

## **West Essex Archaeological Group – Sixty Seventh Annual General Meeting**

**9th March 2026**

### **Chairman's Report 2025 – 2026**

It has been another busy year for WEAG.

The Group held taster weekends in July alongside the members dig, all of these were well attended and are a great recruitment tool for the WEAG.

The Group is undertaking the Epping Lidar Project- monuments review scheme organised by Epping Forest and English Heritage.

The Group has also been accepted as a member of the Epping Forest Consultative Group, which considers issues of the management of the Forest

Over the course of the year the Group has been represented and promoted at a number of Heritage and Community events throughout the district and the county.

WEAG has a great website, and members receive regular newsletters and updates of upcoming events.

Organised by Ian Hunter, there has been an excellent lecture programme this year. Following requests from members the lecture programme is now a mix of in person and Zoom presentations.

#### **Lecture Programme 2025-2026**

- 8th Sep. Jason Stewart - A Geo-Archaeology of London - in-person
- 13th Oct. Dominic Perring - Who Built London and Why? - in-person
- 10th Nov. Richard Bale - Romans - Zoom
- 1st Dec. Our annual collection of short talks from members. WCHS
- 12th Jan. Simon Elliott - Septimius, Hammer of the Scots - Zoom
- 9th Feb. Vanessa Harding - Mapping London after the Great Fire of 1666 - Zoom
- 9th Mar. AGM and talk from WEAG President Harvey Sheldon -Why Roman Britain

Future lectures as part of the current programme include.

- 13th Apr. Tom Cromwell Rutland update (Roman villa) WCHS
- 11th May. The Rudge lecture by Dr Sam Lucy of Cambridge University. East Anglia the 7th Century.
- 8th Jun. Harry Platts - Romford Roman road - Zoom

On behalf of the membership, I would like to thank all the members of the WEAG Committee and the Research & Excavation Sub-Committee for contributing so much of their time and enthusiasm to the running of the group and its activities.

There are several changes of committee posts to report.

I would like to thank Lee Joyce for standing in as interim Secretary during the current year.

Ian Hunter who has done an excellent job as programme secretary has stood down from the post and from the Committee. I would like to thank him on behalf of the Committee and membership for delivering such a great programme for us.

Vicky Hoskin is also standing down from the role of Treasurer; I would like to offer all our thanks for her excellent stewardship of our finances over her period in office.

As advertised in WEAG News We are looking for volunteers to take on these roles and we are always looking for new members for the Committee, to bring in fresh ideas. If any members would be interested we would like to hear from you.

I would like to wish all members the very best for the coming year.

Tony O'Connor BA, FSA.