



# NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2020

## Letter from the Editor

Hello!

Welcome to the March edition of WEAG News with the legal stuff regarding the AGM enclosed.

Firstly, a word or two about this seasons lectures – the season was kicked off by Louise Robertson giving a brilliant talk about the Georgian Group, followed by Phil McKinder in February with a murder mystery to solve – if you didn't make it, you missed a couple of stockers but not to worry because we've got some good ones coming up.

Here's what you have to look forward to – Harvey Sheldon at the AGM on 9th who always delivers; then in April we have Clare and Lee with 'Medieval church wall paintings in Essex'; the Rudge Lecture is now confirmed and I am pleased to announce we have Georgina Green who will be talking on 'Highams in Walthamstow' which will include speaking about the very spot we are meeting in as Woodford County High was once Highams House. If that's not enough local history for you, we have lined up for June 'Bricks in Essex' given by Anne Padfield.

As we are all interested in local history, I'm sure you will agree that it is a great line up – so please pass on details of the talks to anyone you know interested in local history. We welcome guests and of course the Rudge on 11th May is free. Arrive early for tea and coffee and a chat with your fellow members.

### **Archaeology in Pishiobury Park**

For your information, attached to this newsletter is the details to the Pishiobury Park Geophysics Surveys and Open Day being held between Monday 2nd and Wednesday 4th March 2020.

Now the official bit, please see below:

The AGM is on Monday 9th March starting promptly at 7:30pm (tea and coffee available at 7:15pm).

There has been one nomination for membership of the Committee – Ian Hunter, proposed by Vicky Hoskin and Colin Mann. In addition, the current Officers and existing Members of the Committee have agreed to be nominated for re-election to the Committee. It will be possible to accept further nominations for membership of the Committee at the AGM itself.

I look forward to seeing you there!

## Profile on a WEAG Member

Would you like to be 'our profile on a member'? If so email me on [lexie.lyons@icloud.com](mailto:lexie.lyons@icloud.com) and I'll forward you the questions.

## Stay In Touch

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# WEAG CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Lecture Program

Lectures are in the committee room at Woodford County High School, High Road, Woodford Green, IG8 9LA at 7:15pm unless otherwise stated.

Non-members are welcome to attend Lectures. A voluntary contribution of £2 would be appreciated from guests.

**Monday 9 March 2020 @ 19:15 for tea / coffee**

**AGM will start promptly at 19:30**

**Annual General Meeting.** *Speaker: Harvey Sheldon, Birkbeck College, WEAG President.*

**Monday 6 April 2020 @ 19:15**

'Medieval Church Wall Paintings in Essex'. *Speakers: Lee Joyce & Claire Hooper.*

**Monday 11 May 2020 @ 19:15**

The Rudge Lecture  
'Highams in Walthamstow'. *Speaker: Georgina Green.*

**Monday 8 June 2020 @ 19:15**

'Bricks in Essex'. *Speaker: Anne Padfield.* Anne is a local historian and English Heritage guide at Hill Hall.

## Spring Dig

**Saturday 23 May – Sunday 31 May 2020**

09.30 – 17.00 | Copped Hall, Crown Hill, Epping, CM16 5HS  
Members Only. A voluntary donation of £2 per day would be appreciated.

## Archaeology Experience Weekends

**11 - 12 July | 18 - 19 July | 25 - 26 July 2020**

Copped Hall, Crown Hill, Epping, CM16 5HS.

£60 per weekend.

For absolute beginners to "hands-on" archaeology.

Held as part of the Council for British Archaeology's festival of British Archaeology, the course is open for beginners.

The first weekend will be geophysics which will encompass ground penetrating radar, magnetometry and resistivity, the following two weekends will follow up the geophysics results with excavations dependant on the results.

## Other Key Events

**Sunday 15 March 2020**

Copped Hall, Crown Hill, Epping, CM16 5HS

Monthly Guided Tour – 10:00

For more information visit [www.coppedhalltrust.org.uk](http://www.coppedhalltrust.org.uk)

**Sunday 15 March 2020**

Copped Hall, Crown Hill, Epping, CM16 5HS

Finds Processing – From 12:00

Look out for confirmation email

**Sunday 5 April 2020**

Copped Hall, Crown Hill, Epping, CM16 5HS

Garden Afternoon

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**Date to be confirmed**

Field-walk at Longshaw, Theydon Bois.

An email will be sent nearer the time

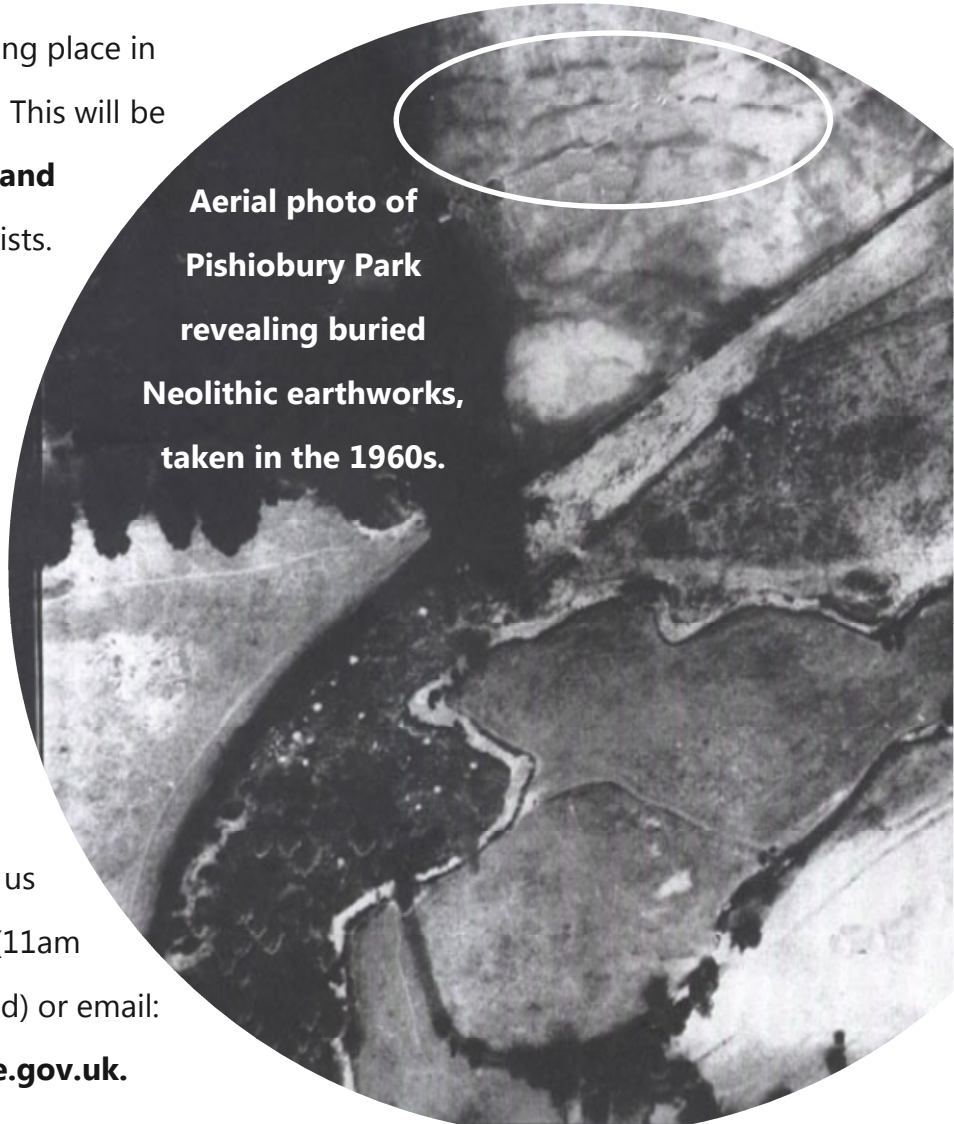
# Archaeology in Pishiobury Park

## Geophysics Surveys and Open Day, 2 - 4 March 2020

**Geophysics surveys** will be taking place in Pishiobury Park from **2 - 3 March 2020**. Specialist equipment will be used to investigate the buried archaeology of the park, through non-intrusive survey techniques. The results of these surveys will be used to select locations for community digs later in the year. The park will be open as usual.

**Geophysics Open Day** will be taking place in Pishiobury Park on **4 March 2020**. This will be a **drop in session** between **10am and 2pm** with professional archaeologists. Come along to try your hand at conducting and interpreting the different geophysics survey techniques including magnetometry, resistivity and ground penetrating radar.

For more information on the HLF Community Archaeology Project and how to become involved, join us for a **Heritage Walk** on **3 March** (11am meeting in carpark off Harlow Road) or email: **[gemma.worswick@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:gemma.worswick@hertfordshire.gov.uk)**.



Aerial photo of Pishiobury Park revealing buried Neolithic earthworks, taken in the 1960s.

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