

Member news



Tabitha Lawrence. Credit: Tabitha Lawrence

Tabitha Lawrence PCIfA (11170)

I currently work within commercial archaeology in the South East. Just over a year ago I moved to Cambridge to work at Pre-Construct Archaeology, before moving to Colchester where I now work for the Colchester Archaeological Trust. I've been lucky to work on lots of varied sites with some lovely people who have taught me so much already.

I applied for PCIfA as I saw it as an opportunity to develop my volunteer work on a ClfA Special Interest Group committee. I volunteer as Secretary for the Early Careers Group, which aims to support and encourage those in the early stages of their archaeological careers (like me). I find it rewarding and positive for my own career, forming links with others in archaeology and promoting changes and ideas within our sector.

The application process can appear a bit daunting at first, so I would definitely ask other accredited members for their advice. I asked my supervisors and Project Officers for help with my application, especially with editing my statement of competence to show how my work met the criteria in the matrix. I also relied on the guidance produced by ClfA for extra help.

Elsbeth Iliff ACIfA (8507)

After completing my degree I just wanted to dig. In 2015 I started as a trainee field archaeologist with Worcestershire Archaeology and worked on a variety of sites across the Midlands and further afield. Worcestershire Archaeology has given me opportunities to develop my skills, and as a field supervisor I now spend a lot of my time running smaller sites and undertaking watching briefs. This was a good time to upgrade my accreditation to ACIfA to better reflect my position within the profession. The process was easier than I expected and it gave me an opportunity to look at my career from a step removed and see what I have accomplished. One accomplishment I am proud of is my election as a member of ClfA's Advisory Council. I joined the Council in 2019 to help provide greater representation for diggers, and have found it to be an excellent way to build my knowledge of ClfA, the issues that affect us, and the profession as a whole.



Elsbeth Iliff. Credit: Elspeth Iliff



David Breeze.
Credit: The British Academy

2021 Kenyon Medal winner

We are pleased to announce that Professor David J Breeze Hon. MCIFA (924) has been awarded the 2021 Kenyon Medal for his outstanding international contribution to the archaeology of the Roman Empire.

David Breeze is a graduate of Durham University, where he fell under the spell of Eric Birley. His subsequent research has focused on Roman frontiers and the Roman army. After serving as Chief Inspector of Ancient Monuments for Scotland, he led the team that successfully nominated the Antonine Wall as a World Heritage Site and helped create the Frontiers of the Roman Empire World Heritage Site. He has served as chair of the International Congress of Roman Frontier Studies as well as president of several British archaeological societies. He is an honorary professor at the Universities of Durham, Edinburgh, Newcastle and Stirling.

'I have spent a lifetime seeking to understand better Roman frontiers such as Hadrian's Wall and thereby hope to appreciate the mindset of their builders and how they operated.' – Professor David J Breeze

Further details can be found at www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/prizes-medals/kenyon-medal/

Chiz Harward MCIFA (5856)

Following the retirement of Dr John Crook, Chiz Harward has been appointed Cathedral Archaeologist at Winchester Cathedral. Building on the excavation and publication of major monastic sites such as the priory, hospital and cemetery of St Mary Spital (MOLA), as a sole trader (Urban Archaeology) Chiz has found himself increasingly working on ecclesiastical and monastic sites, excavating numerous Cotswold churches (as well as the occasional Cotswold pub) over the last decade. Extensive work at Gloucester Cathedral involved both excavation and standing building recording, and last year Urban Archaeology spent Lockdown v1.0 combining excavation and 'buildings archaeology' in a 3-D project at the former Infirmary's Lodging of St Peter's, Gloucester.

Winchester is an inspiring and daunting setting for any urban archaeologist – the site of so many important events in archaeology from the game-changing work of the Biddles and the Winchester Excavations Committee, to the birth of Harris's matrix and single context recording. Chiz hopes to bring his experience of urban excavation, building recording and project planning to the role and to build on the work of John Crook and the cathedral team. Chiz will seek to ensure that the cathedral and its Close continues to be conserved, understood and enhanced; that where necessary it is excavated and recorded to the highest standards; and that the archaeology, history and heritage of this extraordinary site is brought to the widest audience possible.



Chiz Harward. Credit: Chiz Harward

Member news Obituaries

Neil Ross Campling BSc MA ACIfA (360)

by Linda Campling BSc MBA

Neil died unexpectedly aged 70 on 23 September 2021. He had been feeling ill since early summer and following several tests was diagnosed with second-stage B cell lymphoma. Neil expected to recover following chemotherapy treatment, but that was not to be. He died early on the morning of the 23rd accompanied by two friends.

Neil was born in Merton, South London, but sailed to Canada as a toddler, growing up in Thunder Bay, Ontario, on the north shore of Lake Superior. After finishing his honours geology degree Neil spent the summer of 1971 in his first paid archaeological job identifying abandoned settlements and digging test trenches on the north shore of Lake Huron. Neil went on to the University of Manitoba, completing an MA in Anthropology followed by travel in southern Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji for 18 months. In 1977 he worked on the Hat Creek Project in British Columbia, where he met Linda, who became his wife the following year.

In 1978 Neil started studying at Southampton University. He worked on many sites, notably Six Dials, Foxcotte, and Butser Hill. Memorably, at a vacant site in St Mary's, Southampton, while Neil was overseeing the removal of the topsoil layer, the digger went through an electric cable, plunging all the shops of Lower Bar in Southampton into darkness at 10:00 on a Saturday morning. Of course, this hit the local paper headlines. (The cable wasn't where the electric company said it would be on the plan they provided.)

In 1989 Neil joined Test Valley Archaeological Trust (TVAT) and its trading company Hampshire Archaeology Ltd (HA Ltd), under Frank Green. Frank writes that he was a hard-working staff member, frequently managing excavations, where he could use his geological and soil science knowledge to benefit site recording and understanding.

Under Neil's watchful eye, Health and Safety issues were rigorously addressed. This had a significant impact on working practices, keeping the organisation abreast of changes to standards that needed to be implemented. This extended to Neil's approach to maintaining site and excavation equipment.

Neil was always happy to help others and even when times were perhaps financially difficult, he could be



Neil Ross Campling.
Credit: L Campling

relied on to be positive and cheerful and pass his knowledge and enthusiasm for archaeology on to others.

Neil left the Trust three years later to join North Yorkshire County Council's planning department as Assistant and then County Archaeologist. Besides commenting on planning applications, Neil worked with local volunteers and university groups to further archaeology in the county. He appeared in the background of two *Time Team* programmes.

When Neil left NYCC he started looking after his best friend until his death in 2009. Neil then trained as a carer, working part-time. He also got involved in local partnerships in Darlington and became a lay advisor for the Research Design Service at Newcastle University.

The many messages of condolence received sum Neil up:

'What a loss he will be for everyone, his colleagues and family. He was so great to work with and had so many perceptive insights and contributions to offer. What a shock. I will really miss him.'

'Neil's insightful, thoughtful and helpful contributions to research proposals, alongside his passion for research, and his support of the Research Design Service, will be greatly missed by all of us.'

Following Neil's wishes he was cremated in a willow coffin wrapped in a simple shroud. His ashes will be taken back to Canada and scattered on the north shore of Lake Superior.

The full obituary can be read on the Clfa website alongside this edition of The Archaeologist at www.archaeologists.net/archaeologist

Prof Dr C Sebastian Sommer FSA MCIfA (9480)

by Gerry Wait MCIfA (771) and Michaela Schauer ACIfA (9243)

It is with great sadness that we report the death of C Sebastian Sommer FSA. Sebastian was the Landeskonservator at Bayerisches Landesamt für Denkmalpflege in Bavaria (BLfD). Sebastian and I, Gerry, met as graduate students over 40 years ago, when he came to study with Sheppard Frere in 1980. At St Antony's College, Oxford, he undertook his Master's degree on military vici under Sheppard Frere, which led on to his PhD at Munich, which was later published as a BAR.

After Oxford, Sebastian joined the office of the Baden-Württemberg Landesamt für Denkmalpflege in 1984. From 1984 to 2001, Sommer was a consultant for Roman provincial archaeology at the Baden-Württemberg State Monuments Office and, from 1995, also head of the 'Specialised excavations and central specialist services' department. He was appointed Chief Archaeologist for Bavaria in 2002 – the largest of the German states and a very high-profile post. I think it was in Munich that Sebastian found a real home, becoming a true Bavarian and relishing traditional dress for formal – and some informal! – occasions.

In Bavaria, as the State Conservator and Deputy Conservator General, he fundamentally and very successfully put state archaeology on a new footing. His goal was the permanent preservation of the archaeological monuments in the public interest – or, alternatively, their excavation after extensive consideration. Under his leadership, the procedures for the many archaeological measures were systematised and optimised, which led to new insights into the past.

Sommer's engagement brought him work in numerous national and transnational organisations. In the office he spared neither work nor risk, according to the obituary of the state office. He also tackled tasks that nobody but himself dared to tackle. Nor did he avoid controversial discussions. In 2016 a group of archaeologists from within the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Ur- und Frühgeschichte e.V. (German Society for Pre- and Protohistory) reacted to the ongoing complaints about working conditions in German archaeology and undertook a survey that resulted in an intense but fruitful discussion about whether Germany needed a professional association.

CIfA Deutschland (CIfA-D) was established in summer 2017 and Seb supported the creation of the group – sometimes facing direct criticism from his more 'traditional' peers among the state archaeologists. Undaunted, he joined CIfA as MCIfA, and I (Michaela) asked him to join the committee as our first Secretary – and much to my surprise and delight he agreed! His wisdom and diplomacy were valued by all who worked with him, matched perhaps only by his energy and zest for life – he was a big man and in all ways a larger-than-life character. For all of us, having Sebastian on the committee, and having the opportunity to work with him, feels both a blessing and an honour. His engagement went far beyond everything he needed to do. At our last committee meeting he attended via Zoom; he was sitting in the garden of his house in the US, waiting for a boat trip – which he almost missed because he lost track of time while working with us. CIfA-D and our goals grew very close to his heart – as did he for us. We, the committee, are hit hard by this loss. He fought with us, supported and encouraged us, lending a hand whenever needed – he was an ally we could always count on. Sebastian died after a brief illness on 12 October and he will be missed by all of us who knew him. His wife Mary, a daughter and two sons survive him.

The full obituary can be read on the CIfA website alongside this edition of The Archaeologist at www.archaeologists.net/archaeologist



C Sebastian Sommer. Credit: CIfA Deutschland

New members



Member (MCIfA)

11755	Gina Baban	12006	Jay Griffiths	12180	Charlotte Crutcher	12155	Nafisa Madina
12034	Nigel Barker	12195	Bradley Groves	12053	Jose Carlos Da Silva	12074	Catherine Mak
12037	Pier Matteo Barone	8431	Kay Hamilton		Carvalho	12152	Patrick Paul Martin
11957	Alice Dowsett	12008	Livia Iacovone	12080	Alessandro Dell'Anno	12049	Sarah Maryon
8670	Nicholas Finch	11970	Robert Kenyon	12083	Stephanie Demetriou	12082	Michael Mathews
11981	Tom Hill	12144	Ross Lyall	12172	Marion Devigne	12089	Jade McCabe
12132	Dan Hounsell	10057	Michelle Maclver	12054	Nigel Dodds	12065	Courtney McElhinney
1475	Nicola Powell	11973	Steven Manthorpe	11991	George Downs	12184	Lucy McIntosh
7374	Dav Smith	9924	Joshua Manvell	12140	Callie Dugan	12029	Kirsty Meek
7624	Zoe Sutherland	9822	Alice Marconi	12170	Beatrix Duzs	11993	Isabelle Middleton
12030	Stephen Timms	11707	Valeria Monno	12114	Niamh Dyer	12081	Stephen Miller
5179	Ian Travers	11916	Emily Moon	12016	Alberta Edwardes	12027	Matthew Mitchell
12150	Brian Whiting	12148	John Musgrove	12088	Maya Edwards	12157	April Mitchell
		12061	Giuseppe Nanna	12091	Cherie Edwards	12115	Lucy Morris
		10042	Charlotte Nicholson	12139	Mathilde El Hadjen	12021	Desmione Mouton
		12147	Alexandria Parker-Banks	11992	Sean Elliott	12171	Isaiah Ozturgut
		12009	Michelle Penn	11989	Michelle Ellen Ellis	12178	Sarah Pasillio
		8617	Ben Price	12076	Steven Evans	12103	Margherita Riso
		11974	Alfie Pullin	12173	Robert Ferro	12109	Angus Rocca

Associate (ACIfA)

4675	Julia Bennett Smith	12028	Kevin Reilly	12164	Isabelle Fischer	12043	Patrick Rowan
9599	Hannah Brown	12136	Lucia Rucci	12075	Vicky Fletcher	11999	Alexandra Rutherford
12036	Gary Collyer	11975	Eleanor Salkeld	12041	Kieran Fowler Wright	12001	Kaveh Safavi
11958	Rebecca Fradgley	12130	Robert Slabonski	12046	Cara Freeman	12020	Francisca Saraiva
12149	Eloise Govier	12135	Jamie Spiers	11950	Philipp Gerhards	12096	Samuel Scott-Moncrieff
12033	Niall Grant	10267	Emma Street	12092	Cecelia Godfrey	12186	Gracie Sharp
12035	Io Gray-Davies	11968	Alistair Thomson	12022	Lily Gray	12018	Keith Shaw
11874	Jessica Lowther	11578	Karl Wennerberg	12100	Nathan Hanson	12090	Cara Simmonds
7876	Thomas Muir	11911	Ryan Wilding	12015	Emma Hawkes	12101	Ryan Simmons
9247	Aurelian Rusu	12005	Abbi Wootten-Brooks	12113	Piers Holden	12050	Dean Smith
12032	Alice Short			12073	Rachel Hunt	12190	Sophie Smith
9704	Chloe Smith			12102	David Ingram	12183	Jennifer Southall
10493	Henry Smith			12146	Nathan Ireland	12069	Megan Speechley
12134	Craig Stanford			12137	John Jackson	12158	Jack Strong

Students

Practitioner (PCIfA)

11966	Zoe Arthurs	12163	Ewan Alderman	12176	Hannah Johnston	11986	Meghan Sullivan
11969	Jonathan Badger	12099	Amy Allinson	12024	Laura Jones	12162	Anne-Marie Taylor
11830	Jordan Barbour	12125	Ellena Anda	12062	Maxwell Joyner	12105	Reza Teimouri
12077	Lluis Bermudo Ferrer	12110	Ariadne Argyros	12098	Rhea Kellar	12120	Finnerty Templeman
10490	Konstantinos Bompotis	12095	Wilhelmus Baetsen	12019	Sarah Kerruish	12166	Jasmine Toms
12056	Gregory Bowen	12085	Heidi Bain	12160	Jee Young Kim	12084	Sophia Tucci
12007	Liam Brice-Bateman	12068	Freya Bates	11997	William James Kinchin	11994	Yasmin Valevska-Bellinger
12055	Filippo Carozzo	12161	Alexandra Blankenship	11951	Albrecht Knauber	12154	Thomas Vaughan
11709	Lucie Collett	12165	Madeleine Bowen	12052	Eric Kressner	12141	Sara Vitelli
10702	Lorna Critchlow	12070	Phoebe Bradley	12010	Samuel Land	12122	Joshua Wallace
12058	Justyna Dekiert	12087	Nicoleta Brebu	12121	Peter Laurence	12116	Daniel Walton
7909	Kimberley Dowding	11769	Felicity Broadley	12188	Jenna Levine	12127	Rui Wang
12004	Jemima Dunnett	12192	Keir Broughton	12191	Kallum Lewis	12002	Robert Ward
12060	Jack Eggington	12086	Cody Brown	12048	Melody Li	12124	Celia Weberg
12059	Adrienne Furniss	12071	Aleksandra Cameron	12023	Hazel Lipman	12179	Kalvane Werake
11967	Taryn Gouck	12168	Thomas Carey	12175	Katarina Liscakova	12167	Eleanor White
		11525	Micheal Cooke	12181	Sarah MacFarlane	11628	Sina Wiedermann
		12189	Robert Cooke	12038	Davina Mackay	12066	Laura Wiggins
		12031	Paul Crame	12063	Roisin Mackie	11996	Isabelle Willcocks
		12126	Daisy Crozier	12118	Mairi MacLean		

12128 Philippa Williams
 12156 Lauren Williams
 12106 Julie Wolf
 12064 Adam Woolaway
 12079 Siobhan Wordingham
 12153 Xingyu Xu
 12117 Xinyi Xue

Affiliates

11810	Robyn Andrews	11990	Kristina Heath
12111	Katie Arnesen	12123	Emily Johnson
12012	Sarah Askham	12094	Iris Kramer
10807	Suzanne Butler	12039	Grzegorz Krypczyk
9991	Pauline Carroll	12003	Marc Mills
12014	Elena Citterio	12045	Kurt Readman
12026	John Cooper	11998	Alexander Regan
6038	Luise Erfurth	12044	Phoebe Sibson
12072	Sarah Gaines	12169	Elaine Traynor

Upgraded members

Member (MCIfA)

6466 John Boothroyd
 8841 Amy Bunce
 8669 Damion Churchill
 7464 Rhiannon Gardiner
 8371 Rowena Henderson
 5756 Helen MacQuarrie
 8835 Elizabeth Pratt
 1431 Kenneth Welsh
 1590 Tania Wilson

Associate (ACIfA)

10617 Antony Angove
 8750 Alexander Bliss
 9583 Julia Cantarano
 8005 Otis Gilbert
 8507 Elspeth Iliff
 9465 Rachel Legge
 8227 Kylie McDermott
 9473 Luke Parker
 10687 Benedict Redclift
 11191 Natalie Wood

Practitioner (PCIfA)

11108 Alexander Crossley
 11170 Tabitha Lawrence
 9238 Megan Schlanker