

SMA Annual General Meeting and Winter Symposium

Friday 11th December 2026

14.00 pm – 18.00 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 for our AGM, followed by some fantastic research highlights from three speakers at the Symposium, rounded off with a drinks reception. While this is a Members event, we would strongly encourage and welcome non-members and lapsed members to attend and encourage members to bring along students, postdoctoral and project researchers to meet and network. Attendees will be able to join the Society on the day if they wish.

Attendance is 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

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SMA Annual General Meeting

14.00 pm – 15.00 pm

Winter Symposium

15:00 – 17:00 pm

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.

Drinks Reception 17:00-18:00 pm.

Please join us at SAL after the Symposium for an end-of-year drinks reception.

Non-members are welcome. Please do encourage colleagues, students and researchers to come along. Attendees will be able to join the Society on the day.