

NEWSLETTER 32 - June 2002

Welcome to the Summer Newsletter.

Committee News

The committee presently looks like this:

President: Rob Perrin Hon. Treasurer/Membership: Ted Connell Hon. Secretary:
Alice Lyons

Hon. Editor: Jude Plouviez Production Manager: Pam Irving Reviews
Manager: Vivien Swan

Ordinary Members: Bernard Barr, Kayt Brown, Maggi Darling, Geoff Dannell, Jane Evans,
Laura Griffin

Co-opted Member: Fiona Seeley

Since the last Newsletter in February of this year the SGRP committee has met once. This meeting was held late on Friday 5th April at King Alfred's College University bar after the first session of the annual conference. Matters discussed included the publication timetable and forthcoming conferences (all of which are also detailed in the AGM minutes attached to this Newsletter).

Two new ordinary committee members have been duly voted in so we welcome Jane Evans and Geoff Dannell. Unfortunately no nominations were received for the position of President this year, which leaves us with a potential leadership crisis. As Rob Perrin however, has not yet served his full three years (due to the variable conference dates) the AGM was able to vote an extension of his presidency until the next SGRP annual conference. This is only a temporary reprieve and the situation needs to be resolved as soon as possible. A nomination form therefore, is attached to this Newsletter and I ask you all to consider who you would like to lead us for the next three years (2003-6) and once you have asked their permission to send the completed form back to me as soon as possible.

The Membership

Presently the membership stands at 139. We have had one resignation from Dr I Freestone and several new members including Graham Taylor, Jonathon Dicks, Tony O'Connor and Sandra Read – a warm welcome to them.

Conference News

The *SGRP annual conference held at Winchester this year* was a great success. It was very useful with record numbers attending (52), lots of pottery to look at, several book stalls and good conference facilities – all set in a beautiful location. Our thanks go to Kayt Brown for organising such a successful event and to the Winchester archaeologists Graham Scobie and Helen Rees for their invaluable contribution of local knowledge. Synopsis of all the papers given (if provided) will be published in a forthcoming Newsletter.

***Promoting Roman finds: context and theory*, 6th-7th July 2002.**

A conference on Promoting Roman finds is being organised in Durham through the Centre for Roman Provincial Archaeology. It will be held in St John's College, Durham. The first day will look at theory and approaches to finds and the second day at techniques for

recording finds and ways of promoting finds work. A provisional programme with contributors is included on the website. For further details look at our website or contact: Dr Richard Hingley or Dr Steve Willis: www.durham.ac.uk/a.j.mac-mahon.

'Interpreting Stratigraphy Conference' Saturday 7th September 2002 at the Mortimer Wheeler House, London www.york.ac.uk/depts/arch/strat/index.htm for more details.

The Roman Archaeology Conference 3-6th April 2003. A morning session has been allocated to the SGRP in memorial of the late Graham Webster, Colin Wallace is convening the session and has asked Maggi Darling, Jerry Evans, Steve Willis, Vivien Swan, Paul Bidwell, Nick Cooper and Rob Perrin to contribute.

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Notice Board

All contact details are available on the membership list attached to the end of the Newsletter. Richard Pollard has the pottery archive for two unpublished sites: Garden Hill, East Sussex and Rochester, Kent. A lot of the hard work is done, but Richard is looking for volunteers (student or professional) to bring these sites to completion.

Any members that are interested in resurrecting the regional pottery study groups, please contact Annette Hancocks.

If at all possible could lecture synopsis for the SGRP annual conference 2002, held at Winchester, be delivered to Alice Lyons as soon as possible.

The SGRP now has an e-mail distribution list, which presently about half the membership use. If you have e-mail and have given your address to the SGRP –but are not getting any e-mails from us - then it probably means the details we have for you are wrong. Please check the membership list at the back of this Newsletter. Alternatively, if you would like to join this distribution list but have not yet given us your e-mail address then contact Alice Lyons with your details.

Could all members please check their details on the list at the back of this Newsletter and let Alice Lyons know of any changes that need to be made.

**Study Group for Roman Pottery
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Saturday 6th April 2002
King Alfred's University College, Winchester**

1.0 Minutes of 2001 AGM:

1.1 Section 6 should have read: (corrections in italics) "Ted Connell has prepared the figures from 01.01.2000 to 31.12.2000 and apologises that the audit, by M.Lyne, has still to be arranged. The figures were accepted as a true record, (proposed Vivien Swan, seconded Joyce Pullinger). A copy of the figures is attached to the minutes. Generally the SGRP is in good financial health, although the publication of future Journals will make a dent in this."

1.2 With these alterations the minutes were accepted as a true record, (proposed by Rob Perrin and seconded by Vivien Swan).

2.0 Apologies for absence:

Geoff Dannell and Laura Griffin.

3.0 Matters arising:

The committee decided celebrations to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the group were not to proceed.

4.0 President's report:

4.1 Rob Perrin extended his thanks on behalf of all SGRP members to Kayt Brown for organising the Winchester 2002 annual conference.

4.2 He went on to say that it had been an interesting year at English Heritage (EH), although there was a reluctance within that organisation to fund more pottery work. Several new initiatives however, have been set up which may be beneficial to archaeological in general and pottery studies in particular. These include an all party parliamentary archaeological pressure group, shortened to: APPAG and the 'Aggregates Levy' whereby money will be raised by mineral extraction (perhaps up to £5 million per annum) to fund nature/heritage and countryside projects.

4.3 Finally Rob thanked all the committee members for their hard work since the previous AGM.

5.0 Hon. Secretary's report

5.1 Alice Lyons stated that the SGRP membership currently stood at 135 with 11 new members this year. Welcome to: Ray MacBride, James Gerrard, Chris Lydamore, Robert Philpot, Alex Whitehead, Paul Wilkinson, Keith Bolton, Roland Beevor, Sue Nelson, Martin Pitts and Kate Denet. *If you are new member and your name is not on this list please accept my apologies – you will be announced at future meetings.*

5.2 Alice also reported that since the last AGM two Newsletters and one conference mailing had been distributed to the membership. In addition to this an electronic distribution list (using e-mail) has been constructed which at the present time encompasses approximately half the membership. An advert for the annual conference was placed on the Brit-arch distribution list, as well as on the SGRP web page.

5.3 Vivien Swan thanked Alice for her work over the previous year.

6.0 Hon. Treasurer's report

6.1 Ted Connell presented the accounts for 01.01.01 and 31.12.01 (see attached sheet) which remain unaudited. These were accepted as a true and accurate record (proposed by Jude Plouviez and seconded by Scott Martin).

6.2 It was proposed by Ted Connell and seconded by Fiona Seeley that Malcolm Lyne should remain as auditor.

7.0 Editor's report

7.1 Volume 9-Rossington Bridge-has been published and distributed to the membership.

7.2 Volume 10-The Amphora Volume-is with the publisher and is due out in autumn.

7.3 Volume 11-Research Frameworks-will go to the publisher this autumn.

7.4 Volume 12-including 'unusual forms' although more contributions needed-is in preparation.

7.5 Volume 13-The Mortarium Bibliography by Roberta Tomber-is in preparation.

- 7.6 Rob Perrin thanked Jude Plouviez and Pam Irving for "getting things moving".
- 7.7 The committee is now actively seeking new contributions for future journals.
- 7.8 Vivien Swan announced that when the journal backlog is removed the process of reviewing recent pottery report publications will begin again.

Bibliography

- 8.1 Colin Wallace continues work on this project. He thanked Annette Hancocks for her recent contributions. That there is still a big gap over the London area however, which is a problem.
- 8.2 Colin asked the AGM to approve him approaching the Archaeological Data Service, in York, to curate the bibliography when complete.

9.0 SGRP Projects

- 9.1 Rob Perrin thanked Maggi Darling for all her hard work and explained the difficulties in completing the project.
- 9.2 Maggi suggested that the Student's Guide and Young's Guidelines be pulled together and reprinted in short runs to keep up to date with technological changes.
- 9.3 Rob Perrin stated that there has been no official response from EH to the Minimum Archive Guidelines that the SGRP presented several years ago.

Elections

- 10.1 Jane Evans was appointed an ordinary committee member (proposed Annette Hancocks, seconded Nick Cooper).
- 10.2 Geff Dannell was appointed an ordinary committee member (proposed Vivien Swan, seconded Fiona Seeley).
- 10.3 As no new nominations were received for president it was proposed that Rob continue in that role until the 2003 AGM. (Proposed Scott Martin, seconded Rachael Seager-Smith).

Future Meetings

The Roman Archaeology Conference 3-6th April 2003. A morning session has been allocated to the SGRP in memorial of the late Graham Webster, Colin Wallace has asked several members to contribute to this session: Maggi Darling, Jerry Evans, Steve Willis, Vivien Swan, Paul Bidwell, Nick Cooper and Rob Perrin.

11.2 SGRP Annual Conference 2003. VS reported that the Claude Gibb Hall, University of Northumbria, is booked for the weekend of 4-6th July. Trips to Walls End and South Shields have been organised. To be convened jointly by Alex Croome and Vivien Swan. Vivien did ask people to book their train tickets at least 2-3 months in advance to avoid high costs.

11.3 SGRP Annual Conference 2004. FS (convener) reported that provisionally it is looking good for London. The London Archive Resource Centre (LARC) has opened which would be an ideal centre for the conference. As for the 2003 conference this would be an off campus conference, a situation that the committee felt would not be a problem. Late June or very early July were thought to be the best date to meet.

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- 12.1 'Promoting Roman Finds: context and theory' July 6-7th 2002. University of Durham. Robin Symonds announced the possibility of winning research grants for work in France, contact: i.src@wanadoo.fr for further details.
- Romano-British Caterick. CBA pre-publication offer.

- 12.3 Fautores Rome 29th September-6th October 2003. Web page or contact Vivien Swan.
- 12.4 French Pot Group 9-12th May Bayeux Normandy, contact Rob Perrin for details.
- 12.5 Rachael Seager –Smith query the position of the SGRP prize for promising students, in memorial of Graham Webster. Rob Perrin stated this has not been forgotten and will be discussed at the next committee meeting.
- 12.6 Annette Hancocks asked any members interested in resurrecting the regional pottery study groups to contact her.

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