

# Newsletter



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## *We need your feedback* By Myra Giesen

Over the last few years, CBA North has placed its energy in showcasing archaeology in the North through creating its clearinghouse website ([www.britarch.ac.uk/cban](http://www.britarch.ac.uk/cban)) and through the publication of its newsletters. Committee members have attended fairs to encourage membership and have arranged several 'members' only events.

All these activities serve to promote archaeology in the region; however, the sponsored events in 2010 have been poorly attended, with attendance ranging from 3 to 20 CBA members. Therefore, the committee has to question whether the effort is worth it, especially as they tend to make up the majority of those in attendance. We have not organised any of its own event for 2011.

With this in mind, we are soliciting feedback from the membership on what they would like to see from CBA North. This is especially relevant as it is time to rethink our five year plan. The committee has several ideas about possible changes, but want to hear from the membership before it moves forward.

Please send us suggestions on how we should and/or should not change CBA North. Please send us your thoughts by post (see insert to the left) or by email at [cbanorth@britarch.ac.uk](mailto:cbanorth@britarch.ac.uk).

### Some Updates:

We held our AGM on 22<sup>nd</sup> May at Bede's World where we heard two fascinating talks by Alan Rushworth and Lindsay Allason-Jones. Several of our members visited the Bollilhope Common project on 10<sup>th</sup> July.

CBA North promoted its activities at the local history fairs at Woodhorn and the

Seaburn Centre on 31<sup>st</sup> May and 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010. We met lots of other interesting history and archaeology groups, signed up some new members, and sold lots of CBA books at discount prices.

Come along to our last sponsored event of the year at The Bowes Museum (see below).

## Upcoming CBA North Event

14<sup>th</sup> November 2010, starting at 10 am

### Durham County Repository for Archaeology @ The Bowes Museum

The Bowes Museum is the County Repository for Archaeology in County Durham and houses a large collection of stored material excavated from the area.

CBA North members are invited to a day out at Bowes to hear a talk from Samantha Belcher, Community Curator for the Archaeology and the Arts project. You will find out more about the community engagement work currently taking place inspired by the archaeology collections. You also will have the chance to handle objects from the stored collection. You can visit a new display exploring the aesthetic value of objects from the



archaeology collection, in relation to The Bowes Museum as a fine and decorative arts venue.

This event costs £6, which includes entry into The Bowes Museum. Book now with Samantha Belcher by email [samantha.belcher@thebowesmuseum.org.uk](mailto:samantha.belcher@thebowesmuseum.org.uk) or by phone at 07793219728. Find out more about the days timetable on page 5.

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## Discovery of a Roman parade helmet at Crosby Garrett, Cumbria

By Dot Boughton, FLO (Lancashire & Cumbria)

I would have loved to start this article with the words "first the Staffordshire Hoard, then the Roman coin hoard discovered at Frome in Somerset, and now our very own archaeological treasure – the Roman parade helmet from Crosby Garrett", but unfortunately, the comparison would not have been appropriate. In archaeological terms, the discovery of the helmet is just as sensational as the discoveries of the hoards mentioned above, but there is one striking yet sad difference between the three finds: while the two hoards above are Treasure with a capital 'T', the helmet is "just" a treasure with a lower-case 't'.

Treasure (with a capital 'T') is a single object (not a coin!) that is older than

300 years and has a precious metal content of more than 10%. Treasure is also two or more silver or gold coins found together (not a single silver or gold coin) or ten or more copper-alloy coins found together. And last but not least, Treasure is two or more prehistoric objects found together. Furthermore, all non-metallic objects found in association with the Treasure finds are Treasure, too. That includes potsherds from a container, bones from a graves, etc.

Examples of artefacts that are not Treasure, but archaeological treasure are these two well known artefacts: the Staffordshire Moorlands pan ([http://www.finds.org.uk/database/search/results/old\\_findID/WMID-3FE965/](http://www.finds.org.uk/database/search/results/old_findID/WMID-3FE965/)) and the Roman lantern recently found in Suffolk and recorded under SF-4BD264 on the PAS database (<http://www.finds.org.uk/database/artefacts/record/id/270499>).

Thankfully, both of these objects found their way into a museum and it is very much hoped that Tullie House Museum & Art Gallery in Carlisle can raise enough money to acquire the parade helmet at the auction on October 7th and give it a permanent home in their new Roman gallery.



**Post script:** At auction, the helmet sold for £2,000,000 and Tullie House Museum & Art Gallery was unable to secure the helmet for Cumbria. The response to their appeal was tremendous though, attracting worldwide interest. The public raised over £50,000, which was matched by an anonymous benefactor, who pledged £1 for every £1 donated by the public.



## Border Bastle Project: What do you call the fortified structures along the Border?

By Myra Giesen Numerous fortified farmhouses are scattered across the English-Scottish Borders that served as personal strongholds against the infamous Border Reivers. Although these vernacular buildings are regionally distinct, they are known by many names (e.g., towers, towerhouses, peel towers or houses, bastles, etc.). This inconsistent nomenclature, along with inherent bias based on Scottish or English historical perspectives, makes it difficult to know the number and full social roles of these structures in the landscape, although they have been central to border life.

Funding has been obtained through the Catherine Cookson Foundation at Newcastle University to begin work on the Border Bastle Project. The aim of this project is to document more broadly the distribution of fortified structures along the English-Scottish Border. This simple, but critical action

is fundamental in being able to interpret their meaning(s), and to develop management strategies to protect them. It is the latter two research initiatives that have greatest potential, but is highly dependent on knowing the temporal and spacial distribution of these structures. To achieve this aim, three objectives have been set. The first objective is to systematically collect terms and definitions used to describe bastles (used to include all fortified structures) built along the Border between 1250 and 1650. The second objective is to create a classification system with the assistance of an advisory board that will be used to categorise bastles. The third objective is to integrate existing diverse databases on bastles into a GIS platform that can be used by heritage managers, researchers, and the public.

Please contact me at [myra.giesen@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:myra.giesen@ncl.ac.uk) or on 0191 222 5845 if you an interest in the topic and want to know more about the project.

## ***Investigating Prehistoric Social and Cultural Networks through the Tyne-Forth Prehistory Forum*** AHRC-funded Research Network grant

**By Chris Fowler and Richard Tipping**

The Tyne-Forth Prehistory Forum brings together archaeologists involved with research into prehistoric archaeology in north-east England and south-east Scotland: i.e. from the region around the Tyne to the region around the Forth. It acts as a venue for the discussion of previous and current research, and an environment in which interested parties can discuss future research projects. Meetings are usually a day long, occur two or three times yearly, and consist of a combination of research presentations, presentations on issues for discussion, and informal discussion on topics proposed by members in advance. The Forum would like to invite anyone interested in archaeological research into prehistory in the region to join and participate in its events.

A recently-awarded AHRC grant will support meetings over the next two years which will focus on the nature of prehistoric social and cultural networks in the region, particularly by

investigating: the history of prehistoric archaeology in NE England and SE Scotland, focussing on the extent to which national borders and 'professional' boundaries played a part in that history; how prehistoric communities inhabited the varied landscapes of the region; how such communities communicated and formed social and cultural networks, and; whether cultural boundaries equivalent to the modern political border existed in prehistory.

The Forum will organise five meetings bringing together a diverse range of colleagues including cultural heritage managers, prehistoric archaeologists and artefact specialists, cultural heritage managers, palaeo-ecologists, geo-archaeologists; amateurs, contract archaeologists, university-based staff and students, museum-based and heritage body-based workers. Meetings aim to compare research perspectives; reach agreement over current gaps in knowledge and identify 'common ground' between different research frame-

works; increase comprehension of the archaeological and environmental evidence for the activities of past communities by comparing methodologies and typologies employed, and; provide a forum for informal debate. Meetings also aim to reflect on ways of coping with research across national boundaries, and the Forum aims to stimulate new research projects into prehistoric communities which operate across the English-Scottish border. Two of these meetings will be conferences open to the wider public.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Forum Meeting:**

*The impact of national borders on our interpretations of prehistoric archaeology*

**20 December 2010**

**Newcastle University**

If you would like to join the Forum and participate in the December event or receive information about upcoming Forum events, email Rachel Crellin, at [r.j.crellin@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:r.j.crellin@ncl.ac.uk). A website will soon be launched with full details of the Forum's events and bursaries.

## ***Cross-Border Archaeology Project***

**By Tom Broad and Barrie Evans**

Over the past months members of the Berwick upon Tweed based Border Archaeological Society (BAS) have been trying to locate a chapel dedicated to seventh century saint, Ethelreda. According to old records, it is located somewhere along the Scottish/English border in the Halter valley near Kirk Yetholm, Roxburghshire.

Due to recent developments, however, the format of the search has changed. Although locating the chapel site is still paramount, this objective has become a single phase of a multi-phase exercise, the 'Cross-border Archaeological Project'. Activities are now coordinated from Yetholm with BAS as an organizational 'umbrella'. The enlarge-

ment of the project resulted from an approach to Scottish Borders Council, and Northumberland National Park Authority archaeologists regarding Ethelreda's chapel. Both felt the task could be usefully extended to include the recording of all anomalies of potential archaeological interest in the area. The project, with professional guidance and funding from both SBC and NNPA, is now taking shape, assisted not only by members of BAS but also by other local societies and interested individuals.

To help newcomers, a number of archaeological training workshops have been arranged. These cover the basics of fieldwork and are proving very popular. Each is under the direction of professionals from the NNPA, SBC, or



*Participants in a CBAP training workshop climbing Shotton Hill on the English/Scottish border to view anomalies of archaeological interest. Photo by Tom Broad*

RCAHMS; all of whom have kindly donated their services.

It is evident to anyone who has walked in the Halter valley, or studied aerial photographs of it that it is rich in ancient remains. Some of these have already been recorded (if not excavated), some have not, and others have yet to be identified ... the purpose of the project.

## Events

All events are free and open to the public unless stated otherwise. Keep up-to-date with regional events by visiting the CBA North website at <http://www.britarch.ac.uk/cban/events.html>. Please reconfirm dates and times of all events, as they are subject to change.

### PUBLIC LECTURES

01.11.2010 **Bell Towers of Lincolnshire** speaker: David Stocker; 5:00 pm at the Birley Room, Archaeology Department, Durham University; sponsor: Durham Medieval Archaeologists (DMA)

01.11.2010 **Recent Findings at Lanton Quarry** speaker: Ben Johnson, 7:30 pm at the Parish Centre, Berwick Upon Tweed (opposite the Berwick Barracks adjacent to Berwick Parish Church main door); free for Border Archaeological Society members and visitors £2.00; Sponsor: Border Archaeological Society (BAS)

09.11.2010 **Excavations at Brougham of the civilian settlement to the east of the Roman fort, Brovacum** speaker: tbc (Oxford Archaeology North 2008), 7:30 pm at the Supper Room of the Market Hall, Appleby; sponsor: Appleby Archaeology

09.11.10 **Late mediaeval Yarm & the Vale of Mowbray** speaker: Barry Harrison; 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church Hall, Thirsk Road, Northallerton; sponsor: Northallerton and District Local History Society (NDLHS)

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**BAS:** <http://www.border-archaeological-society.co.uk/LECTURES.htm>

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11.11.2010 **Audiences with Archaeology: Stray finds, shiny things and a mass of information!** speaker: Join Frances McIntosh, Finds Liaison Officer (County Durham), 3:30 pm at The Bowes Museum; free with normal admission to the museum; sponsor: The Bowes Museum, Archaeology and the Arts in County Durham Project (TBM&ACDP)

13.12.2010 **The Late Iron Age ritual site at Hallaton, Leicestershire: rewriting the early history of central Britain** speaker: Professor Colin Haselgrove, University of Leicester, 2:30 pm at the Elvet Riverside, Room 141 New Elvet, Durham; sponsor: Architectural and Archaeological Society of Durham and Northumberland (Arch&Arch)

15.11.2010 **The Archaeology and Conservation of the East Front of York Minster** speaker: Alex Holton, 5:00 pm at the Birley Room, Archaeology Department, Durham University; sponsor: DMA

22.11.2010 **Corpus of Medieval Parish Churches in the Diocese of Dunblane and Dunkeld** speaker: Prof. Richard Fawcett, 5:00 pm, at the Birley Room, Archaeology Department, Durham University; sponsor: DMA

25.11.2010 **Blood of the Provinces: The Roman Auxilia and the creation of imperial society** speaker: Professor Ian Haynes, 6:00 pm at the Curtis Auditorium, Herschel Building, University of Newcastle; sponsor: Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Newcastle Antiquaries)

29.11.2010 **New Light on County Durham Churches: Archaeological Assessments 1991/2008** speaker: Peter Ryder, 5:00 pm, at the Birley Room, Archaeology Department, Durham University; sponsor: DMA

06.12.2010 **Prehistoric Farming in the North** speaker: Professor Peter Roly Conwy, 7:30 pm at the Parish Centre, Berwick Upon Tweed (opposite the Berwick Barracks adjacent to Berwick Parish Church main door); free for BAS members and visitors: £2.00; sponsor: BAS

09.12.2010 **Audiences with Archaeology: Altogether Archaeology with a Festive Twist** speaker: Paul Frodsham, Historic Environment Officer, North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership, 3:30 pm at

the The Bowes Museum; free with normal museum admission; sponsor: TBM&ACDP

13.12.2010 **The Hirsell: An Estate, Church and Cemetery in The Borders** speaker: Prof. Rosemary Cramp, 5:00 pm at the Birley Room, Archaeology Department, Durham University; sponsor: DMA

14.12.10 **Defending the past: archaeology on Ministry of Defence estates** speaker: Phil Abramson; 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church Hall, Thirsk Road, Northallerton; sponsor: NDLHS

14.12.2010 **2009 Excavation at Boroughgate, Appleby** speaker: Martin Railton, North Pennines Archaeology, 7:30 pm at the Supper Room of the Market Hall, Appleby; sponsor: Appleby Archaeology

11.01.2011 **Nine Standards Rigg** speaker: AGM and members evening, Stephen Walker, 7:00 pm at the Supper Room of the Market Hall, Appleby; sponsor: Appleby Archaeology

07.02.2011 **Prehistoric Ceramics** speaker: Graham Taylor, 7:30 pm at the Parish Centre, Berwick Upon Tweed (opposite the Berwick Barracks adjacent to Berwick Parish Church main door); free for BAS members and visitors: £2.00; sponsor: BAS

08.02.2011 **Excavations at Abbeytown: A long-term Community Project organised by the West Cumbria Archaeological Society** speaker: Jan Walker, 7:30 pm at the Supper Room of the Market Hall, Appleby; sponsor: Appleby Archaeology

08.03.2011 **Gypsum in Cumbria: Two hundred years of industrial mining in the Eden Valley** speaker: Ian Tyler, 7:30 pm at the Supper Room of the Market Hall, Appleby; sponsor: Appleby Archaeology

13.04.2011 **The Cumbria Archive Centre and the records of Appleby and North Westmorland** speaker: David Bowcock, 7:30 pm at the Supper Room of the Market Hall, Appleby; sponsor: Appleby Archaeology

### CONFERENCE

31.10.2010 **Archaeology in the Lake District 2010** 10:00 am—4:00 pm at The Theatre by the Lake, Keswick; £11 (inc. tea/coffee); £16.75 (inc. tea/coffee)

and buffet lunch); more information: <http://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/index/learning/archaeology/archaeologynewsandevents/archaeologynews.htm> or 01539 724555. Booking form should be submitted by Friday 15 October 2010.

13.11.2010 ***The End of the Roman North: Roman to Anglo-Saxon in Northern England*** Temple Hall, York St John University, Lord Mayor's Walk, York  
Contact: Stuart Laycock, [StuLaycock34@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:StuLaycock34@blueyonder.co.uk), [www.410.org.uk/confs.htm](http://www.410.org.uk/confs.htm).

20.11.2010 ***Military failure or 'Moving on'? The Twilight of the Roman Frontier in Northern Britain*** 10:00am—5:00 pm at The Customs House South Shields; members & OAPs & FT students - £15, Non-members - £20; sponsor: The Arbeia Society; Contact: Secretary, Arbeia Society, Arbeia, Baring Street, South Shields, NE33 2BB, 0191 454 4093, [liz.elliott@twmuseums.org.uk](mailto:liz.elliott@twmuseums.org.uk), or see [www.arbeiasociety.org.uk](http://www.arbeiasociety.org.uk)

17-19.12.2010 **32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Theoretical Archaeology Group** University of Bristol; see <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/tag2010/call.html>

### DAY SCHOOL

13.11.2010 ***Of Ships and the Sea: Exploring the depths of maritime archaeology*** 10:00am—5:00 pm at Middlesbrough College; Pre-booking is essential, so please contact Gary Green on 01429 523457, or email him at [gary.green@hartlepool.gov.uk](mailto:gary.green@hartlepool.gov.uk), <http://www.teesarchaeology.com/new/events.html>; sponsor: Tees Archaeology

This year's Tees Archaeology day school takes a closer look at maritime archaeology in the North-East of England. A wide range of topics will be explored, including the region's early medieval maritime communities, surviving WWII coastal defences, UK Protected Wreck sites and tall tales from a voyage on the replica of Captain Cook's famous ship 'Endeavour'.

### ***Heritage Partnership Agreement (HPA) at Ingram Farm, Northumberland***

**By Chris Jones** English Heritage, (EH) Northumberland National Park (NNP), and Natural England (NE) join together with tenant farmers Johnny, Sarah, and Ross Wilson to carry out a national pilot

### ***CBA North Sponsored Event***

## **Visit to The Bowes Museum**

**Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

### *The Day's Timetable*

- 10:00 am Arrival
- 10:15 am Education Vault: talk by Samantha Belcher and handle some of the objects from the stored collection
- 11:00 am Visit the Archaeology display in the Streatlam Gallery, with an introduction to the main themes of the display from Samantha
- 11:15 am Guided Tour of the Museum from a Volunteer Guide
- 12:00 pm Free time to enjoy the rest of your visit. You may enjoy lunch in our cafe or a stroll around the museum grounds
- 2:00 pm Don't miss the Silver Swan, the museums star attraction
- 5:00 pm Museum Closes

Entry is £6 (special group price), find direction to the museum via [www.thebowesmuseum.org.uk](http://www.thebowesmuseum.org.uk). To book your place at this event, please contact Samantha Belcher: 01833 690606 or [samantha.belcher@thebowesmuseum.org.uk](mailto:samantha.belcher@thebowesmuseum.org.uk).

### ***Background for Archaeology and the Arts in Durham County Project***

Archaeology and the Arts in County Durham is a new project initially funded until March 2011 (by the MLA through the North East Regional Museums Hub) to engage communities with the county's archaeology collection at The Bowes Museum. The overall outcome of the project is to create improved access to the collection and opportunities use the objects in engaging and meaningful ways, whilst considering how this could develop in the future. This project is a partnership between The Bowes Museum and Durham County Council.

County Durham has a rich and diverse archaeological heritage. The Bowes Museum houses objects up to 6,000 years old which have been found in digs in County Durham ranging from prehistoric cup and ring marked stones, a



HPA at Ingram Farm, Northumberland.

The agreement establishes 570 hectares as a scheduled ancient monument, encompassing existing ancient monuments already on the land, and makes it the largest piece of scheduled land in the UK. This initiative creates clear guidelines and permissions on the work that can and cannot be carried out and enhances the farmers' continued responsible stewardship of the site. Agreed in advance with EH, NNP, and NE, the agreement allows the Wilsons to carry out such works as repairs to fencing, stone walls, hedges, footpaths, and tracks and the control of burrowing animals. This agreement is one of the

first in a series of national pilots to get off the ground and will be watched closely by the heritage and agricultural sectors alike.

Working in parallel with the negotiations of the HPA agreement, NE were able to add value to the agreement by combining it with other aspects of environmental stewardship support through their Higher Level Stewardship scheme. Work is also progressing between all partners to tackle the problem of bracken which covers large areas of the farm. This is a clear expression of close partnership working to ensure the optimum management of the historic environment at Ingram Farm.

## The Northern Archaeology Group - Excavations at Wolsingham

By Brenda Ludvigsen

The Northern Archaeology Group (NAG) carried out their first excavation of 2010 on 21 March, on the outskirts of Wolsingham in the beautiful Wear Valley. The chosen site was in the vicinity of a water-mill adjacent to the River Wear. For several years, NAG has been searching the banks of the Wear for signs of Roman river navigation. NAG founder, Ray Selkirk, realised that the only way the Romans could transport their long distance supplies was by boat or barge. The Romans must have travelled along the valley as an altar was found at Eastgate and a Roman road crosses the moors from Stanhope to Egglestone, and

probably onto Barnard Castle, passing the Roman industrial site at Bollihope.

A dam or weir would have been built across the river to raise the level of the water upstream and a bypass canal constructed to allow river craft to sail further upstream passing any shallows or obstructions in the river. The canals were often later reused as mill races.

At the Wolsingham site, the remains of a weir or dam can be seen on the riverbank with the stone-lined mill race heading towards the mill about 300 feet downstream. The tail race (shown on old OS maps) stretches 600 feet

from the mill to the river. The races would have needed an army of men to excavate them. NAG conjectures that the mill races are the remains of a Roman canal. The excavation was conducted to establish if remains were present.

The trench was located on the line of tail race and was 9m x 3m in plan and 1m deep. River-washed boulders of various sizes were found in the bottom of the trench but nothing conclusive.

NAG meets at 7:45 pm on the third Tuesday of every month



Len and Terry admiring Phil's expertise. Photo by Brenda Ludvigsen

at Burnmoor Cricket Club, just off the A183 in Burnmoor, Chester-le-Street. The group publishes a journal every three months, priced at £2. Please contact Brenda Ludvigsen, Secretary, Librarian and Editor [bludvigsen@sky.com](mailto:bludvigsen@sky.com) if you are interested in joining or learning more about their publication.

## Lanton Quarry Community Capacity Building Project by Chris Scott

The remarkable archaeological remains at Lanton Quarry will provide the focus for building capacity in education and awareness amongst the local community, with a particular focus on schools. The project will provide access and education about the archaeological heritage through the direct involvement of seven local schools and volunteers. This will include on-site activities, open days and web resources. The project will provide real and "hands-on" access to the heritage by involving school children, retired people, students and local residents.

To become involved in excavation on site, community and education activities please contact us at

[philippa@archaeologicalresearchservices.com](mailto:philippa@archaeologicalresearchservices.com). Find out more about the fascinating Lanton Quarry archaeology at: [www.archaeologicalresearchservices.com](http://www.archaeologicalresearchservices.com).

**Date:** October 2010-May 2011

**Organised by:** Chris Scott & Philippa Cockburn; Archaeological Research Services Ltd

**Supported by:** English Heritage and Tarmac



Excavation of a Neolithic pit. Photo provided by Chris Scott

## The Irish Sea: North West England Historic Seascapes Characterisation Project by Caron Newman

The coastal and marine environment of North West England has been heavily used and exploited for thousands of years. This project will record the character of the area's historic seascape to understand the historic character, and to allow future development without damaging the legacy of the past. Historic Seascape Characterisation (HSC) is a method for mapping the historic and present day uses and character of the coast, inter-tidal and marine areas of the Irish Sea, using a geographical information system (GIS) and related database. The Irish Sea HSC project covers the entire coastline of the North West region of England, with the adjacent UK Controlled Waters.

The mapping will raise public awareness and inform research, management, and planning of the marine and coastal environment for the future, in response to increasing pressures on our coasts and seas such as sea defences, aggregates extraction, oil and gas exploration, and wind-farm construction amongst many others. All contribute to, but also impact on, the historic marine environment. HSC will provide a framework and inform marine policy following the implementation of the Marine and Coastal Access Act in 2009.

The project is being carried out by Newcastle University, and is funded by English Heritage.

## Festival of British Archaeology in Cumbria (July/August 2010)

By Dot Boughton, FLO (Lancashire & Cumbria)

It's been two years since I did my last batch of finds days in Cumbria's museums and my, how time flies! I came back from maternity leave in January and am now working part-time, still covering Lancashire and Cumbria with my work-share partner, Stuart Noon. Since I came back to work we've heard news of the Staffordshire hoard, the Frome hoard and, only very recently, news of our own Cumbrian treasure, the Roman parade helmet from Crosby Garrett (see article on page 3).

During the Festival of British Archaeology, I held finds days in Maryport, Keswick, Lancaster, Kendal, and Carlisle and in this short note I would like to share with you two of the nicest small finds I recorded.



### 1. Senhouse Roman Museum, Maryport: A complete Samian ware vessel

This wonderful complete Samian ware vessel was found near Maryport, complete with its cremation and fragments of a burned bone comb. For those of you who know the Samian typology, it's a Dragendorff 37, 243mm in diameter

and 145mm high. The bone comb fragment measures 28x28x3mm and weighs 4.63g. I hardly get to record complete vessels so this was a very special find for me. The find is currently on loan to Senhouse



Roman Museum in Maryport where it is on display.

### 2. Keswick Museum and Art Gallery: A sixpence of Elizabeth I

This was my first finds day at Keswick Museum & Art Gallery and amongst the dozens of (unsurprisingly!) Langdale axe- and rough-out- fragments was also this lovely little sixpence of Elizabeth I that was found in Borrowdale. It dates from AD1570 showing the 'tower' mint mark on obverse and reverse. It is 24.5mm in diameter, 0.1mm thick and weighs 1.97g.

If you have any artefacts you would like identified and/or recorded, don't hesitate and get in touch with me: Dot Boughton, Tullie House Museum & Art Gallery, Castle St, Carlisle, CA3 8TP, 01228618760; [dotb@carlisle.gov.uk](mailto:dotb@carlisle.gov.uk) or [dot.boughton@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:dot.boughton@lancashire.gov.uk)

## Interesting Regional Websites

**Appleby Archaeology Group:**

[www.applebyarchaeology.org.uk](http://www.applebyarchaeology.org.uk)

**Arbeia Society:** [www.arbeiasociety.org.uk](http://www.arbeiasociety.org.uk)

**Architectural and Archaeological Society of Durham and Northumberland:** [www.dur.ac.uk/archandarch.dandn](http://www.dur.ac.uk/archandarch.dandn)

**Border Archaeological Society:** [www.border-archaeological-society.co.uk](http://www.border-archaeological-society.co.uk)

**Cartmel Peninsula Local History Society:** [www.cartmel-peninsula-lhs.org.uk](http://www.cartmel-peninsula-lhs.org.uk)

**CBA North:** [www.britarch.ac.uk/cban](http://www.britarch.ac.uk/cban)

**Cleveland Industrial Archaeology Society:**

[www.teesarchaeology.com/new/CIAS.html](http://www.teesarchaeology.com/new/CIAS.html)

**Cockermouth Museum Group:** [www.ckermouth.org.uk/](http://www.ckermouth.org.uk/)

**Coquetdale Community Archaeology:**

[www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/coquetdalearchaeology](http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/coquetdalearchaeology)

**Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society:** <http://cumbriapast.com/cgi-bin/ms/main.pl?action=home>

**Nautical Archaeology Society (North-East):**

[www.nauticalarchaeologysociety.org/training/north\\_east.php](http://www.nauticalarchaeologysociety.org/training/north_east.php)

**North-East History Hub:** [www.northeasthistoryhub.co.uk](http://www.northeasthistoryhub.co.uk)

**North-East History Tour blog:**

[www.northeasthistorytour.blogspot.com](http://www.northeasthistorytour.blogspot.com)

**Northern Archaeology Group:** <http://northernarchaeology.multiply.com>

**Northumberland and Newcastle Society:**

[www.nandnsociety.org.uk](http://www.nandnsociety.org.uk)

**Shap History Society:** [www.shaphistorysociety.org.uk](http://www.shaphistorysociety.org.uk)

**Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle-upon-Tyne:**

[www.newcastle-antiquaries.org.uk](http://www.newcastle-antiquaries.org.uk)

**Tarset Archive Group:** [www.tarset.co.uk/community/tag.cfm](http://www.tarset.co.uk/community/tag.cfm)

**West Cumbria Archaeological Society:**

[www.wcarchaeology.homecall.co.uk](http://www.wcarchaeology.homecall.co.uk)

The **Portable Antiquities Scheme ((PAS):** [www.finds.org.uk](http://www.finds.org.uk))

provides background information on the PAS, news articles, events listings, and access to its database of objects and images.

**PastScape** ([www.pastscape.org.uk](http://www.pastscape.org.uk)) is a quick and easy way to search nearly 400,000 records held in the historic environment database. You'll find information on archaeological, architectural, and maritime sites.

Do you have a favourite regional website that is not listed above, please let us know by emailing [cban-webmaster@britarch.ac.uk](mailto:cban-webmaster@britarch.ac.uk).

## Kendell Museum By Morag Clement

The Kendal Museum has just acquired 3 coin hoards which were declared Treasure Trove. Firstly a Roman coin hoard of 50 radiate coins from the Morecambe Bay area. The coins range in date from the reign of Victorinus to that of Allectus. Secondly a late medieval hoard of 13 coins from South Lakeland dated 1280-1369, and finally a hoard of 4 medieval coins from the Morecambe Bay area dated 1279-1356.



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When you have finished the crossword, rearrange the letters in the yellow squares to find an archaeological period!

Across

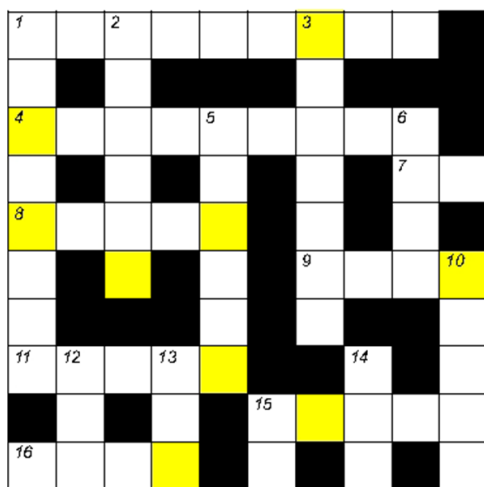
- 1. Anglo-Saxon cemetery famous for its boat burial and helmet (6,3)
4. These show up on aerial photographs and are caused by archaeological features affecting how plants grow. (9)
7. Initials in dates meaning 'in the year of our Lord' (2)
8. Iron Age tribe from East Anglia (5)

9. Type of soil that is very good at preserving remains, including bodies (4)

- 11. Anglo- (5)
15. Circular word that links 'barrow' and 'house' (5)
16. Tool used to shape wood used since pre-historic times; 'daze' confused (anagram!) (4)

Down

- 1. Vertical slices through archaeological sites; also means 'parts' (8)
2. Archaeologists tool (6)
3. Major city of the Indus civilisation (7)
5. - - - - - Castle in Dorset is an Iron Age hillfort (6)
6. Viking story (4)
10. Exchange of goods; - - - - - route (5)
12. Simple plough that was 'ard work to use!' (3)
13. Material from which metal is made, e.g. iron - - - (3)
14. Sun-dried bricks of this were used to build houses in hot dry places (3)
15. Egyptian sun god (2)



YAC will donate a free Individual Child membership to the first person to email the archaeological period hidden in the yellow squares to cbanorthnews@britarch.ac.uk.

Good luck!

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Along with Kirsty McCarrison, I am one of the Student Representatives for CBA North. I graduated from Durham University in 2005 where I studied Anthropology followed by an MSc in Palaeopathology. I then took a couple of years break from studying and worked in contract archaeology in the UK and Ireland, spending time working out on site as well as in the lab doing osteological analysis (along with a brief stint in historic building recording!). I am currently a second year PhD student at the International Centre for Cultural and Heritage Studies at Newcastle University. My research is funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council and looks at

how the excavation and reburial of archaeological human remains are portrayed by the British Press.

Now that you know Kristy and I, we would like to start profiling other student member in forth coming newsletter. If you are interested in having your project highlighted on CBA North's webpage or in our next newsletter, then please contact us by sending us an email to cbanorthnews@britarch.ac.uk. Please indicate student profile in the subject line.



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