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The Pembrokeshire Coast Archaeology Day 2020

The annual Pembrokeshire Coast Archaeology Day will take place on 07 November 2020 between 10am and 4pm. Despite the pandemic, the National Park Authority in partnership with PLANED will be delivering this popular event in a virtual format. The event is free to attend and will include a mixture of videos and live presentations with an opportunity to ask questions. Full details are available by visiting the events page below:

<https://www.pembrokeshirecoast.wales/event/archaeology-day-2020/>

YAC Alumni in Wales: we need your help!

**Were you a YAC member?
If so, we need your help!**

We want to hear from our alumni;
to share your YAC experience,
how it influenced your life and
help inspire future generations.

If you would like to help, email:
yac@yac-uk.org
www.yac-uk.org

The Council for British Archaeology (CBA) recently launched the YAC Alumni project to create a network of Young Archaeologists' Club (YAC) ex-members who have moved on to work in the archaeology, heritage, and museum sectors, as well as those whose lives outside of work have been influenced by their time in the club.

If this sounds like you, we want to hear all about it! We will collect your stories and use them to provide our current members with examples of possible routes into an archaeological or heritage-based professions and careers in other sectors, whilst demonstrating the positive impact archaeology has on people's lives.

If you are interested in joining our YAC Alumni Network, please complete the details requested here - <http://eepurl.com/gRBWOH>



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young **archaeologists'** club

Welsh Language YAC Resources

Here at YAC we have been working with [Gwynedd Archaeological Trust](#) (GAT) to develop our Welsh language material for our members and potential members and volunteers. This includes our YAC promotional portfolio, our [YAC Pass Scheme](#) and our first bilingual #YACatHome activity.

Take a look at our Bronze Age Pot making activity here:

English: <https://blog.archaeologyuk.org/2020/07/17/online-pot-making-with-bangor-yac/>

Welsh: <https://blog.archaeologyuk.org/2020/07/17/gweithgaredd-arlein-gwneud-pot-cangen-cai-bangor-yac/>

If you would like to support us to translate more of our material into Welsh please contact joannekirton@archaeologyuk.org

Special Offa: Communities and Offa's Dyke – Digital Conference, 4th April 2020

Howard Williams, University of Chester

Since April 2017, the Offa's Dyke Collaboratory has operated as a research network to foster dialogues with local communities and new initiatives investigating frontiers and borderlands past and present, focusing on the linear monuments of the Welsh Marches. As well as creating a membership of active researchers, a range of resources and links together with an active blog hosted on a website (<https://offaswatsdyke.wordpress.com/>) and the design and publication of a new open-access academic journal (the Offa's Dyke Journal - <http://revistas.jasarqueologia.es/index.php/odjournal/>), the Collaboratory's co-convenors have worked to create a series of academic and public-facing events (<https://offaswatsdyke.wordpress.com/odc-events/>).

Most recently, the Collaboratory has organised two events in 2020. The Offa's Dyke Collaboratory Research and Conservation Forum took place on 22 January at Cardiff University, organised by Professor Keith Ray and brought together over 80 heritage professionals and academics to discuss and debate the latest research on linear earthworks (<https://offaswatsdyke.wordpress.com/the-odc-research-and-conservation-forum-22-january-2020/>).

Complementing this academic event, a public conference was planned for 4 April 2020 on the theme 'Special Offa: Communities and Offa's Dyke' (<https://offaswatsdyke.wordpress.com/odc-events/special-offa-communities-and-offas-dyke/>).

Professor Howard Williams (University of Chester) and Pauline Clarke (doctoral researcher University of Chester) organised the event together with Andy Heaton of the Trefonen Rural Protection Group. The exciting schedule of morning of talks by academics, heritage experts and local enthusiasts was to be followed by a guided walk of Offa's Dyke and its heritage in and around Trefonen, Shropshire.

The aim was to explore different dimensions of relationships between communities and Offa's Dyke, past and present, from a range of different perspectives and showcasing the latest research and thinking. The choice of Trefonen was not arbitrary: the village sits on Offa's Dyke, which is well-preserved to the north. Moreover, Trefonen possesses many local enthusiast groups who have worked hard to promote and benefit the local area's history and heritage.

However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, sadly we had to abandon the idea of the talks in the Village Hall and the walk along Offa's Dyke. Instead, rather than cancel, we decided to 'go digital'. To this end, *Special Offa* became the first 2020 archaeology public event to be delivered virtually (for programme see page 7).

SPECIAL OFFA!

Communities and Offa's Dyke DIGITAL Event!

#SpecialOffa #OffasDyke
Gone Digital to combat COVID-19 Closure!

Starting at 09:30: An exciting day-long digital extravaganza!

Presentations on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube & Offa's Dyke Collaboratory Blog

Culminating at 6PM with a LIVESTREAM event for discussion, Q&A and PRIZES TO BE WON!

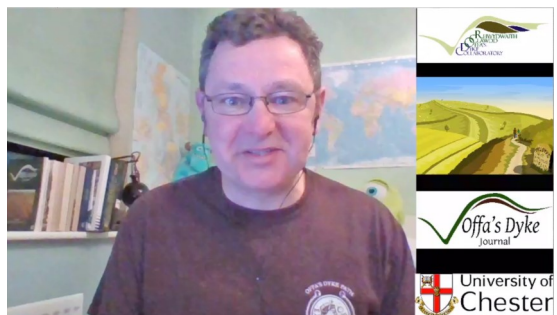
Check Twitter @ODCollaboratory for more info & event programme!

Not only were we delighted that every confirmed speaker agreed to present via digital media, the virtual format meant that we could include many additional contributions. The results were presented via the Collaboratory's blog, and disseminated via the Collaboratory's Facebook and Twitter accounts. Furthermore, I created a YouTube playlist of the video contributions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-xyNjhfGWCo&list=PLIB6PYW8nJ2FsFvXVmjYHVIOGRr1CE-Ze>.

The tour went digital too: I recorded a series of videos on YouTube at points along Offa's Dyke and the Offa's Dyke Path within and around the village: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3ZRURrTfuo&list=PLIB6PYW8nJ2F8Ewz9TMAJ1zNWp1fAPxts>. While some will doubt the reach of such digital conferences, it is notable that every YouTube video presentation has received between 107 and 269 viewers indicating at audience in excess of those able to fill Trefonen Village Hall had the public event gone ahead as originally planned. Meanwhile, the tour videos have each received from 73 to 187 views: far more than would have likely come on the walk had it taken place. Hopefully the videos will provide the inspiration for others to explore the heritage of Offa's Dyke in north-west Shropshire in coming months and years.

The result is that, despite the short notice, extra work for all involved and many additional technical challenges involved in delivering this event during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown, the *Special Offa* event was a distinctive and experimental public-facing virtual conference. As well as a legacy of digital resources for those wishing to learn more about Wat's Dyke, Offa's Dyke, and the landscapes of the Anglo-Welsh borderlands, we hope the virtual event provides a viable template for future events in Wales and elsewhere. A full round-up of the event can be found here: https://offaswatsdyke.wordpress.com/2020/04/06/_roundup/

As well as thanks to all the speakers and the audience, I'd like to extend a special thanks to Archaeosoup Productions (<https://archaeosoup.com/>) who at short notice came to our rescue in offering support and guidance.



Testing...

SPECIAL OFFA – Communities and Offa’s Dyke

GONE DIGITAL TO COMBAT COVID-19!

#SpecialOffa #OffasDyke

Saturday 4th April 2020

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/OffasDykeCollaboratory/>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/ODCollaboratory>

The Offa’s Dyke Collaboratory Blog: <https://offaswatsdyke.wordpress.com/>

Presentations will take the form of blog-posts YouTube videos and Twitter presentations

Organised by Howard Williams and Pauline Clarke for the Offa’s Dyke Collaboratory

In liaison with Andy Heaton of the Trefonen Rural Protection Group (TRPG)

- 09.30–09.45 Introduction – *Howard Williams*
- 09.45–09.50 Welcome from King Rædwald of East Anglia – *Paul Mortimer of Wulfheodenas*
- 09.50–10.15 Launching the *Offa’s Dyke Journal* volume 2 – *Howard Williams*
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- 10.15–10.30 The Offa’s Dyke Conservation Management Plan – *Dave McGlade*
- 10.30–10.45 Trefonen’s Heritage and Offa’s Dyke – *K Kimber, Artie Edmonds & Chris Woods*
- 10.45–11.00 Offa’s Dyke Sonnet & Oswestry Round Challenge – *Dave Andrews*
- 11.00–11.15 The Offa’s Dyke Path’s 50th Anniversary – *Dave McGlade*
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- 11.15–11.30 DIGITAL COFFEE BREAK WITH E-BISCUITS
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- 11.30–12.00 Public Archaeology & Wat’s Dyke – *Howard Williams*
- 12.00–12.15 Caer Alyn: Wat’s Going On? – *Alan Brown*
- 12.15–12.30 Drawing People In: Comics and Borderlands Archaeology – *John G. Swogger*
- 12.30–12.45 YAC about Offa’s Dyke – *Melanie Roxby-McKay and Ian McKay*
- 12.45–13.00 The Northern Quest for Offa’s Dyke – *Ray Bailey*
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- 13.00–14.00 HYPERLINKED BUFFET LUNCH
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- 14.00–14.15 A Special Offa from the PAS: What early medieval material culture tells us about life in the Welsh Marches – *Peter Reavill*
- 14.15–14.30 Formation of the Anglo-Welsh Borderlands in the Early Middle Ages: Portable Antiquities in the Landscape – *Pauline Clarke*
- 14.30–15.00 Exploring (Remotely) the Affects of Offa’s Dyke within the Landscape – *Liam Delaney*
- 15.00–15.15 Digi-Dykes: Linear Earthworks Online – *Chloe Bridge and Howard Williams*
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- 15.15–15.30 ONLINE AFTERNOON TEA BREAK WITH E-SCONES
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- 15.30–15.40 Drone over Pen Offa – *Julian Ravest*
- 15.40–15.50 Discovering an Enclosure next to Offa’s Dyke – *Julian Ravest*
- 15.50–16.00 A Possible Roman Signal Station under Offa’s Dyke – *Julian Ravest*
- 16.30 Offa’s Dyke at Trefonen – The Special Offa Tragical History Virtual Tour – *Howard Williams*
- 18.00 #SpecialOffa Archaeos0up Live! – <https://www.youtube.com/user/Archaeos0up>

Ian Cundy (Malvern Archaeological Diving Unit)
Nautical Archaeology Society (Regional co-ordinator for Wales)

When Covid-19 struck the UK back in March, and lockdown became the norm for most people, maritime archaeology in the field came to an abrupt halt. With diving and site visits put on hold, the Nautical Archaeology Society (NAS) put out a plea for ideas that would help people maintain their enthusiasm for maritime archaeology, while self isolating.

Between 2002 & 2009 the Malvern Archaeological Diving Unit (MADU) were involved with investigating a shipwreck for Cadw in the north of Cardigan Bay. During this exercise a database was compiled of over 450 vessels that had been involved in maritime incidents in this area, and from this list, the "**www Research Project**" evolved.

People interested in carrying out research from home were invited to undertake investigations on-line, into vessels from the database, and to prepare a report on their findings. The project was launched at the beginning of April and is due to run until the end of 2020. As of the 1st August:

60 people have registered an interest in the project and been sent a copy of the database to choose vessels to research.

47 (78%) of these enquiries have been followed up, with people selecting between 1 and 9 vessels to investigate, and been sent a copy of the project's Research Guidance Notes and a Report Template.

Of the 524 vessels on the project's database, to date, 140 (27%) have been selected and are currently being researched.

Of these 140 vessels, 29 (21%) have so far had reports submitted, and pdf copies of these reports can be viewed on the project's web site at:

<http://www.madu.org.uk/Page%204.42%20-%20www%20Research%20Project%20-%202020.dwt>

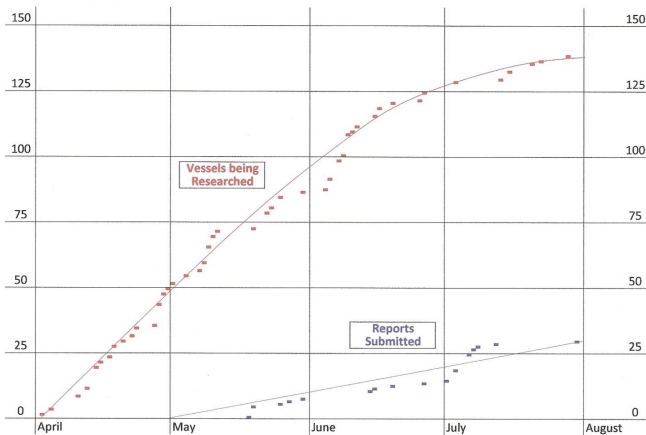
One additional statistic is that, of the 47 current researchers, we understand that at least 11 (23%) are not based in the UK, and are consequently investigating

Welsh maritime incidents from as far afield as America, Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, France, Holland, Japan, Russia and Sweden. So, this is turning out to be a truly international project.

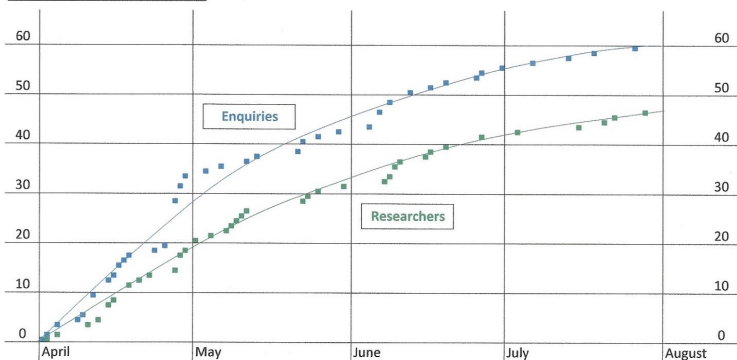
The following graphs show the progress of the project to date. The red line on the first diagram shows the rate at which the number of vessels being researched has increased, and the purple line below shows the rate at which reports on these vessels are being submitted. At midnight on 31st December these two lines should perfectly meet!

The second diagram shows that while both the number of enquiries received, and the number of new people taking up researching has steadily increased, the ratio between the two has remained fairly constant at between 70 – 80 %. Although numbers are starting to tail off, with 5-months left to run, the project remains happy to welcome anyone still interested in undertaking some on-line research.

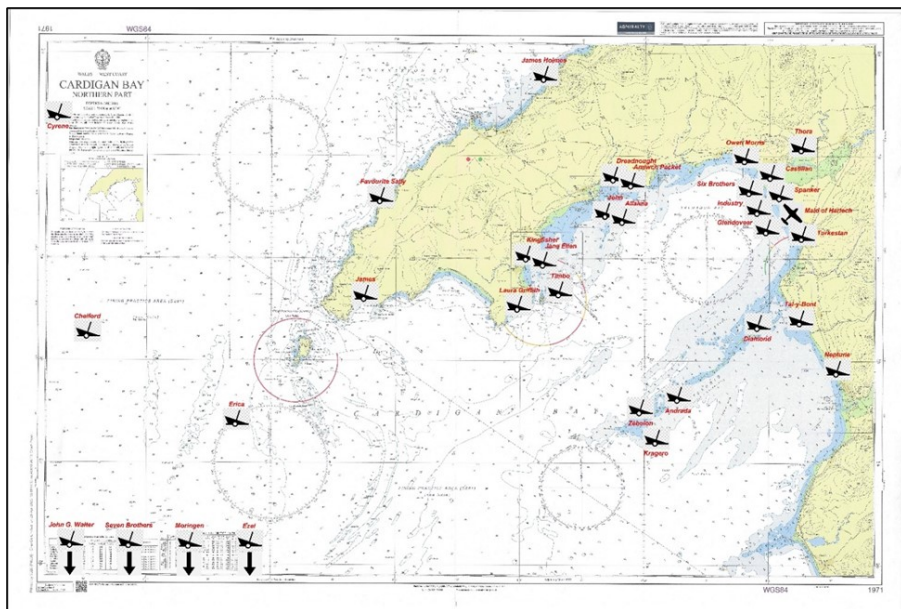
Welsh Wreck Web Research Project - Vessels / Reports
North Cardigan Bay, West Wales



Welsh Wreck Web Research Project - Enquiries / Researchers
North Cardigan Bay, West Wales



At the project’s outset, the UK Hydrographic Office very kindly donated a digital copy of Admiralty Chart 1871 – Cardigan Bay (northern part), together with a free copyright licence for the chart to be used for the duration of the project. Below is a copy of this chart showing the vessels that have so far had reports submitted.



Admiralty Chart 1871 - Cardigan Bay - northern part (not to be used for navigation!© Crown Copyright. Reproduced by permission of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationary Office and the UK Hydrographic Office (www.GOV.UK/UKHO)

Alongside this project, the NAS have been running one-day, on-line courses that compliment and hopefully assist the project’s researchers with their investigations. These courses have included: **“Using the Lloyd's Register Archive and Interpreting Wrecks”** and **“Introduction to Report Writing”**

and over the next few months there are additional courses in the pipeline, including:

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| “Introduction to Weather & Shipping Forecasts” | Saturday 5 th September |
| “Archaeological Illustration” (Sold Out) | Saturday 19 th September |
| “Introduction to Map & Chart Reading” | Saturday 3 rd October |
| “How to report, look after and research your finds” | Saturday 7 th November |
| “Public Engagement: the big picture” | Saturday 28 th November |
| “Promoting Maritime Heritage through Social Media” | Saturday 5 th December |
| “Prehistoric Intertidal and Submerged Landscapes” | Saturday 12 th December |

Being on-line means that these courses are accessible from wherever in the world people are based (providing they have an internet access) which is of great assistance to the project's overseas researchers. However, these courses and the project, are not just for NAS members, but available for anyone. So, if you would like more information on any of the above courses, go to:

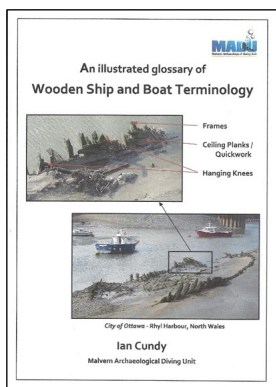
<https://www.nauticalarchaeologysociety.org/Pages/Events/>

and if you would like to join the project's research team, there are still 384 vessels waiting to be investigated, so, just go to:

<https://www.nauticalarchaeologysociety.org/welsh-wreck-web-research-project>

and follow the "How to get Involved" instructions.

An illustrated glossary of Wooden Ship and Boat Terminology



The Nautical Archaeology Society has added a new full colour paperback to its bookshop.

"An illustrated glossary of Wooden Ship and Boat Terminology"

Published by the Malvern Archaeological Diving Unit, the book containing over 650 entries, 100 pages and 100 photographs and drawings with an extensive cross-referencing index

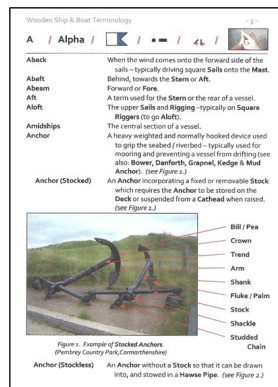
Review: *I was pleasantly surprised by the quality. As they are printed to order, I was expecting a loose bound book, but the quality is excellent and the pictures superb. It is also really interesting.*

Nigel Spickett

Copies of the book are available from the Nautical Archaeology Society at:

<https://www.nauticalarchaeologysociety.org/shop/illustrated-glossary-of-boat-and-ship-terms>

Price £12.50 (plus £2.50 p&p – UK mainland)



CBA Wales AGM 2020

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic means that CBA Wales activity has been limited this year. In view of this, and to be accessible to as much of the membership as possible, we have made the decision to defer our AGM until spring 2021.

If you are receiving this newsletter by post, you either do not have or have not given us your most recent e-mail address. Given the recent increase in online archaeological activity, if you would now like to provide us with an e-mail address which you are happy for us to use for CBA Wales mailings, please contact the Membership Secretary, kathy.laws@hotmail.co.uk .

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