



Reconnecting Roman Britain 2026 Programme

Friday 13 November

15:00 – 16:30pm

Pre-event guided tour of Roman Colchester with Colchester Tour guide. Free to attend but tickets must be booked in advance via the RRB2026 Eventbrite booking form.

18:00 – 19:30pm

Wine reception at the Roman Circus Visitor Centre, Roman Circus Walk CO2 7GZ, with the opportunity to view “The Lexden Lady” special exhibition. Free to attend but tickets must be booked in advance via the RRB2026 Eventbrite booking form.

Saturday 14 November

From 09:00am *Registration & refreshments at Lion Walk Church, Lion Walk Precinct CO1 1LX*

09:25 – 09:30 *Welcome and introduction by Chairperson: Richard Bale*

09:30 – 11:00 **Session 1**

Longer Papers	Speaker	Title
09:30	Claire Willetts	Timeless Treasures. Unlocking the Great Baddow Coin Hoard
09:45	Adam Wightman	A Changing Landscape: Burial, Settlement and Industry beyond the Walls of Roman Colchester
10:00	Emma Holloway	The Lexden Lady: What’s in a box? Disseminating a Group of Grave Goods from a 4 th century burial from Colchester
10:15	Morwen Thomas	Urning for Answers: Rediscovering Roman Colchester’s Cremated Dead
10:30	Mark Hinman and Charlotte Lockwood	New Archaeological Findings on the Way to the Circus
10:45	Medi Jones-Williams	Lipid Analysis of Funerary Pottery from Roman Britain

11:00 – 11:30 *Tea and coffee; viewing of poster displays and stalls*





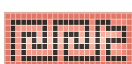
11:30 – 12:45 Session 2

Longer Papers	Speaker	Title
11:30	Julia Tomas	Reconnecting Camulus and Camulodunum
11:45	Kris Lockyear	Recent geophysical surveys at Dicket Mead Roman Villa
12:00	Susan Greaney	Mosaics, metalworking and ? magic: recent discoveries at Halberton Roman Villa, Devon (SHARE Project)
12:15	Eleanor Ghey, Fiona Haarer	Britannia Awards & Prize Giving • Britannia award winner (individual) • Britannia award winner (group)
12:25	Kenneth Dodd	Things they call Roman Villas
Lightning Papers	Speaker	Title
12:40	Elizabeth Garnett	Blood lines: a biomolecular study of individuals at Romano-British Poundbury Camp, Dorset
12:45	Graham Shuttlewood	The Romans at The Point and Leigh Beck, Canvey Island
12:50		Questions and discussion

13:05 – 14:00 *Lunch (sandwich lunch provided); viewing of poster displays and stalls*

14:00 – 15:00 Session 3

Longer Papers	Speaker	Title
14:00	Natasha Harlow	Caistor Paddocks: Pots and Pits at Venta Icenorum
14:15	Patrick Ottaway	Roman York: 'busting the backlog'. What do the sites of the 1980s have to tell us today?
14:30	Charlotte Bell	Motherhood and Gendered Norms: The Evidence for Women in Roman Britain





Lightning Papers	Speaker	Title
14:45	Hella Eckardt	A banquet for the gods: the cultural significance of a group of reclining bronze figures
14:50	Eddie Taylor	Chthonic Britannia: Religion & Ritual of Mines, Miners & Mining Districts
14:55		Questions and discussion

15:05 – 15:30 *Tea and coffee; viewing of poster displays and stalls*

15:30 – 16:30 Session 4

Longer Papers	Speaker	Title
15:30	Giacomo Savani & Andrew Roberts	Sensing the Fort: reimagining Housesteads through Sensory Archaeology and Public Engagement
15:45	Marta Alberti-Dunn, Cristina Crizbasan, Sophie Westlake	Keeping community archaeology current: co-creation for decolonization and climate change on Hadrian's Wall
Lightning Papers	Speaker	Title
16:00	Owen Humphreys	Alien Artefacts: Antiquities and Exotica at Roman Vindolanda
16:05	Jo Skerry	Roman Ceramic Building Material: assessing the archaeological potential of a new assemblage of geometric ceramic shapes
16:10	David Roberts	Roman Britannia: Mobility and Society
16:15		Questions and discussion
16:30	Samantha Rowley, Eleanor Ghey, Fiona Haarer, Richard Bale	Closing Remarks

