



SUMMER PROGRAMME 2014

Wednesday 9th April **Coach Trip to the British Museum - Vikings: life and legend**
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Friday 2nd May to Monday 5th May. **Weekend Trip to South Wales.**
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Monday 16th June. **Evening Walk with Mark Davies.**
Meet at junction of St. Clare Road and Lexden Road, Colchester, at 6.30pm.
Circular walk concentrating mainly on evidence and remains of Iron Age Colchester
in the Lexden Area. No booking required.

Monday 23rd June. **Guided Tour of Roman Circus House**
No Booking required. Details and Map on Page 4

Monday 14th July **Summer Party at Marks Hall**

Any further events arranged for later in the year will be advertised in the Summer Newsletter.

Lecture programmes

Occasionally there may be unforeseen changes to the lecture programme, usually because a speaker has cancelled at short notice. We will do our best to let people know if there is a change, but you can check before you leave for the evening by going to one of the following:

The CAG website - caguk.net

Essex County Newspapers - essexcountystandard.co.uk/events

VisitColchester - visitcolchester.com/things-to-do

Natural History Museum

Members might remember two talks given to the Group by the British Museum's Nick Ashton on the Ancient Human Occupation of Britain (Nov 2006 and Feb 2012). This project has now been running for twelve years and an exhibition opens next month at the Natural History Museum in London to display its findings so far. For more information on Britain: one Million Years of the Human Story, go to nhm.ac.uk/visit-us/whats-on/temporary-exhibitions

Colchester Archaeological Group Committee Members

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Treasurer: John Mallinson - *Secretary and Membership Secretary:* Gill Shrimpton (Library Committee)

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Don Goodman - Ellie Mead - Anna Moore - Francis Nicholls - Andrew White

Wednesday 9th April - **Coach trip to the British Museum**

Vikings: life and legend

We have arranged a visit to this major exhibition, the first to be held on this subject at the British Museum for over 30 years. It is also the first exhibition to be held in the new Exhibitions Gallery. The centrepiece will be the surviving timbers of a 37-metre-long Viking warship, the longest ever found and never seen before in the UK. Amongst other treasures will be the Vale of York hoard, discovered in 2007, which is being shown in its' entirety for the first time. *Stop Press:* As a bonus, the Crosby Garrett Roman Helmet will be on display in Room 37 at the time of our visit.

Cost for the coach and timed entry ticket is £27. A limited number of coach-only bookings at £14 are available. Tickets will be offered exclusively to CAG members on a first-come first-served basis until 28th February, after which they will be offered to other groups. The coach will leave from outside McDonalds, Tollgate Retail Park, at 9.30 am (parking on the McDonalds side of the Retail Park is time-limited – not so on the opposite side).

The coach will leave the British Museum at 4.00 pm and arrive back at Colchester around 6.15 pm.

Booking Form for the Vikings Exhibition at the British Museum, Wednesday 9th April

Please reserve _____ places @ £27 and/or _____ places @ £14 (coach only)

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ payable to Colchester Archaeological Group

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Return to John Moore, Cob Cottage, The Street, Salcott, Essex, CM9 8HL or by hand.

Bookings will be confirmed by email or phone.

For further information email johnsalcott@btinternet.com or call 01621 860217.

South Wales trip - Friday 2nd to Monday 5th May 2014

A Kings coach will leave Colchester on May 2nd for South Wales taking in a visit to the recently re-opened Stone Henge visitor centre and site on the way. We will be staying at the three-star Best Western Maldron Hotel, Cardiff. The itinerary will include the Roman sites of Caerleon and Caerwent. Cardiff castle and the National Museum of Wales are located in Cardiff. There are many other archaeological sites in the area and some spectacular coastal scenery. John Moore will be organising a walk during the weekend.

If you would like to join the trip, please secure your place by completing the form below. Single rooms are limited, so please share where possible. The cost will be £280 (+£15 for single room supplement) The cost includes dinner, bed and breakfast and coach from Colchester to Cardiff and back. Rooms are being held for a limited period. To enable us to accept this package, please book your places and send your deposits by the end of January. The full amount will be due by 31st March.

Please book me/us in for the South Wales trip. I/we require a single/twin/double room.

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Enclosed is a cheque for £30 deposit per person made out to Colchester Archaeological Group.

Saturday 7th June - **Coach trip to Flag Fen & Buckden Towers**

Flag Fen is the finest Bronze Age Archaeological Site in Northern Europe. We did visit in 2007, but during 2014 there is a rare opportunity to witness conservation in action. The eight remarkable Bronze Age boats excavated in 2011 at Must Farm, Whittlesey are currently housed at Flag Fen, and our 90-minute guided tour of the site will include viewing the boats undergoing preservation treatment. For further details of the Must Farm boats see issue 263 of 'Current Archaeology'. An overview of the Must Farm excavations will be found in the relevant lecture notes in CAG Bulletin 53.

After lunch (on-site café or take your own picnic) we will head back down the A1 to the village of Buckden to visit:

Buckden Towers, a complex of buildings ranging from the C15 to the C20 on the site of the former palace of the Bishops of Lincoln and home to Katharine of Aragon in 1533/4. Most of the palace was demolished in 1838 but the Great Tower and much of the Inner and Outer Gatehouses and the perimeter wall are the original late Medieval. The site is now a residential Study Centre run by Claretian Missionaries. After our guided tour we will be provided with light refreshments (tea/coffee and biscuits).

Cost for the day is £30. Tickets will be offered exclusively to CAG members on a first-come first-served basis until 11th April, after which they will be offered to other groups. The coach will leave from outside McDonalds, Tollgate Retail Park, at 9 am (parking on the McDonalds side of the Retail Park is time-limited – not so on the opposite side). The coach will leave Buckden at 4.30 pm and should arrive back at Colchester around 6.15 pm.

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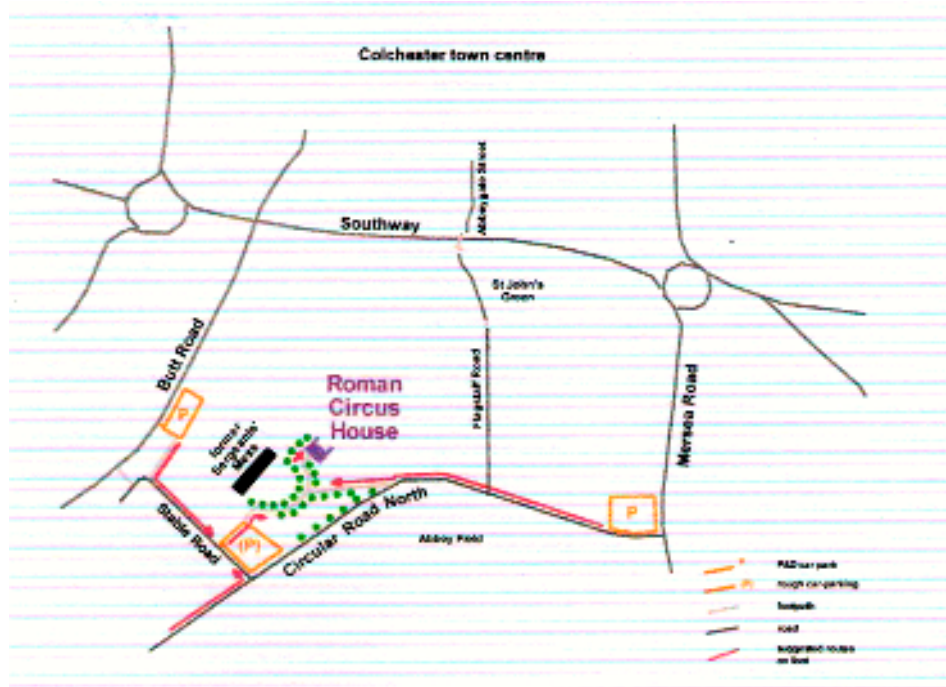
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Monday 23rd June - Guided Tour of Roman Circus House

Philip Crummy will give us a guided tour of the headquarters of Colchester Archaeological Trust, which also houses the Group's Library. Meet outside Roman Circus House at 7.30pm, no booking required.



The nearest car parks are in Butt Road and Circular Road North - see the Trust's map of the area above.

Car Park in Stable Road may not be available after 6pm on the night of the visit.