

Welcome to our winter newsletter! Here you can find a list of CPD opportunities, Resources, and Finds Group news. Enjoy, and send any feedback to CifAFindsSIG@gmail.com!

CPD Opportunities

Conferences

[Society of Museum Archaeology Conference](#),

Dates: 7 – 8 November 2024

Venue: Amgueddfa Cymru-Museum Wales and Online

Theme: Archaeology Lifelines

Tickets: Various booking options available through the website

[The Roman Finds Group Autumn 2024 Conference](#)

Dates: 8 November 2024

Venue: Delivered online via Zoom

Theme: New Research on Finds from the Roman North-West Provinces

Tickets: **Free!**

[The Finds Research Group Autumn 2024 Conference](#)

Dates: 15 - 18 November 2024

Venue: Durham University

Theme: Archaeology of Waterways

Tickets: £40 (members weekend with lunch) or £27 (members weekend no lunch); more ticket options on website

[TAG \(Theoretical Archaeology Group\) Conference](#)

Dates: 13 – 15 December 2024

Venue: Bournemouth University

Theme: Evolution?

Tickets: £60 (students and unwaged) and £100 (waged)

[Current Archaeology Live! 2025](#)

Date: 1 March 2025

Venue: University College London's Institute of Education

Tickets: Early bird tickets reduced to £49 until 15 January

[CfA 2024 Annual Conference](#)

Dates: 30 April – 1 May 2025

Venue: Millennium Point Birmingham

Theme: Shaping the future (of our profession). The call for sessions is now open!

Tickets: For registration fees and deadlines please go to the website.

Talks/Workshops

[Life in Roman Britain: A View from the Skeleton](#): The role of new scientific developments in the analysis of human skeletal remains for understanding life and death in Roman Britain, **6 November (7 pm-9 pm)**, online. Free! Organised by Cotswold Archaeology. **Few tickets left!**

[Introduction to Heritage Consultancy – Early career drop-in session with Blue Willow Heritage](#) on **17 December** delivered as a workshop via Google Meet.

Resources

[ArchaeoZoo: Zooarchaeology reference collection and resources](#) | A fab resource for zooarchaeologists. Explore photographic reference collections. Download vectorised bone and skeleton diagrams that can be used for eg butchery recording and skeletal completeness diagrams.

[Hemingway Editor](#) | Something a bit left-field - have you ever been asked to write a summary of some research or a site for a poster, social media, a press release? This online editing tool helps you write in short, concise, easy to understand sentences - and highlights

those that aren't. [Government guidance is to aim for a reading age of 9](#), even if you are writing for a specialist audience - it's just easier to understand for everyone!

Coming soon! The Toolkit for Finds: Pottery! Keep an eye on your inboxes for the imminent release of our latest Toolkit, which is based on *A Standard for Pottery Studies in Archaeology* (Barclay et al. 2016).

Finds Group News

AGM 2024 and Finds SIG update: Thanks to everyone who came to our online conference on Pottery Studies and/or AGM back in September! Check out the [Finds Group Website](#) to find **recordings** of the presentations, and the minutes from the AGM.

At its height we had over 90 people at the conference, which was incredible! Thanks to all who completed the post-event survey too - you rated the training at 4.5 out of 5 for overall satisfaction and we're very much taking all of your feedback on board.

Not a pot person? What artefacts should be our focus for future Finds SIG conferences? Let us know by email CifAFindsSIG@gmail.com

We're excited to say our committee continues at full strength. Our thanks are sent to Nicola Rogers and Mags Felter who stepped down, and we're pleased to welcome Gulfareen Kamran and also Laura Ratcliff, who takes up Mags' advisory position as our connection to ICON.

Our priorities over the next year remain focussed on training. We're reaching out to finds communities to collaborate to deliver bolt-on, consistent, ClfA-approved training as part of their conferences and meetings. We also have a full membership survey planned so keep an eye out for that early next year!

FINDS GROUP INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK GROUP: Exciting News! We're launching new social media channels to bring our community even closer. Expect more updates, direct interactions, and exclusive content tailored just for you. Join us in building a vibrant, connected community. Let's stay engaged, informed, and inspired together!

Got a CPD opportunity or resource to share? Want to contact the Finds SIG committee? Message us on Facebook, Twitter or via email CifAFindsSIG@gmail.com