EDITORIAL

If anyone would like to brighten up the AEA Newsletter with photographs or illustrations, or include them in articles for the Newsletter, we now have a method of handling images that won't make the Newsletter too large and so take too long to download. Please send your electronic images, with captions, to the editors. They will be placed on the AEA image gallery (http://www.envarch.net/gallery.html), and a direct link to them will be created within the electronic version of the Newsletter. We would prefer it if the submitted graphic files are of a suitable size for inclusion on the web (preferably less than 50 KB), and that they are already saved as *.jpg or *.gif graphic files. Colour photographs are best saved in *.jpg format, whilst black and white line-art or low colour resolution images are best saved as *.gif files. Please note: there is more information about converting graphics into a suitable format on the image
In this, the first Newsletter of 2002, we would like to remind members to please check that they have renewed their membership (see News from the Committee below). This issue contains information about two AEA meetings taking place this spring, in Dublin and Shropshire/Herefordshire. Please help the organisers by responding early.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

After a peripatetic year, Mark Nesbitt & Delwen Samuel now have a new, permanent address:

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Our professional addresses remain the same:

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[Mail will reach Delwen quicker if sent to home]

NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

NEW E-MAIL ACCOUNT FOR AEA MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

There is now a special, dedicated e-mail address for all your AEA membership enquiries. So, please contact Ruth Pelling, Membership Secretary, at membership@envarch.net in future.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR AEA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2002?

If you haven?t had the chance yet to renew your membership for 2002, please note that you can always download membership renewal forms from the AEA website at http://www.envarch.net/memship.html . Otherwise, please e-mail membership@envarch.net or write to Ruth Pelling at Oxford University Museum of Natural History, Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3PW.

For current members, please remember that if you ever need to amend your AEA details to include a new e-mail address, for example, you can register changes electronically at: http://www.envarch.net/aeaform.html .

CIRCAEA ON-LINE

Volumes 1 to 3 of Circaea (formerly the AEA journal) are now available for downloading at http://www.envarch.net/circaea.html . This facility is open access (not password protected as announced previously). So, please tell all your friends and colleagues! Any items, comments
and suggestions in relation to the website are always welcome to: the Webmaster or Carol Palmer; e-mail: cp24@le.ac.uk.

**RETIRING COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Jacqui Mulville, formerly co-opted committee member and Journal Publicity Officer, retired from the AEA Managing Committee in December. We are sure that members will join the committee in thanking Jacqui for all her hard work for the AEA and wish her well in her new position at King Alfred's College, Winchester.

**AEA POSTER**

We would like to inform members that in addition to the English language AEA poster, there is now a German language version, produced through the good offices of Wendy Smith (former AEA Secretary) with the assistance of English Heritage staff at the Centre for Archaeology, Portsmouth. These posters are primarily designed to advertise the association at non-AEA meetings/conferences and to help recruit new members. If you are attending a meeting and would like to take a poster and some membership leaflets along, please contact Allan Hall (EAU, Dept of Biology, University of York, PO Box 373, York YO10 5YW - email: biol8@york.ac.uk). Versions in the other European languages used on the paper and web version of the Membership Form should become available shortly.

**AEA BOOKS (AND BOOKS, MORE GENERALLY)**

Members are reminded that a list of books currently available at a discount through the AEA is available on our web site (http://www.envarch.net/ - click on Books Service in the left-hand panel).

We recently purchased copies of AEA Member Derrick Rixson's book "History of Meat Trading" published by Nottingham University Press. My contact there, Simon Robinson, asked me to pass this message on to AEA members: "We are always on the look out for new books to add to our growing list and I wondered whether you might be in a position to advertise this fact to your fellow AEA members. If this is possible, please advise your colleagues that they should contact me with a brief outline of the nature and scope of their proposed book(s)." His contact details are:

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With regard to another title we recently sold, Environmental Archaeology: meaning and purpose (edited by AEA Member Umberto Albarella), I would like to find out if there are any members who would still like to buy a copy. We need to be able to buy a minimum of six copies in order to achieve a discount? in this case, we get the book for £30 pounds instead of the publisher's (Kluwer's) extravagant £80 pounds. Contact me if you'd like to put your name on the reserve list for a copy.

Whilst on the subject of books, members may not know that there are several web sites from which one can seek in-print books at a discount (though not usually as much as the discount we can secure by buying in bulk from publishers), and also find second-hand/out-of-print...
titles. The sites I use most are BookBrain (http://www.bookbrain.co.uk/) for new books, and abebooks.com (http://www.abebooks.com/) for second-hand.

BookBrain, sponsored by W.H. Smith, searches up to 15 other sites (such as Amazon and W.H. Smith, itself) to give you a list, sorted by price, with links to those other suppliers which take you directly to the page for the title concerned. My own experience is that Swotbooks (http://www.swotbooks.com/) is nearly always the cheapest and their service has so far been excellent (and before anyone asks, no, I don’t have a financial interest in Swotbooks, though given how much of my money they have received in the past couple of years, I feel as though I should!).

Abebooks mostly finds titles in second-hand bookshops in the USA, UK and Australia, though I did recently buy some Hegis? from a bookseller in Amsterdam through this site. Other services to try (though inevitably there is some overlap where dealers issue their lists to more than one web site) are Bibliology (http://www.bibliology.com), Bookfinder (http://www.bookfinder.com/), and Amazon's Bibliofind (http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/subst/books/misc/bibliofind.html) and no doubt there are dozens more. One thing to beware: some sites will convince you that a title is available when actually all they are doing is finding a "hit" in their database of titles - eventually you discover the title is not available after all. On the other hand, the listing may give you additional information you might need to continue your search, like a publisher or ISBN.

One last comment - a reminder to members that the AEA is always happy to consider new titles for sale to members at a discount, provided we can sell the minimum number required by the publisher to secure the discount. Please tell me about books you think we might be able to purchase.

Allan Hall, EAU, University of York (email: biol8@york.ac.uk)

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PROFESSOR SUSAN LIMBREY

At the meeting held in Birmingham on 18th September to honour the life and work of Susan Limbrey, we felt it was highly appropriate to confer on her Honorary Membership of the Association for Environmental Archaeology.

Susan has made a great contribution to the field of environmental archaeology through her own research, through her support for other environmental archaeologists, through her contribution to this Association throughout its life, and not least through teaching the subject to countless undergraduates in her department at Birmingham.

We send Susan our thanks and wish her a long and happy retirement (though we understand she is going to continue her geoarchaeological work at Birmingham) - and look forward to the publication of the proceedings of the September meeting as a tangible tribute to her.

Allan Hall, Chair, AEA

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CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY
Irish Seminar 2002 : Saturday 23rd March 2002; 9.15am - 5.30pm
A seminar on Environmental Archaeology is planned for Saturday 23rd March 2002, in University College Dublin. Offers of short (15 minute) papers would be very welcome. Papers can focus on recent research in Environmental Archaeology in Ireland and abroad; contributions from the wider archaeological community on environmental and palaeoecological themes are also welcome. The meeting is intended to create a forum for palaeoenvironmentalists working in Ireland, as well as to update the palaeoenvironmental and wider archaeological community on latest research.

If you would like to offer a contribution, please email a c.300 word abstract to either ereilly@mglarc.com or Aidan.OSullivan@ucd.ie, or post back the booking form at the end at the end of this newsletter to Eileen Reilly, Margaret Gowen and Co. Ltd., 2 Killiney View, Albert Road Lwr, Glenageary, Co. Dublin, Ireland with accompanying abstract. (Deadline for abstracts: 8th February 2002, although abstracts may be accepted after this date subject to availability of speaking slots).

ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY EXTENDED FIELD TRIP: SHROPSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE.

Friday 28th June to Sunday 30th June 2002.

David Smith, The University of Birmingham
Geraint Coles, The University of Edinburgh

INTENT
With the absence of a formal conference this year, and noting the success of recent QRA field outings, we decided to try to start the ball rolling with the AEA by organising an similar extended field trip (Equally, we have found that in the past that the field trip is often the most enjoyable and useful part of the normal three-day conference -so why bother with the papers). Shropshire and the Welsh Borders is a beautiful, biologically diverse, archaeologically rich but largely unexplored area of Britain.

PROGRAMME
Day 1: Friday 28th June
Morning: Iron Bridge Gorge and the "Sabath walks": visit to a historical and biologically diverse area of the Iron Bridge gorge. Lead by Dr. Roger White, Ironbridge Institute.

Lunch: at the Colebrook Dale Arms (extensive list of guest beers) and a chance to visit the Ironbridge Institute and the Museum of Iron

Afternoon: Wroxeter Roman town tour in particular with emphasis on the recent results of the remote sensing survey and the present level of environmental research lead by Lisa Moffett, University of Birmingham and Dr. Roger White, Iron Bridge Institute.

Late afternoon (if time allows) Caer Caradoc hill fort and the Church Stretton gap.

Day 2: Saturday 29th June
Morning: Mitchel's Fold stone circle and moor

Lunch: Powys Castle cafe and possibility to visit the excellent and dramatic gardens at the castle (Gardens free to National Trust Members or small additional charge to non-members).

Afternoon: Nature reserve at Llanymynech hill fort. Tour of this very biologically diverse nature reserve set at the base of a hill fort in an old abandoned limestone quarry. This area has
outstanding views of the northern area of Shropshire. Tour lead by David Smith and Tony Herbert.

Day 3: Sunday 30th June
Morning: Kington, Herefordshire. Tour of this outstanding example of an old, preserved hay meadow now under a FWAG stewardship scheme. The recent botanical and entomological work undertaken here intended as an analogue for hay in the archaeological record will be outlined. Tour lead by Pam Grinter (PhD student University of Birmingham) and Stewart Cross (Farm Manager).

Lunch: Probably at the excellent New Inn (new in the 12th century) in the pretty town of Pembridge. (Nice church and lovely pottery shops located in Pembridge as well)

Afternoon: departure.

ACCOMMODATION
We will be staying at the Mytton and Mermaid Hotel at Atcham near Shewsbury. This is a comfortable and accommodating hotel set on the banks of the river Severn. All rooms come with either a shower or bath/shower. (Early booking will probably guarantee the best views!).
A range of both double and single rooms is available. The price is S 55 per night (if booked for all three nights) and includes accommodation, full English breakfast and three course evening meal (Wine and alcohol will be extra).

Costs
Accommodation and breakfast for all three nights: S 175.00
Cost of field trips for all three days: S 30.00.

TOTAL: £ 205 pounds
(Except lunches and entry to Powys Castle Garden are not covered in the costs quoted)

Please see the end of this Newsletter for the Booking Form.

I MUST HAVE A REPLY AND / OR THE BOOKING FORM BY THE 28TH OF FEBRUARY ALONG WITH A BOOKING FEE OF £ 50.00 POUNDS (CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM”) TO ENSURE A RESERVATION AT THE HOTEL BY THE SAME DATE.

WE WILL NEED AT LEAST 10 PEOPLE FOR THIS TO WORK, SO I NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU INTEND TO GO ON THIS TOUR.

If you have any questions please contact:
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E-mail: d.n.smith@bham.ac.uk

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**BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY AND OSTEOARCHAEOLOGY (BABAO) 4TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

BABAO will be holding its 4th Annual Conference 14-15 September 2002, at the University of Sheffield.

For more information please visit the BABAO web site at [http://www.soton.ac.uk/~babao](http://www.soton.ac.uk/~babao)

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Title:

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The cost of the meeting will be £ 6.35, payable at registration on the day or in advance by cheque or bank draft (please do not send cheques in other currencies). This includes programme, abstracts, tea, coffee and biscuits. Cheques/bank drafts should be made payable to "Department of Archaeology, UCD" (write "AEA" on all correspondence).

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  or

* Excursion fee only (covering transport & handout expenses)
  = Total £ 30 pounds

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