

OAS PROGRAMME 2026-2027

10.00am-12.00 noon in The Olney Centre and/or on Zoom. **Red date** indicates the speaker will be present in Olney and via Zoom.

1st Sept. *Fragments: The Opportunities and Pitfalls of Attributing Archaeological Relics* Dr Jonathan Foyle, Architectural Historian; artist; writer; TV and radio presenter

15th Sept. *Lady Jane Grey's House* Peter Liddle MBE, lecturer; former Archaeologist for Leicester and Rutland

6th Oct. *The Late Great Royal Manor House at Kingston Lacy, Dorset* Dr Martin Papworth, former Archaeologist for the National Trust in SW England

20th Oct. *Major Road Works, Major Problems, Major Archaeological Excavations: Early days of digging in the Nene valley in the 1950s and 1960s* Prof Stephen Upex, Archaeologist, University of Cambridge; author, lecturer

3rd Nov. *The Vikings, their Impact and Legacy* Prof David Griffiths, School of Archaeology, University of Oxford, Director of Research

17th Nov. *Where to keep your crops dry in the Fens: An Iron Age harvest festival at Thorney, Peterborough and Roads and religion: a sacred site on the Fosse Way near Leicester* David Ingham, Archaeologist; Project Manager with Albion Archaeology

1st Dec. *The Melsonby hoards: Chariots and Power in Iron Age Britain* Prof Tom Moore, Dept of Archaeology, University of Durham, Director of Research

15th Dec. THE CARLTON HOUSE CLUB (not available via Zoom)

The return of light: Midwinter Solstice at Stonehenge
Prof David Jacques, Archaeologist, University of Buckingham; research in the Stonehenge area. **Followed by lunch (optional)**

5th Jan. *The Collapse of the Incas* Dr Nicholas James, Director of Studies in Social Anthropology, Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge

- 19th Jan. *Boudica.*** Paddy Lambert, Project Manager, Oxford Archaeology East
- 2nd Feb. *The Lankhills Romano-British cemetery, Winchester: A re-assessment and new discoveries*** Dr Katie White, Visiting Fellow in Osteoarchaeology; Lead Archaeologist
- 16th Feb. *Brute Force and Ingenuity: Some Megalithic Triumphs and Failures*** Dr Mike Meade, Former Dean of Faculty of Technology, The Open University; local speaker
- 2nd Mar. *Roads and Ruins: Adventures in the Archaeology of Rome*** Oliver Gilkes, Archaeologist; researcher specialising in the United Kingdom and Mediterranean, tour leader
- 16th Mar. *Draining the fens 1604-1853: Triumph or Social Disaster?*** Keith Grimwade, past President of the Geographical Association; researcher in the history of the lower Ouse valley
- 6th April *Arthur's stone, Herefordshire: Recent Developments*** Prof Julian Thomas, University of Manchester, specialising in Neolithic and Bronze Age
- 20th April *Athelstan, The First King of England*** Prof David Woodman, University of Cambridge, Senior Tutor, Robinson College, specialising in Early Medieval History
- 4th May *Cromwell's Navy: The Naval revolution 1640-80*** Stuart Orme, Historian; Curator at The Cromwell Museum, Huntingdon
- 18th May *Women in the First World War and Trench Humour*** Stephen Barker, local historian; lecturer; tour guide
- 1st June *AGM and Walled Gardens, Glasshouses, Conservatories and Ice houses*** Dr Paul Stamper, Archaeologist, former Senior Adviser to English Heritage

Membership £45 for the year; £4 for visitors to the Olney Centre. Please pay membership before 23 August to ensure receipt of the Zoom invitation to the first lecture on 1 September. For payment details, please contact Monica Stainton monica.stainton@btinternet.com