



Conchological Society and AEA joint Spring Meeting

~ MOLLUSCS IN ARCHAEOLOGY ~

Neil Chalmers Seminar Room, Natural History Museum, London, Saturday 26th April 2014 Registration from 10am; meeting 10:20am - c. 5pm

The subject of 'Molluscs in Archaeology' has not been dealt with collectively for probably 3-4 decades. This meeting addresses that and embraces a wide range of aspects of molluscs in archaeology. The meeting is held in Natural History Museum, London where lectures will be in the Neil Chalmers Lecture Theatre and exhibits, displays and stereo-binocular microscopes will be available in the Angela Marmont Centre

The aim is not to present information from individual sites per se (just because it's a good data set), but to use information from archaeological contexts to show case a particular theme, interpretation, idea or concept.

Lectures will be 20-25 minutes long with questions. There are normal lecture theatre facilities

Matt Law (Cardiff University) & Nigel Thew (Switzerland): Archaeological Site Formation Processes and Environmental Change Neolithic to Norse Period in the Machair of the Outer Hebrides

Tom Walker (Reading University): Sand at Gwithian, Cornwall; palaeoenvironment, molluscs and archaeology

Emma Tetlow, Richard Cuttler, Liam Delaney and Faisal Abdulla Al-Naimi (Qatar): Neolithic Occupation and palaeoenvironmental reconstruction in the State of Qatar

Janet Ridout-Sharpe (Conchological Society): A la mode: shell jewellery across the Epipalaeolithic/Neolithic transition in northern Syria

Mike Allen (Conchological Society): Scale, snails and resolution: land-use reconstructing and re-evaluating the history of the chalklands

Bri Eastabrook (recent graduate Plymouth University): Ancient Forests in Malta: fact or fiction?

A land snail analysis

Victoria Taylor & Martin Bell (Reading University): A land mollusc midden at Taforalt, Morocco Greg Campbell: Shell-hash to shell-size: reconstructing original shell size from fragmentary archaeological remains (the common *Mytilus edulis* L., as an example)

Liz Somerville (Sussex University): Tales told by oysters

Ricardo Feranades & Alexander Dreves (Kiel): Radiocarbon and isotopic analysis of bivalves in archaeology

A full set of abstracts will be available on our website. Details of meeting venues will be sent to you on registration, along with abstracts, other information, and food outlets in the museum

Tea and coffee will be provided in the morning and afternoon breaks. The museum has restaurants and cafes ... and if you bring packed lunches there is a picnic area the Lower Ground Floor near the main entrance, and limited room in the Angela Marmont Centre

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