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## Cambridge Antiquarian Society

### Abridged Report for the Year 2019

**Membership:** Membership remained steady over 2019, from 291 to 292. There were seventeen new members, four lapsed, eleven resigned and one sadly died. One affiliated Society joined and one resigned keeping membership at 45 for the end of year. Institution membership increased from 40 to 42.

**Members are reminded of the requirement to complete a GDPR form.**

**Meetings:** There were four Council meetings and eight ordinary meetings. The following lectures were given and events held:

Jan 8: John Robb and Sarah Inskip, *The After the Plague Project: new insights on medieval lives through scientific analysis of bodies: what can the 'kitchen sink' approach deliver?*

Feb 5: Craig Cessford, *Buried with their belts on: people and architecture at the Cambridge Augustinian Friary.*

Mar 2: Spring Conference: *Gown, Town and Beyond.*

Mar 4: Martin Millett, *Aldborough (N. Yorks): New perspectives on the Roman town of Isurium Brigantum and the Roman North.*

Apr 1: AGM followed by Margarita Gleba, *Archaeological Textiles and what we can learn from them.*

May 13: Marie Louise S. Sorensen and Christopher Evans, *A place of arrivals: archaeological investigations on the Cape Verde Islands.*

Oct 7: Alison Sheridan, *Long Before Brexit* (jointly with the Prehistoric Society).

Nov 4: Emma Jeffery and Tony Walsh, *Results from the A14 Excavations.*

Nov 23: Autumn Conference, *Recent archaeological work in Cambridgeshire.*

Dec 2: Alison Dickens, *"Dear Mother and All": The WWI letters of Stanley Parker of Rampton.*

**Excursions:** Two local visits took place. The first was a walk round Barrington on Wednesday 7 August, led by Mrs Jill Jones, Chair of the Barrington Society, looking at the domestic architecture and social history of the village. 20 members participated. On 10 September a small group of eight members was given a tour of Westminster College by its Archivist, Ms Helen Weller, and learned something of both the history of the college and that of the Presbyterian Church of England. After coffee and cakes, the party were welcomed to the Cambridge Centre for Christianity Worldwide by its Archivist, Dr Philip Saunders, who had prepared a display of material of particular Cambridge relevance for us.

It was anticipated that a fuller programme would be offered in 2020, but this has been prevented by Covid 19.

**Publications:** The Society continued to produce the *Proceedings* and *Conduit*, distributed to all members. In the past the Society had an extensive exchange programme with other institutions from both Britain and abroad, but this has been largely discontinued in the light of changing library practices and the increased availability of online resources. The small number of periodicals still received continues to be deposited in the Haddon Library, where members of CAS are able to consult them and the other resources of the Library.

**Representatives:** The Society was represented by Janet Morris on the Cambridgeshire Advisory Group on Archives and Local Studies; Alison Dickens on the Cambridgeshire Association for Local History; Catherine Hills on the Cambridge University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology Committee; Martin Allen on the Cambridgeshire Records Society and John Pickles on the Haddon Library Committee. Honor Ridout represents the Cambs Association for Local History on CAS.

**Finance:** The Accounts for the Year 2019–20 have been delayed by Covid-19. They will be sent to members as soon as possible.

**Grant scheme for small projects:** A grant of £328 has been awarded to the Staploe Archaeology Group in order to replace equipment and to purchase new display boards.

**Reminder:** Annual subscriptions are due on 1st January each year. Please contact the Registrar with any queries <registrar@camantsoc.org>.

**Governance:** The conduct of the Society is governed by Laws dated 1988 (amended 2003, 2008 and 2009). Management is vested in an elected Council whose members' names are published annually on the membership card/ lecture programme. We are Registered Charity No. 299211.

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*Cover: Plate 6. The School of Pythagoras: south side. From Two Norman Chamber Blocks:  
Hemingford Grey Manor (Huntingdonshire) and the School of Pythagoras (Cambridge).*