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www.mrias.co.uk has been re-launched. The contact email for the site has been changed to info@mrias.co.uk

Next Lecture

Friday November 14th

'The Archaeology of the Water Street Pump House and the Manchester Hydraulic System' by Steve Little.

Room 301, MMU Business School, Oxford Road, Manchester



Editorial

A brief newsletter, the main purpose of which is to provide notification to all members of the Society's Annual General Meeting which will be held on the 5th December in Room 301 of the Business School Building, Manchester Metropolitan University.

The Annual General Meeting is, one of, the avenues for members to shape the way in which our Society is organised and run so I would urge you all to attend, if possible. MRIAS, as with most other similar Societies, is always looking for ways of providing members with the best possible service, in terms of venue and events, and, to that end, we are considering moving the venue for our regular Friday night meetings. (continued page 2)





Adelphi House

Adelphi House has had an interesting history. Built in 1808 as a private house it was then occupied by the Order of the Faithful Companions of Jesus. The mission of the nuns was to, "reach out to the spiritually and materially deprived by means of education", and to that end they converted the house into a convent and a school. Some of the pupils came from the nearby houses on Adelphi Terrace, while a number of them were the daughters of doctors who practised in the nearby Salford and Pendleton Dispensary (later known as the Salford Royal Hospital). Over the years the nature of the school changed and at one point it also became a training college for Catholic teachers.

The school continued to operate through two World Wars but on the night of the 23rd December 1940 the blast of a land mine which fell on the opposite side of The Crescent, damaged both the convent and school severely, rendering them uninhabitable. The convent, partially restored, was used for three years as a Nurses' Home serving Salford Royal Hospital which stood on the opposite side of Adelphi Street.

The Centre for Applied Archaeology occupies the top floor of the, recently refurbished premises which is served by, both stairs and a lift.

The meeting room will easily hold 30-40 people and will be laid out, without tables, as a lecture room – a complaint voiced by a number of members about the rigid layout of our current room in the Business School.

The room hire charge will offer a substantial saving on the £100 per meeting that we pay at present.

Members will be exempt from the usual £3 per lecture (this will still apply for non-members)

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We are exploring moving from Manchester Metropolitan University's Business School to Mike Nevell's Centre for Applied Archaeology in Adelphi House, part of Salford University and located at the junction of Adelphi Street and The Crescent in Salford. We obviously would not take any decision on such a move without a majority agreement of you, our Society Members.

We have arranged to hold a meeting at Adelphi House on the 23rd January so that members can both view/try the facilities of the proposed venue and assess the changes in travelling arrangements (better/worse?) that any move might entail. I have included details of Adelphi House below. I would urge you all to attend on the 23rd of January and try the facilities.

Another important event, and one that may have a long term effect (which only time will tell whether this will be good or bad), is the recent announcement by the Government of it's long awaited plans for the re-structuring of English Heritage – I have included a short article later in the Newsletter.

Access:

By bus To The Crescent

8, 12, 26, 31, 32, X34, 36, 37, 38, X61, 67, 100

By train Adelphi House is about equidistant from Salford Central and Salford Crescent stations

(about a five-ten minute walk along, well lit and frequented main roads)

By car There is dedicated, off street, parking at Adelphi House.



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Programme

Friday, 14h November 'Archaeology of the Water Street Pump House and the Manchester Hydraulic System'
- Steve Little.

Saturday, 29th November Greater Manchester Archaeology Day 2014

Friday, 5th December

AGM and talk on 'Trackless Trams, Buses and Trolleybuses' – Richard Pink

Friday, 9th January

New Years Social, Trafford Park

Friday, 23rd January

Dr Nevell's Musings and Members Evening – a visit to Adelphi House

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Notice of Annual General Meeting 2014

The Society AGM will be held on Friday 5th December 2014 at 6-00pm in Seminar Room 301, Business School, All Saints Campus, Manchester Metropolitan University, Oxford Rd, Manchester.

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for Absence
- 3 Minutes of the Meeting of 10th December 2013
4. Matters arising from the Minutes
5. Chairman's Report
6. Hon. Treasurer's Report
7. Membership Secretary's Report
- 8 Project Officer's Report
- 9 Hon Archivist's report
- 10 Election of Committee Members
- 11 Any Other Business
- 12 Date of next Meeting 4th December 2015

**** A Talk to follow by Richard Pink on 'Trackless Trams, Buses and Trolleybuses' ***

If anyone would like to join the committee, please speak to the Chair or any member of the committee or contact:

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**Greater Manchester Archaeology Day 2014 Saturday 29th
November
The Old Fire Station, The Crescent, University of Salford**

Programme

9.45am	Registration and coffee
10.15am	Welcome: Dr Mike Nevell, Head of the Centre for Applied Archaeology, University of Salford
10.30am	Liberating the Lock Up: Excavations at New Bailey Prison, Salford Rachael Reader (Centre for Applied Archaeology)
11.00am	Redefining Roman Castleshaw Norman Redhead (Greater Manchester Archaeological Advisory Service)
11.30am	Exchange Station, Greengate, Salford Charlotte Matthews (Pre-Construct Archaeology)
12.00pm	Geophysics ... scientific evidence without digging - can it be trusted? Kevin Wright (Tameside Archaeology Society)
12.20pm	Questions and new publication announcements
12.30-1.30pm	Lunch break

During lunch there will be an opportunity to view the Greater Manchester Historic Environment Record database (run by Lesley Dunkley of GMAAS) and exhibitions by CfAA and local archaeology societies

1.30pm	Richard Arkwright's Shudehill Mill: Manchester's First Cotton Factory Re-evaluated Ian Miller (Oxford Archaeology North)
2.00pm	The archaeology of Cheadle Green, Cheadle, Stockport Andy Coutts (South Manchester Archaeological Research Team)
2.20pm	Understanding Radcliffe Tower Mike Nevel! (CfAA)
2.50pm	Coffee and comfort break
3.10pm	Kirklees Steelworks Bill Aldridge (Wigan Archaeology Society)
3.30pm	Dig Greater Manchester update Vicky Nash (CfAA)
4.00pm	Questions and closing remarks chaired by Dr Michael Nevell
4.15pm	Finish

Directions

The Old Fire Station is situated on The Crescent (A6), Salford, the main road into Manchester, and is opposite Salford Museum and Art Gallery. Salford Crescent Railway Station is only 5 minutes walk away. Cars can be parked at Irwell Place car park (£4). The campus map can be found at: www.salford.ac.uk/about-us/travel/campus-map/University-of-Salford-Campus-Map-and-Guide.pdf

Refreshments

Biscuits, tea, coffee, water and fruit juice will be provided. You are encouraged to bring a packed lunch which can be eaten at the event venue. Alternatively, there are a few eating places nearby for lunch, the closest being the recently refurbished cafe at Salford Museum and Art Gallery.

Booking

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Database of Members

This is essentially complete (with errors I expect) I will bring a copy to our monthly meetings so members can see and amend their entries.

Peter Bone

MRIAS email list

We have recently activated the MRIAS email (mailing) list to keep members informed on a more immediate basis than the quarterly Newsletter.

Almost two thirds of a potential members have been included.

If you have not recently received a MRIAS email and would like to be included on the list please send an email to pwbarchaeology@btinternet.com with the subject MRIAS LIST.

Peter Bone

English Heritage Re-structure

The Government has confirmed plans, announced last year, to restructure English Heritage, investing nearly £90 million over the next few years. A new body to manage and promote the properties and sites in the National Heritage Collection, numbering more than 400, will be set up as well as a separate body to provide expert advice and act as a champion for the sector.

English Heritage is the government's statutory adviser on the historic environment. Its role is to help people understand, value, care for and enjoy England's rich historic environment.

Created by the National Heritage Act 1983, the following functions were conferred on English Heritage at that time to:

- secure the preservation of ancient monuments and historic buildings, including maritime heritage
- promote the preservation and enhancement of the character and appearance of conservation areas
- promote the public's enjoyment of and advance their knowledge of, ancient monuments and buildings.

Heritage Minister Ed Vaizey said:

"This new model for protecting England's heritage and promoting its

precious sites and buildings gives us the best chance for more than a generation to do both. The funding will address a backlog of repairs and enable more of our heritage to be made accessible to greater numbers of visitors”.

The plan, announced in June 2013, means that the properties currently run will remain in public ownership, but will be managed by a charitable trust, using the same name.

The

Government is providing £80m of capital investment to restore and present the properties, creating jobs, stimulating local economies, boosting the heritage workforce and improving visitors’ experience at the sites.

A further £8.5 million has been allocated to fund implementation of the new structure. Each year more than 11 million people visit the sites and properties in English Heritage’s care (over 400). One million people enjoy the benefits of English Heritage membership, which has increased by 21% over the last five years.

No changes are proposed to English Heritage’s duties and powers in planning and heritage protection. They will be carried out by a newly-named non-departmental public body, **Historic England**, dedicated to providing expert and impartial advice and championing the wider historic environment.

English Heritage advises the Government on around 2,000 requests for listing each year, local authorities on over 14,000 planning applications affecting grade I and II* listed buildings. It will strengthen its relationship with owners and promote public engagement with England’s heritage.

Ed Vaizey continued:

“We will create an exciting and financially-secure future for the collection of national heritage sites and monuments that tell the story of England, ensuring they remain in public ownership as they should do. English Heritage will also get new freedoms to raise money from other sources, and act in a more commercial way. At the same time, Historic England will provide a separate, dedicated service providing impartial advice to protect the wider historic environment, engage the public and support sustainable growth. Last, but by no means least, the taxpayer will benefit as the need for direct government funding for the heritage collection reduces over time.”

The Chairman of English Heritage, Sir Laurie Magnus, said:

“We are delighted that the Government has confirmed these plans. The Government’s investment and commitment will provide firm foundations for the future success of both new organisations. The new English Heritage charity will carry out urgent conservation repairs to the National Heritage Collection and provide a better experience for visitors to those places where history happened. Historic England will champion England’s heritage, providing expert advice, promoting constructive conservation and giving support with research, guidance and grants.”

From a purely personal point of view I will reserve my judgement!

Neil Davies

Membership

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Membership Rates -Single - £20

Joint - £25

Gift Aid

We are well on our way to unravelling HMRC's requirements in respect of Gift Aid, so I would, again, urge you to complete a Gift Aid Form (in view of the, substantial, financial benefits for the Society).

Walter Payne

Recent/Current Events

Society members were active in the organisation and running (ably marshalled by Dr Mike Nevell and David George) of the AIA National Conference held, this year, at the University of Chester which was very favourably praised in Delegate feedback. A report on the Conference will be in the next Newsletter.

The Report on the Archaeological Investigation of the Phase 1 redevelopment of The Ashbury's Wagon and Carriage Works co-authored (largely by Tony Wright) with SLR Consulting received a Highly Commended award.

English Heritage/Historic England are due to publish their decision on the Society's application for Scheduling of the former Arkwright Mill site on Miller Street in central Manchester. A decision which I am sure will be of interest to many parties. This site, which MRIAS were involved in investigating with Time Team in 2005, apparently contains the remains of a 'unique' engine house but, again, hopefully, a more detailed report of the findings on the site will be published in a future Newsletter.

Tony Wright is in the process (with James Pink) of re-designing the Society's web site, which will soon be up and running in it's new, friendlier format.

Neil Davies
