

Member news Obituaries

Dr Andy Michael Jones HND BA PhD FSA Scot FSA MCIfA (1080)

Obituary by Francis Shepherd ACIfA (9103)

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Andy Jones following a short illness. His loss is felt profoundly by his family, friends and colleagues at Cornwall Archaeological Unit (CAU) and the wider archaeological community.

Andy was a leading figure in British prehistory, with a passion for the Neolithic and Bronze Age. Over more than three decades, he made exceptional contributions through fieldwork and scholarship. Joining CAU in 1992, he became Principal Archaeologist in 2011 and Projects Manager in 2019. His work included excavations at Stannon Down, Scarcewater, Camelford School and Sennen, and research projects at Clodgy Moor, North Cliffs and Mount's Bay. He was instrumental in publishing the Whitehorse Hill cist – one of Britain's most significant Early Bronze Age burials – and studied log coffin burials and rock art sites such as Hendraburnick and Trethevy Quoit.

Andy earned his PhD from the University of Exeter in 2005 and published influential works on Cornish barrows, settlement and prehistoric tinworking. A Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, he served on several professional councils.

Above all, Andy was a devoted husband and father. He is survived by his wife and children. His warmth, humour and generosity touched all who knew him, and he will be deeply missed.



Andy Jones at the Whitehorse Hill cist in 2011. Credit: Cornwall Archaeological Unit

Carl Champness ACIfA (2518)

Obituary by Oxford Archaeology

Carl Champness, a cherished colleague and friend, suddenly and unexpectedly passed away in September at the age of 49. His death has come as a profound shock to everyone who knew him.

Carl held a BA (Hons) from University of Wales, Lampeter, and an MSc in Geoarchaeology from the University of Reading. His career spanned over 25 years: he joined Oxford Archaeology in 2004, after spending his early career at Hertfordshire Archaeology and Wessex Archaeology. During his career, Carl worked on some of the biggest infrastructure projects conducted over the last two decades, including Heathrow Terminal 5, High Speed 1 and 2, Thameslink, and Crossrail.

Carl's passion for archaeology was inspiring. He was an advocate for the profession and enthusiastically shared his experience and knowledge with everyone he encountered, whether it be his colleagues and site team members, consultants and contractors, members of the public, or the Young Archaeologists Club.

Carl was one of the most positive people you could hope to meet and will be remembered not only for his expert knowledge but for his friendly and cheerful presence. He will be greatly missed by all of his friends and colleagues at Oxford Archaeology and by the wider archaeological community beyond.

To read the full obituary by Oxford Archaeology please go to their website: OA mourns Carl Champness | Oxford Archaeology (<https://www.oxfordarchaeology.com/news/oa-mourns-carl-champness>)



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Credit: Oxford
Archaeology*

Richard O'Neill MCIfA (5627)

Obituary by Wessex Archaeology

Wessex Archaeology have written a tribute to Richard O'Neill, who sadly passed away in April this year. Richard will be greatly missed. Please see In memory of Richard O'Neill | Wessex Archaeology (<https://www.wessexarch.co.uk/memory-richard-oneill>)