



ClfA Finds Group

Newsletter March 2023

Welcome to the first edition of our resurrected Finds Group Newsletter! These biannual updates aim to disseminate CPD opportunities, digital resources, and Finds Group news to our membership.

CPD Opportunities

Conferences

ClfA Conference, Nottingham, 19-21 Apr 2023 | Sustainable futures – standards, skills and the profession <https://www.archaeologists.net/conference>

AEA (Association for Environmental Archaeology) Virtual Spring Conference, 13 May 2023 | Data Science in Environmental Archaeology <https://envarch.net/events>

EAA (European Association of Archaeologists) Annual Meeting, Belfast, 30 Aug - 2 Sep 2023 <https://www.e-a-a.org/ea2023>

EXARC EAC13, Toruń (Poland) and online, 1-3 May 2023 | Experimental Archaeology Conference <https://exarc.net/meetings/eac13>

Medieval and Later Pottery Research Group, Museum of Somerset Taunton, 13 May 2023 | South-West regional meeting featuring Somerset pottery-themed talks in the morning, followed by handling and gallery tours in the afternoon. Email kateberlewenconservation@gmail.com for more information

Training

Human Osteology training course, University of Sheffield, 3-5 Apr 2023 | <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/archaeology/short-courses/human-osteology>

Digital Resources

Each newsletter a different committee member picks a star resource. This one comes from our chair, zooarchaeologist Emily Johnson.

★ *Atlas of Animal Bones/ Knochenatlas:*

<https://emono.unibas.ch/emono/catalog/view/74/65/746>

This essential guide to the identification of animal bones by Elizabeth Schmid, first published in 1972, was re-released as an open access digital version for its 50th anniversary in 2022. Zooarchaeologists will be thrilled to replace any precious tattered photocopies or poorly scanned pdf versions, and aspiring zooarchs can benefit from this animal bone bible being freely available.

Basic guide to identifying and recording prehistoric flint tools:
http://www.bajr.org/BAJRGuides/Lithics_handbook_2022.pdf

Collecting and Processing Archaeological Shellfish Remains:
http://www.bajr.org/BAJRGuides/56_Shells/56_ArchShellGuidance.pdf

Classification of Lithic Artefacts from the British Late Glacial and Holocene Periods:
<https://www.archaeopress.com/Archaeopress/Products/9781789698695>

Finds Group News

AGM 2022: Thanks to everyone who came to our Workshop and AGM in December 2022! We had papers given by committee members, the AGM, and a bit of a finds workshop afterwards. [You can access the recordings of the presentations and AGM on the event page \(when available – coming soon!\).](#)

The major outcomes of the AGM were that we would focus for the coming year on communication with our members. We will be giving the [ClfA Finds](#) website a much-needed overhaul so it is easier to navigate and find what you need. And you're reading the second major outcome – our newsletter, reborn as a way to spread Finds opportunities, resources and news. We're continuing to update our [Twitter page](#) but our comms focus will be on the emailed newsletter, and a new [Facebook page\(!\)](#), as requested by our membership in the most recent survey.

Full details of our AGM can be found in the recordings, or in the minutes section of our website.

NEW FACEBOOK PAGE: We surveyed you at our AGM (and in the members' survey a few years back) and Facebook was the most commonly voted for social media platform. Follow us on our [new Facebook page](#) for Finds news and opportunities!

FIRST AID FOR FINDS TESTING UNDERWAY: Our secretary Bekky Hillman is currently testing the in-prep updated First Aid for Finds. We're all looking forward to this coming out!

ROMAN COINAGE TOOLKIT: Committee member Peter Guest's [Toolkit for Finds Reporting: Roman Coinage](#) is now live and ready to use!

Got a CPD opportunity or digital resource to share? Message our committee on Facebook or Twitter and we'll include it in our next newsletter!