

# SHAHT NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY 2019

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### OPENING TIMES

**Monday afternoons**

**2.00 – 4.00**

**Tuesday afternoons**

**2.00 – 4.00**

**(Winter opening Time)**

USA hold their Archaeology meetings at the centre on the second Monday of each month, so we are not open for sorting activities on the following dates:

11.2.19

11.3.19

8.4.19

YAC hold their meetings on the third Saturday of the month.

**We can open on other dates by prior arrangement or**

**If you would like to come along to help us in a variety of archaeological tasks or would like to know more, please contact us (details below)**

**Don't forget you can visit us at our website:**

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### LATEST NEWS and INFORMATION

The Centre reopened after our Christmas and New Year break and we seem to be as busy as ever.

We have begun to work on Site 38: 42 London Road, Bagshot (where Jack's Fish and Chip Shop is located). Our aim is to update and collate all the information in order to write a report which will be put on our website and ultimately published.

As you can see, from the list below, we have already made an extremely good start!

- A database of all the Finds
- An inventory of the Finds which have been kept after sorting, identifying and re-bagging
- A List of the maps and plans
- Creating a Harris Matrix (2 of our volunteers are fast becoming experts guided by Richard – an archaeologist)
- Updating and computerising the Pipe Collection for the site
- Listing all the Files and Dig Diaries
- Scanning a report written by G Cole on the site and a published report by T Graham on a Roman finger-ring made of jet

We chose Site 38 as Planning Permission is being sought by McCarthy and Stone to build 46 retirement living apartments on the site and we feel it is important that the whole site has at the very least a watching brief when the work starts to demolish the existing buildings. The original dig carried out from 1992 - 95 was on part of the current site.

The Archaeological Officer from The Heritage Conservation Team for SCC has written to Surrey Heath Council concerning the planning and has said our work at SHAHT could be of use in any future scheme of archaeological work on the site. Her report can be found on Surrey Heath's Planning page for:

18/1803 - 42 London Road: Archaeological Officer Response

***Follow the website and Facebook to read more over the coming weeks!***

**Read G Cole's own Introduction to his Report written in 1996 and an excerpt from the Report on the next page.**

#### INTRODUCTION

The research of the site at No. 42 London Road, Bagshot, Surrey (SU 91206345), in the Parish of Windlesham, was undertaken as part of an ongoing investigation into the origins of Bagshot in a location beyond the designated area of high archaeological potential and prior to inevitable redevelopments to the North Western extents of the known Medieval village.

## SUMMARY

The research excavations sampled an area of 430 square metres and revealed a sequence of occupation, the main features of which were:

### NEOLITHIC

A sparse lithic assemblage evenly distributed throughout the area and probably dating to c. 3500 - 2000BC.

### LATER IRON AGE

Iron working residues and pottery c. 100BC - 40AD.

### ROMANO-BRITISH

- i. Flint pebble capped, possibly circular, earthwork with surrounding ditch. Truncated cremation burial from ditch and part of another possible cremation grave c. 50 - 100AD.
- ii. Timber and stone foundation structures and extensive flint cobbled areas c. 150-300AD
- iii. Late Roman / Early Medieval graves without preserved faunal remains but with grave goods including a CHT-RHO monogrammed jet finger ring c. 380-.450AD.

### LATE MEDIEVAL

Pottery scatters c. 1200 - 1350AD.

### POST-MEDIEVAL

- i. Timber construction buildings c. 1550 - 1680AD.
- ii. Tan Yard tanning pit with complete timber paddle c. 1680 - 1720AD.
- iii. Tanning pit, tanning vat base and occupation debris c. 1750 - 1850AD.

### MODERN

- i. Formal garden layout around central swimming pool c. 1925 - 1935AD.
- ii. Evidence of war time occupation c. 1936 - 1945AD.

The following report will provide an outline to the principal sequences of occupation, the earlier phases having been seriously damaged by later events.

### **Subscription Renewal**

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019 IS NOW DUE.

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Payment may be made by Cash, Cheque (payable to SHAHT)

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I am a UK taxpayer & would like the tax to be reclaimed on my membership subscription, since 2006 and all future donations until I notify you otherwise.

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