SMA Annual General Meeting and Winter Symposium

Friday 11th December 2026

2.00 pm –6.00 pm

Society of Antiquaries London

In a departure from recent years, the Society is delighted to be holding its Annual General Meeting and Winter Symposium as a hybrid event.

Please join us at the Society of Antiquaries London on the 11th of December

Annual General Meeting

2.00 pm – 3.00 pm

Open to members in-person. No need to register.
Attendance also available online via Teams. Please see the information/link below:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/359040915423604?p=21PyNorLazcQTFWs1x

Meeting ID: 359 040 915 423 604

Passcode: dM2h8nb

Winter Symposium

3.00 pm – 5.00 pm
Followed by drinks reception

Join us in person or online for some fantastic research highlights from three speakers at the Symposium, rounded off with a drink's reception. While this is a member's event, we strongly encourage and welcome non-members and lapsed members to attend and bring along students, postdoctoral and project researchers to meet and network.

To attend in person, use this link to register to help us manage numbers:
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sma-winter-symposium-2026-tickets-2004767678092?aff=oddtdtcreator

Attendance is also available online via Teams using the same link as above.

Annual General Meeting 2026

2.00 pm – 3.00 pm

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Agenda

1. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
2. Elections of Officers and Council

The following nominations have been received for election. The nominees are willing to be appointed:

a) Honorary Vice-President (2027-2031): **Professor Dawn Hadley** (Centre for Medieval Studies, University of York)
b) Honorary Vice-President (2027-2031): **Professor Sam Turner** (Durham University)
c) Ordinary Member (2027-2029): **Dr Andrew Ferrara** (Durham University)
d) Ordinary Member (2027-2029): **Dr Gareth Perry** (University of York)
e) Ordinary Member (2027-2029): **Dr Eleanor Standley** (Oxford University)

We also welcome our new Student Representative: Chris Whittaker, DPhil candidate, Oxford University

3. Election of auditors
    a. Bronsens, 267 Banbury Road, Oxford

4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Editor's Report
7. Secretary's Report
8. Prizes and Awards
9. Any other business
10. Date of Next Meeting

Michael Lewis, Hon Secretary

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The Norse and the Sea

Professor Alexandra Sanmark, MA, FSA, FSA Scot, FRHist
Institute for Northern Studies, University of the Highlands and Islands

Professor Sanmark discusses outcomes from her current project investigating the maritime cultural landscape of Scandinavian Scotland (c. AD 790-1350), using archaeological, written and toponymic evidence. The project addresses overarching questions of connectivity and communication in Norse Scotland.

Bringing the Bayeux Tapestry Home

Professor Michael Lewis, FSA

Curator Bayeux Tapestry Exhibition
Department of Britain, Europe and Prehistory, British Museum
Visiting Professor, Universities of Exeter, Helsinki and Reading

Our Honorary Secretary, Curator of the hugely influential and far-reaching exhibition of the Bayeux Tapestry at the British Museum, offers some unrivalled insights into the organisation and planning for bringing the Bayeux Tapestry to the UK and research highlights on curating and managing this exceptional artefact.

Recent Excavation and Research at Cerne Abbey, Dorset

Dr Hugh Willmott, BA Hons., MA, PhD (Dunelm), FSA, FRHistS, MCIfA
School of History, Philosophy and Digital Humanities, University of Sheffield

Cerne Abbey sits at the feet of the famous chalk-cut figure of a club-wielding giant that dominates the village of Cerne Abbas. Survey and archaeological excavations undertaken by the University of Sheffield since 2022 have provided the first ever evidence for the medieval abbey, including its precise layout and structural remains. Dr Willmott will present on these exciting new discoveries and research highlights.

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