BACAS Programme 2025-26

EXCURSIONS 2026

April 22 Wednesday Morning
Farleigh Hungerford Castle

We will be given a guided tour of Farleigh Hungerford Castle, first built in the 1370s and extended in the 15th century by the distinguished Hungerford family. After visiting the Castle, you may want to have lunch. At 14.00 there will be an optional walking tour of this historic village with BACAS's own archaeologist Marek Lewcun.

May (TBC)
Lydney Roman Temple

The Roman Temple at Lydney Park, with its guest house and baths, stood within a promontory fort, reoccupied in the Roman period by a community engaged in mining iron. It lies within the Woodland garden and deer Park, Roman ruins and museums, including the New Zealand Museum.

June 2 Tuesday Morning
Avebury Henge Walk

Avebury has the largest stone circle in Europe and is one of Britain's major Neolithic sites. The guided tour will visit the main Henge and stone circle, the inner circles and the Avenue to understand the remains and discuss recent archaeology.

June 28 Sunday Morning
Westbury sub Mendip Excavation

Following finds of a lead ingot and coin hoard in the area in 2016, a Romano-British farmhous/villa was discovered dating from the 3rd - 4th centuries. Westbury Society Archaeology Group continues the excavation each year and we will be visiting the team on site to see their latest discoveries.

August 13 Thursday Evening
Three Somerset Churches

Once again we have a guided visit to a trio of intriguing Somerset churches at Publow, Norton Malreward and Stanton Drew with the traditional ending at the pub, this time the Druid's Arms.

September 17 Thursday Morning
Cotswold Archaeology Conservation Labs

Cotswold Archaeology is a leading supplier of archaeological and heritage services who will host a visit to their Kemble offices to see and discuss their post-excavation processes at first-hand.

LECTURES 25-26

The BACAS lectures are held in the Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution, 16-18 Queen Square Bath BA1 2HN on Thursday evenings starting at 7.30pm

October 2
'Discovering Avebury, the landscape and people'
Dr Nick Snashall, National Trust Archaeologist

November 27
'The chalkland landscape of Stonehenge, Avebury, Dorchester and Cranborne Chase
Mike Allen, Environmental Archaeologist

December 18
'The use of sonar imaging techniques in mapping and visualising maritime wrecks'
Capt FC Morgyn Davis OBE FNI MIIMS

January 8 2026
'Winchester – City of Kings'
Susanne Haselgrove, Author.

February 12
'Rethinking Roman religious sites in the south-west'
Dr David Roberts, Senior Lecturer in Roman Archaeology and History, Cardiff University.

March 12
AGM and Members' projects

Lectures 2024 - 2025

Archaeology Online or *Lecture at BRLSI

The Temperance Movement in Bath and Bristol
Alan Clarke, Historian.
10th October 2024

Medieval Myth Busting
James Wright, Archaeologist
14th November 2024

'Benedictines in Bath'
Dr Giles Mercer, Retired Headmaster and Historian
12th December 2024

National Trust Archaeology in Wessex over 38 years
Martin Papworth, Retired Archaeologist at the NT
9th January 2025

Newport Medieval Ship
Bob Evans, Retired Chair of the Friends of Newport Ship
13th February 2025

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