michael Brown, Garden historian and horticulturalist, author, frequent OAS speaker.

3rd Dec 'The discovery of Butrint, Illyrians, Greeks and Romans on the Ionian Sea'. Oliver Gilkes Archaeologist, researcher specialising in the Mediterranean and United Kingdom, Tour leader to some of Europe's great archaeological sites.

17th Dec. "Some English customs, games and festivals: An archaeological and historical approach to what we do, when and why we do it at certain times of the year." Prof. Stephen Upex, landscape archaeologist, lecturer University of Cambridge, author, regular OAS speaker. This talk will be presented at the Carlton House Club and will not be available via Zoom.

Followed by optional Christmas Lunch.

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7th Jan "France under the Occupation" Dr Sean Lang A senior lecturer in History at the University of Cambridge with a particular interest in the British Empire, also a professional playwright and broadcaster on radio and TV.

21st Jan **"Lost to the waves: the study of the Greek and Roman harbours of Crete."** Michael Curtis Honorary fellow School of Archaeology and Ancient History, College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities, University of Leicester.

4th Feb **'Broken Pots, Mending lives: the archaeology of Operation Nightingale'** Richard Osgood MBE MOD senior archaeologist . Co-founder of Operation Nightingale to aid and assist service personnel and volunteer veterans. 770 Scheduled monuments and 10 World heritage sites on MOD land.

18th Feb **'The Watermills and Landscape of the River Great Ouse, Cambridgeshire: Modelling the Impact of Watermilling in a Lowland Valley'**. Keith Grimwade OAS member. Past President of the Geographical Association, research interests are historical geography and landscape history, and Bridget Flanagan a writer and researcher on local history, a trustee of the Great Ouse Valley Trust

4th March **"The World turned Upside Down- the experience of the British Civil Wars."** Stuart Orme. Curator at the Cromwell Museum, Huntingdon , historian, formerly with Peterborough museum and Peterborough cathedral .

18th March **"Chance and Opportunity in Hellenistic Sculpture: the Tyche of Antioch and the Kairos of Lysippus"**. Dr Steven Kershaw, Classicist, author, lectures at Oxford University for Continuing Education, Arts Society and historical tours. Regular OAS speaker.

1st April **" Richard III, the king under the car park: Solving a 500-year old mystery "** Mathew Morris, One of the lead archaeologists from the University of Leicester on the Grey Friars project .

15th April **'South Caldecotte: Excavations on the periphery of Magiovinium Roman Town'** Kathy Pilkington Archaeological manager at Albion Archaeology with special interest in survey techniques.

6th May **"Britain's Pompeii: 3 Centuries of Fen Research "** Dr Nicholas James Director of Studies in Social Anthropology at Cambridge.

20th May **"The Harpole Burial: new discoveries of a 7th -century bed burial."** By an archaeologist from MOLA.

3rd June **AGM "Boudica"** Patrick Lambert Project manager for Oxford Archaeology East with a special interest in the Roman period .

Membership £45 for the year, £4 for visitors at the Olney Centre.

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