

## LECTURE SEASON 2009 – 2010, Staffordshire Archaeological and Historical Society

All meetings take place at St Mary's Centre, Market Place, Lichfield and start at 8.00pm unless otherwise specified.

16<sup>th</sup> October 2009                      John Shaw                      The Old Pubs of Lichfield

*John Shaw has lived in Lichfield for some while and during this time has written several volumes on a variety of historical subjects which centre on Lichfield. The talk tonight is on "The Old Pubs of Lichfield" some of which are still around as pubs and sadly many which have long since disappeared one way or another.*

**This meeting is preceded by the AGM which will start at 7.30pm.**

30<sup>th</sup> October 2009                      Malcolm Dick                      Matthew Boulton (1728-1809) and the  
celebration of Industrial Technology

*Malcolm Dick completed his PhD at the University of Leicester and has worked at the University of Birmingham since 2004, initially as a tutor and project coordinator within the Centre for Lifelong Learning and subsequently as a lecturer on history and heritage programmes in the School of Education. Currently he teaches for the Department of Modern History within the School of History and Cultures and is Acting Director of the Centre for Birmingham and Midlands History, together with many other activities.*

*Malcolm has research interests in the history of the West Midlands with special reference to the Midlands Enlightenment of the late eighteenth century and the history of minority communities. He is currently editing a book on Matthew Boulton. Other interests include environmental history and the representation of heritage, past and present. Malcolm is also co-supervising an AHRC Collaborative PhD on Elizabeth Cadbury.*

13<sup>th</sup> November 2009                      Richard Thomas                      Black Death, Green Pastures: the Changing Nature of  
Diet and Agriculture in the 14<sup>th</sup> Century

*Dr Richard Thomas is lecturer in zooarchaeology at the University of Leicester. Teaching and research interests focus on the study of animal bones from archaeological sites as a means of understanding past human-animal relationships. Richard is specifically interested in the integration of zooarchaeological and historical evidence, particularly with respect to the Black Death, the Agricultural Revolution and the relationships that exist between diet and social identities. These are topics that will be covered in the lecture. However, Richard is also interested in animal palaeopathology – the diagnosis and interpretation of animal diseases in the past.*

27<sup>th</sup> November 2009                      Mike Nevell                      The Salt Industry in the Iron Age

*Dr Mike Nevell is Director of the University of Manchester Archaeology Unit within the School of Arts, Histories and Culture and his talk this evening will encompass the Salt Industry in the Iron Age and what we know of the industry in the UK focussing on the work of the past 10 years in the North West Midlands that throw light on this industry and what happened when the Romans arrived in the mid 1<sup>st</sup> century AD.*

11<sup>th</sup> December 2009                      Christmas Meeting

*Tonight we anticipate having not one but two talks. Both talks will be of about 25 or 30 minutes duration. This is of course a change from previous year's style of talks.*

(1) Roland Watson - Three Artists of Lichfield

*Roland is a member of the Society and has been involved with the Shenstone Parish Buildings Survey. He is an artist. He has put together tonight's talk about the three artists of Lichfield for our delectation.*

(2) A.N.Other – Surprise talk TBC

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010

TBC

Lecture to be confirmed

5<sup>th</sup> February 2010

Daryl Garton

Derrick Riley's Cropmark Landscapes Revisited

*In 1980 Derrick Riley published a book about the cropmarks he had recorded by aerial photography in North Nottinghamshire and South Yorkshire. The plots of these cropmarks demonstrated a previously unknown coherent landscape of fields and settlements which Derrick tentatively attributed to the Romano-British period. Tonight's talk will present some highlights from the last 28 years of further research on these cropmarks, illustrated from the results of excavation, fieldwalking and further study of the cropmark patterns themselves.*

19<sup>th</sup> February 2010

Adam Mindykowski

Uncovering a Hidden Landscape: A LiDAR Survey in the Wyre Forest

*Adam works for Worcestershire Historic Environment and Archaeology Service providing specialist advice to farmers and landowners, principally for conservation of historic environment features within the Environmental Stewardship Agreements. He also works on strategic landscape assessments aimed at informing planning and green infrastructure policy and management of the historic environment in Worcestershire.*

*Tonight's talk concerns Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) surveys. It is a method of aerial laser survey used to map topography to a fine level of detail and will concentrate on the Wyre Forest. The talk will use examples of multi-period features to explore the prehistoric and historic land-use of the Wyre and its hinterland.*

5<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Rachael Hall

National Trust Archaeology

*Rachael will initially provide us with an insight/overview of the role of Archaeology within the National Trust covering some of the more recent works in the East Midlands. Rachael has also been requested to concentrate on the work at Calke Abbey (deer shelters, lime yards, the Priory etc)*

19<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Ian Bott

Lost Mansions of the Black Country

**THIS TALK WILL COMMENCE AT 7.30pm**

*Ian Bott is the author of a number of books concentrating on the Black Country. Tonight's talk will provide the Society with a snapshot of the sadly now missing mansions from the Black Country.*

9<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Roger White

Wroxeter in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

*The talk tonight will generalise on the wider Roman towns of Britain but will centre on Wroxeter in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.*

*Roger White is Academic Director of Ironbridge Institute. He has broad interests in historical archaeology and cultural heritage but especially in the presentation and interpretation of archaeological sites. His principle research focus is geographically on the west of Britain generally whilst chronologically the focus is on the Roman and immediate post-Roman period. This work has crystallised in his book "Britannia Prima" and in his long-term work at the Roman Council of the IfA, Chair of the Professional Training Committee of the IfA and the Editor of the new journal Historic Environment, Policy and Practice which will be launched in 2010.*