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# Society Activities 2014-2020

Ann Gingell Littlejohn

## 2014

### 15 January

Dr Robin Skeates (University of Durham)  
Lecture: *An archaeology of the senses: prehistoric Malta*

### 8 February

Annual General Meeting (morning)

Dr Anton Bugeja (Independent researcher)  
Site visit (afternoon): *Wied Qirda*

### 19 February

Mr David Cardona (Heritage Malta)  
Lecture: *New excavations at the Ghajn Tuffieha Baths: a reassessment of a 'known' site*

### 22 February

Mr David Cardona (Heritage Malta)  
Site visit: *The Ghajn Tuffieha Baths*

### 11 March

Dr Reuben Grima (University of Malta)  
Lecture: *Journeys through the Underworld: Neolithic encounters with geological structure at the Hal Saflieni Hypogeum*

### 26 March

Dr Sheila Watson (University of Leicester)  
Lecture: *The origins of Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, England: an archaeological mystery and attempts to solve it*

### 29 March

Mgr John Azzopardi (Curator, Wignacourt Museum and Archives)  
Site visit: *The Wignacourt Museum, Rabat*

### 9 April

Dr Isabelle Vella Gregory (University of Cambridge)  
Lecture: *Making space, creating memories: some new thoughts on Maltese prehistory*

### 3 May

Professor Anthony Bonanno (University of Malta)  
Mr Keith Buhagiar (University of Malta)  
Dr Nicholas Vella (University of Malta)  
Seminar: *From the vineyard to the press* (at Palazzo Gomerino, Għemieri)

### 21 May

Mr David Cardona (Heritage Malta)  
Lecture: *Excavations within the grounds of the St Paul's Catacombs complex*

### 18 October

Dr Anthony Pace (Superintendence of Cultural Heritage)  
Mr Nathaniel Cutajar (Superintendence of Cultural Heritage)  
Mr Joseph Magro Conti (Malta Environment and Planning Authority)  
Ms Sharon Sultana (Heritage Malta)  
Dr Reuben Grima (University of Malta)  
Dr Anton Bugeja (Independent researcher)  
Seminar: *Archaeology in Malta: past achievements, future directions* (at Fortress Builders, Fortifications Interpretation Centre, Valletta)

### 25 October

Ms Sharon Sultana (Heritage Malta)  
Site visit: *100 Objects Exhibition at the National Museum of Archaeology, Valletta*

**29 October**

Mr John Wood (Independent researcher)  
Lecture: *Shipwrecks: Xlendi 1961 – Marsala 1974*

**19 November**

Dr Timmy Gambin (University of Malta)  
Lecture: *An Archaic Wreck off Gozo*

**6 December**

Dr Anton Bugeja (Independent researcher)  
Site visit: *Majjistral Park*

**10 December**

Ms Katya Stroud (Heritage Malta)  
Lecture: *Telling Tales: a new approach to museum interpretation*

**2015**

**21 January**

Ms Suzanne-Marie Psaila (University of Malta)  
Lecture: *ArchaeoEngineering and 3D Visualisation for Scientific Research in Archaeology: a study on megalithic Hagar Qim*

**24 January**

Mr Michael Bonello (Consultant AAB Films Productions)  
Documentaries  
*Libya Unknown – Waters under the Earth*  
*Libya Unknown – A Forgotten Civilisation*

**18 February**

Ms Veronica Barbara (University of Malta Conference Unit)  
Lecture: *Deciding what to exhibit in museums: does it really matter?*

**21 February**

Annual General Meeting

**18 March**

Ms Sharon Sultana (Heritage Malta)  
Lecture: *On site presentation of Etruscan cinerary urns in the collection of the National Museum of Archaeology*

**15 April**

Dr Simon Kaner (University of East Anglia)  
Lecture: *Precocious foragers: Flame Pots and Figurines from Jomon Japan*

**25 April**

Dr Anton Bugeja (Independent researcher)  
Site visit: *Day trip to Gozo*

**1 May-3 May**

Archaeological tour to south-east Sicily led by Mr Keith Buhagiar (University of Malta)

**20 May**

Professor Jeremy Johns (University of Oxford)  
Lecture: *A new Latin-Arabic document for Malta and Gozo (Queen Constance, November 1198) and the history of the Maltese archipelago from the 7th to the 13th centuries*

**21 October**

Dr Eleanor Scerri (University of Oxford)  
Lecture: *Human Origins: A North African Perspective*

**11 November**

Professor Andrew Reynolds (University College London)  
Lecture: *The Archaeology of Law and Order in Early England*

**9 December**

Professor Davide Tanasi (Arcadia University, Sicily)  
Lecture: *Taking Maltese prehistory out of the box: the site of Borġ in-Nadur and its Mediterranean context*

**12 December**

Dr Reuben Grima (University of Malta)  
Site visit: *The Hal Saflieni Hypogeum*

**2016**

**17 February**

Dr Gianmarco Alberti (University of Malta)  
Lecture: *From artifacts and architecture to social organization. A new look at the Aeolian islands in the Middle Bronze Age*

**20 February**

Mr Michael Bonello (Consultant AAB Films Productions)  
Documentaries  
*The Lesser Gods*  
*Travelling with Touareg*

**12 March**

Dr Keith Buhagiar (University of Malta)  
Site visit: *Gnien is-Sultan, San Mikiel is-Sincier, and Qallilija tombs*

**16 March**

Mr David Cardona (Heritage Malta)  
Lecture: *New excavations, new documentation techniques, new frontiers in the documentation of sites and artefacts*

**16 April**

Annual General Meeting (morning)

Dr Timmy Gambin (University of Malta)  
Architect Edward Said (Sliema Historical Society)  
Site visit (afternoon): *A walk along Sliema seafront*

**20 April**

Professor Paul Arthur (University of Salento)  
Lecture: *On the fringe of Byzantium*

**18 May**

Dr Ronika K. Power (Cambridge University)  
Ms Bernardette Mercieca Spiteri (Superintendence of Cultural Heritage)  
Lecture: *Meeting the people of the Xagħra Circle - A re-examination of the prehistoric human bone*

**21-25 September**

Archaeological tour of the Aeolian Islands led by Ms Patricia Camilleri

**19 October**

Dr Timmy Gambin (University of Malta)  
Lecture: *The Phoenician Shipwreck off Gozo – the 2016 season*

**22 October**

Mr David Cardona (Heritage Malta)

Site visit: *Ta' Bistra catacombs Mosta and its visitor centre*

Dr Keith Buhagiar (University of Malta)  
Professor Anthony Bonanno (University of Malta)

Site visit: *A visit to a tomb cave, beehives and cart ruts in the vicinity of Fort Mosta*

**16 November**

Dr Katrin Fenech (University of Malta)  
Lecture: *Soft-core mysteries*

**14 December**

Mr Mevrick Spiteri (Superintendence of Cultural Heritage)  
Mr Christian Mifsud (Superintendence of Cultural Heritage)  
Lecture: *Transforming Valletta's built spaces from 1566 to 1798*

**2017**

**18 January**

Ms Grace Cassar (Postgraduate researcher)  
Lecture: *Architecture of Power in 10th century Córdoba: research perspectives on the city-palace*

**28 January**

Major Tony Abela (Malta Air Traffic Services)  
Site visit: *The WWII underground radar complex at Dingli followed by a guided cliff walk to see the military heritage still evident from WWII*

**9 February**

Book launch, supported by The Archaeological Society Malta  
*Malta and Water (AD 900 to 1900) Irrigating a semi-arid landscape* by Dr Keith Buhagiar

**15 February**

Dr Elizabeth De Gaetano (Freelance archaeological illustrator)  
Lecture: *Why is that column so small? The things I wish I had known before creating digital models (but was too embarrassed to ask)*

### 15 March

Dr Josef Caruana (Heritage Malta)

Lecture: *The use of ancient DNA studies in a Maltese archaeological context*

### 25 March

Dr Maxine Anastasi (University of Malta)

Site visit: *San Paul Milqi and its landscape context*

### 29 March

Dr Fabio Silva (University of Wales Trinity Saint David)

Lecture: *Red Star and Snowy Mountain: Landscape, Skyscape and Megalithism in Neolithic NW Iberia*

### 1 April

Dr Anton Bugeja (Independent researcher)

Site visit: *Day trip to Gozo*

### 19 April

Dr Dennis Mizzi (University of Malta)

Lecture: *Pure Stone: The Jewish Stone-Vessel Industry and Ritual-Purity Practices in the First Two Centuries of the Common Era*

### 22 April

Annual General Meeting

### 2-7 May

Archaeological tour to Lazio, led by Ms Patricia Camilleri and Mrs Ann Gingell Littlejohn

### 4-11 September

Archaeological tour to W. Sicily, led by Ms Patricia Camilleri and Mrs Ann Gingell Littlejohn

### 21 October

Mr David Cardona (Heritage Malta)

Professor Nicholas Vella (University of Malta)

Site visit: *Tas-Silġ, Marsaxlokk*

### 15 November

Dr Keith Buhagiar (University of Malta)

Lecture: *Medieval Malta – an island satellite in the lee of Sicily: its landscape, hydrology and culture*

### 18 November

Mr Godwin Vella (Heritage Malta)

Professor Anthony Bonanno (University of Malta)

Dr Adrian Mifsud (University of Malta)

Seminar: *Għar Għerduf* (in Gozo, in conjunction with Circolo Gozitano)

### 6 December

Dr Peter Gatt (MCAST)

Lecture: *Limestone use in Maltese prehistory and up to the Knights' period*

## 2018

### 17 January

Ms Ann Gustavsson (Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm)

Lecture: *The craniological collection of the Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm: history, pathologies and repatriations*

### 14 February

Dr Naoise Mac Sweeney (University of Leicester)

Lecture: *A River Runs Through It: The Göksu Valley Through Time*

### 3 March

Ms Patricia Camilleri (Independent researcher)

Mrs Ann Gingell Littlejohn (Independent researcher)

Dr Anton Bugeja (Independent researcher)

Site visit: *The Salina catacombs, Tal-Qadi temple remains, and Qawra dolmen*

### 21 March

Professor Anthony Bonanno (University of Malta)

Lecture: *Mission Impossible: the archaeology of Lampedusa in three days (Part 1)*

### 11 April

Dr Amelia Robertson Brown (University of Queensland, Australia)

Lecture: *A lucky throw every time: Ancient Maritime Religion & Roman Anchors from Malta*

### 16 May

Fr Eugene Teuma OFM (Conv.) (Independent researcher)

Lecture: *Early Christian archaeology: The first centuries up to A.D. 500. From domus ecclesia to basilica-churches, with implications relating to Roman Melita*

### 2 June

Annual General Meeting (morning)

Dr Keith Buhagiar (University of Malta)

Site visit (afternoon): *Abbatija tad-Dejr catacombs, Rabat*

### 14 October

Mr David Cardona (Heritage Malta)

Mr Ruben D. Abela (Heritage Malta)

Mr Paul M. Portelli (Curator, Għar Dalam)

Site visit: *Għar Dalam, the Ta' Kaccatura Roman underground cistern and the foundations of a Roman villa, and Casa Ippolito (Dar ta' Pultu), in conjunction with Heritage Malta*

### 18 October

Dr Timmy Gambin (University of Malta)

Lecture: *Shipwrecks from Malta's recent past and what these tell us*

### 24 October

Mr David Cardona (Heritage Malta)

Lecture: *Heritage Malta's Phoenician, Roman and Medieval sites: a backstage preview*

### 21 November

Mr Italo Giordano (Specialised archaeological guide, Sicily)

Lecture: *Controlling territory: the Greek fortress of San Basilio near Lentini, Sicily*

### 12 December

Dr Ing. John C. Betts (University of Malta)

Lecture: *Looking down on archaeology – flying drones over archaeological sites*

## 2019

### 16 January

Mr Karl Hallett (Archaeology graduate)

Lecture: *Archaeology, archaeogenetics and identity: genetic research within the Maltese context*

### 20 February

Professor Timmy Gambin (University of Malta)

Lecture: *Scratching below the surface...excavating the Phoenician shipwreck off Gozo*

### 13 March

Professor Anthony Bonanno (University of Malta)

Professor Ruben P. Borg (University of Malta)

Lecture: *Mission Impossible: the archaeology of Lampedusa in three days (Part 2)*

### 24 March-5 April

Archaeological tour to Crete and Santorini, led by Ms Patricia Camilleri and Mrs Ann Gingell Littlejohn

### 17 April

Mr Joseph Magro Conti (Superintendence of Cultural Heritage)

Ms Bernardette Mercieca Spiteri

(Superintendence of Cultural Heritage)

Lecture: *Continuity and Change in regulating the Cultural Heritage Sector – the work of the Superintendence of Cultural Heritage*

### 11 May

Annual General Meeting (morning)

Mr David Cardona (Heritage Malta)

Dr Keith Buhagiar (University of Malta)

Site visit (afternoon): *Ras ir-Rabeb and Kuncizzjoni*

### Tuesday 15 October

Dr Maxine Anastasi (University of Malta)

Dr Ing. John C. Betts (University of Malta)

Mr Francesco Fontanelli (Heritage Malta)

Lecture: *Construction frenzy or changing ideologies? The case of Tas-Silġ, Marsaxlokk*



Site visit to the old parish church of Siggiewi, November 2019 (Photo: Ann Gingell Littlejohn).

### 26 October

Mr Nathaniel Cutajar (Heritage Malta)  
Lecture: *Site visit to the Inquisitor's Palace, Birgu, and the temporary exhibition The Inquisitor's Porcelain in 18th Century Malta*

### 20 November

Dr Keith Buhagiar (University of Malta)  
Lecture: *Maritime connectivity and cross-cultural interactions between Malta and Sicily during the Late Medieval period*

### 30 November

Dr Anton Bugeja (Independent researcher)  
Professor Anthony Bonanno (University of Malta)  
Site visit: *The Bronze Age village of Wardija ta' San Gorg, followed by a visit to the rock-cut pan and cart ruts near the Laferla Cross (Salib tal-Gholja)*

### 11 December

Mr David Cardona (Heritage Malta)  
Mr Robert Brown (Roman archaeologist and historian)  
Lecture: *Year 0 – the Melite Civitas Romana Project*

### 2020

#### 29 January

Dr Michel Bonifay (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), Aix-en-Provence)  
Lecture: *African pottery: an indicator of Roman economy?*

#### 19 February

Professor Ruben P. Borg (University of Malta)  
Lecture: *Industrial Archaeology: the appraisal and restoration of the historic reinforced concrete Water Tower*



Site visit to The Monastery of St John the Theologian, Aptaera, Crete. Archaeological tour to Crete and Santorini, led by Ms Patricia Camilleri and Mrs Ann Gingell Littlejohn, March 2019 (Photograph: Patricia Camilleri).

**21 October (on Zoom)**

Professor Timmy Gambin (University of Malta)  
Lecture: *Half a decade of diving the Phoenician Wreck off Xlendi - artefacts, bits and pieces with a story to tell*

**18 November (on Zoom)**

Dr Isabelle Vella Gregory (University of Cambridge)  
Dr Michael Brass (University College London)  
Lecture: *The Jebel Moya Project: Pastoralists and Farmers in southern Sudan*

**9 December (on Zoom)**

Dr Petros Chatzimpaloglou (University of Cambridge)  
Lecture: *Provenance investigation of stone tools and the position of Malta in the Neolithic network of the central Mediterranean Sea*