



Where Can I Find Information?

Some useful online and other sources for a wide variety of information relating to archaeological and historical research...

... this list was compiled mainly by Barbara and Jeremy Cooper.

- Look first on BAJR!
<http://www.bajr.org/>

CLASP does not guarantee that this list is either complete or up to date – it is not a maintained list. However, whatever you are looking for, there should be something here that will help you.

1. Websites

- **BAJR, British Archaeological Jobs Resource**
This is brilliant site maintained by David Connolly. If you want to know anything - go here first. It's even got podcasts and BAJR TV, as well as being the first stop for jobs. (I got a job through it.)
<http://www.bajr.org/>
- **Council for British Archaeology**
National charitable organisation with lots of information on conferences, fieldwork, and links to other archaeological websites.
<http://www.britarch.ac.uk/>
- **CBA Community Archaeology Forum**
Newly created resource for community groups. CLASP, Whitehall and Local People Local Past feature widely in here, thanks to Jeremy. Slim pickings at the moment but probably will get better in the future.
<http://www.britarch.ac.uk/communityarchaeology/wikka.php?wakka=HomePage>
- **ADS, Archaeology Data Service**
This site contains loads of reports on a wide range of topics. So if there is something you are interested in, it's a good idea to look here for other people's reports on the subject area.
<http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/index.html>
- **BBC Roman History**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/romans/>
- **Current Archaeology Magazine**
(but with much more about archaeology)
<http://www.archaeology.co.uk/>

2. Email Groups

- **BRITARCH**
Moderated, very light-handedly by the CBA. This group is useful to ask questions of the archaeology community who subscribe, but it does get very hung up and silly about metal detectorists on a regular basis, so many regular subscribers have now gone, but it's still useful if you are keen.
<http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/>
(There are many other lists here that you can join depending on your interests.)
- **BAJR Forums**
There are a growing number of moderated forums hosted here from starting out in archaeology, to planning advice.
<http://www.bajr.org/BAJRForum/default.asp>



3. Artefact resource websites

■ Ceramics Database

Although it based on finds from Worcestershire, the Worcestershire Ceramics Database is an excellent introduction to pottery of all ages with brilliant pictures of fabric sections and complete pots.

<http://www.worcestershireceramics.org/hms/home.php?expand=29>

■ Coins

The Portable Antiquities Service site on Roman Coins

<http://www.finds.org.uk/romancoins/>

Roman Coins catalogue - OK this has banners about selling coins!

<http://www.coinscatalog.com/>

After this, I got depressed looking for coin sites on search engines as so many were selling coins on ebay as well! Sorry but you'll have to do your own research.

4. Local continuing education courses

4.1 University-based

■ Oxford University Continuing Education

I'm biased as I've used their Professional Development Archaeology courses for the last 10 years to fill in my knowledge gaps. They are also renowned for Local History and their weekend conferences. It's very civilised!

<http://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/>

■ University of Leicester Lifelong Learning

Currently offering a Certificate in Higher Education in Archaeology in Northampton.

<http://www.le.ac.uk/lifelonglearning>

■ Birkbeck College, London

I really am biased about this. I completed a Certificate in Archaeology by evening class with Birkbeck and it was fantastic. (The tutors I had are famous in the world of archaeology.) Birkbeck is part of the University of London, but caters for mature working students and has done for 50 years plus! They do evening classes, and also weekend courses, historical walks and visits, an annual excavation and lots more - not just archaeology but local history etc.

<http://www.bbk.ac.uk/>

■ University of Birmingham Lifelong Learning

I know they do courses but their website is a disaster to find anything.

<http://www.studyhere.bham.ac.uk/development>

■ University of Cambridge Continuing Education

I have heard that they do a very good Certificate in Archaeology course. They have a regional centre in Peterborough.

<http://www.cont-ed.cam.ac.uk/>

4.2 Non-university based

■ WEA East Midlands - covers Northamptonshire

<http://www.wea.org.uk/Contact/eastmidland/index.html>

■ WEA Southern - covers Buckinghamshire

<http://www.wea.org.uk/southern/index.htm>

■ Northamptonshire Continuing Education

<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Learning/Adults/adult+learning.htm>

■ Milton Keynes Continuing Education

<http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/adulteducation/home.asp>



5. Non-local courses

These courses run at weekends or week-long. They may or may not be Credit Accumulation Transfer accredited, but they should give you an attendance certificate if asked and may count towards fieldwork requirements with some courses.

- **Porth-y-Waen**
Margaret Worthington is an excellent tutor, archaeologist and tour leader. Small groups. Highly recommended.
<http://www.portharch.co.uk/>
- **Kent Archaeological Society**
They offer a wide range of courses and holidays.
<http://www.kafs.co.uk/>
- **Sedgeford Historical and Archaeological Survey Project**
A community archaeology and history project in Norfolk, who offer excellent courses. I've done planning and drawing with them.
<http://www.sharp.org.uk/>

6. Distance learning courses

- **University of Leicester**
At the moment the top at distance learning - that's why I did my MA with them. They offer Certificate courses at Undergraduate level, through to Ph.Ds.
<http://www.le.ac.uk/archaeology/dl/index.html>
- **College on the Net**
Mostly their own accredited introductory courses and AS Levels, but they include Egyptology, Local History and, coming soon, Introduction to Forensic Archaeology (a rising area of interest).
<http://www.college-on-the-net.co.uk/>
- **Oxford University Continuing Education**
This highly acclaimed part of Oxford University - OK, it's the Kellogg College - is now entering the distance learning game. I haven't tried any of their DL courses but their face-to-face courses are excellent. (Chris has just completed the Roman course and said it was good.)
<http://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/>
- **University of Cambridge Continuing Education**
Just starting out to do distance learning.
<http://www.cont-ed.cam.ac.uk/>
- **The Open University**
The OU have just announced a World Archaeology course starting in Sept 2007.
<http://www3.open.ac.uk/courses/bin/p12.dll?C01A251>
They also do a Diploma in Classical Studies.
<http://www3.open.ac.uk/courses/bin/p12.dll?Q01D31>

7. Reading list

7.1 General

- Techniques of Archaeological Excavation
Philip Barker, Routledge (5 Nov 1993) ISBN 978-0415151528
- Archaeological Site Manual
Museum of London Archaeology Service 3rd ed 1994 ISBN 0904818403
- Archaeology: Theory Methods and Practice



Colin Renfrew & Paul Bahn, Thames & Hudson Ltd; 4Rev Ed edition (31 Jul 2004), ISBN 978-0500284414

- Archaeology: An Introduction
Kevin Greene Routledge; 4Rev Ed edition (31 Jan 2004) ISBN 978-0415233552
- First Aid for Finds: Practical Guide for Archaeologists
David Leigh, UK Institute for Conservation of Historic & Artistic Works, Archaeology Section; 3rd Ed edition (Sep 1998) ISBN 978-1871656282
- Surveying for archaeologists
Fred Betess, Penshaw Press; 3Rev Ed edition (Aug 1998) ISBN 978-0953096718 (Not tested)
- Field Archaeology: An Introduction
Peter Drewett, Routledge (30 Jun 1999) ISBN 978-1857287387
- The Archaeologist's Fieldwork Companion
Barbara Ann Kipfer, Blackwell Publishing; Spi edition (Sep 2006) ISBN 978-1405118866
- Seeing beneath the soil
Anthony Clark, Routledge (5 Jul 1996) ISBN 978-0415214407
- Revealing the Buried Past: Geophysics for archaeologists
John Gater and Chris Gaffney, NPI Media Group (Sep 2003) ISBN 978-0752425566

7.2 Romans

- Roman Britain
Potter, T.W. & Johns C, British Museum Press ISBN 978 0 7141 2744 3
- Roman Britain Historical Map and Guide
Ordnance Survey, 5Rev Ed edition (8 Mar 2001) 978-0319290293
- An Atlas of Roman Britain
Barri Jones and David Mattingley, Oxbow Books; New Ed edition (28 Feb 2002) ISBN 978-1842170670
- Shire Series of Books, such as Pottery, Samian Ware, Dress Accessories, Villas etc.
<http://www.shirebooks.co.uk/Archaeology/archaeology-bl.htm>
- Women in Roman Britain
Lindsay Allason-Jones, Council for British Archaeology; 2Rev Ed edition (1 May 2004) ISBN 978-1902771434
- Roman Britain: A New History 55BC-AD450
Patricia Southern, Amberley, (2011), ISBN 978-1445601465

8. Local Societies

8.1 CLASP members with websites

- Towcester & District Local History Society
<http://www.mkheritage.co.uk/tdlhs/>
- Whitehall Farm Roman Villa & Landscape Project
<http://www.whitehallvilla.co.uk/>

8.2 Non-CLASP members with websites

- Northants Association for Local History
<http://www.northants-history.org.uk/index.html>
- Easton Maudit Villa
<http://www.eastonvi.freereserve.co.uk/index.htm>
- Piddington Roman Villa: Upper Nene Archaeological Society
<http://members.aol.com/unarchsoc/unashome.htm>



- Northamptonshire Archaeological Society
<http://www.northants-archaeology.org.uk/>

9. Fieldwork Opportunities

- CBA Fieldwork List
<http://www.britarch.ac.uk/briefing/field.asp>
- Current Archaeology List
<http://www.ilovethepast.com/>

10. Further assistance

If there is anything on training which is not included here but you would like advice on, please feel free to contact me: barbara@olioscribe.co.uk