

PAS Programme 2025-26 & Other Events



Our 2025-26 lecture programme is now all set and ready for the start of the new PAS session in September. We will tell you more about each of the speakers and their talks in future issues of this newsletter, but we hope you agree that we have an interesting and varied series ahead of us.

In addition to these monthly talks, we are trying something new this year. We have hired the Eastgate Theatre in Peebles for a public lecture by Dr Matthew Knight, senior curator of prehistory at National Museums Scotland. On Thursday 16th October, Matt and his conservator colleagues will be talking about **Unearthing & Conserving the Peebles Hoard**, *‘one of the remarkable hoards ever found in Scotland’*. Discovered locally in June 2020 during the Covid lockdown and dating to the Late Bronze Age (c.1000-800 BCE), the hoard contains several hundred elements from a complex set of bronze, leather and wooden objects, as well as a sword in a scabbard. Many of the objects have never been found before in Scotland. Conservation of this material is revealing fascinating stories about these objects, leading to intriguing questions about the people who made and buried them.

We hope this fascinating talk will attract a wider local interest in archaeology, potentially encourage some new members and for the Society to raise funds towards current and future field projects. Tickets cost £15 (sorry - no concessions!) and are available now from Eastgate Theatre. Please support this event and encourage friends and family to come along too.

The annual Halcott Hendrie Memorial Lecture, held jointly by PAS and the Tweeddale Society, is being given this year by Peter Yeoman, back by popular demand after speaking to PAS last year. Tickets are free to PAS members and available now from the Eastgate Theatre, but you must be quick – there are limited seats available.

Dates for your Diary

18th September 2025: **Uncovering the Tweed : Archaeology on the River, Year 1-** Dr Graeme Cavers, AOC Archaeology

9th October 2025: **The Salmon of Knowledge? Identity, mobility & food in medieval Scotland** - Dr Sam Leggett, University of Edinburgh

16th October 2025*: **Unearthing & Conserving the Peebles Hoard** – Dr Matthew Knight, National Museums Scotland

20th November 2025: **New Light on Dumyat Hillfort: Results of New Survey & Excavation** – Dr Murray Cook, Stirling Council

9th December 2025*: **The Lost Royal Lodgings in Edinburgh Castle & the Birthplace of Great Britain** – Peter Yeoman

15th January 2026: **The Archaeological Landscape & Historical Context of the Galloway Hoard** – Dr Orla Craig, Historic Environment Scotland

19th February 2026: **Hillforts, Settlements & Ancient Geography** – Strat Halliday

19th March 2026: **Recent Work on Lindisfarne: New Light on a Central British Monastery** – Prof David Petts, University of Durham

16th April 2026: **Annual General Meeting & Members' Evening**

***Please note that these talks, on 16th October and 9th December, are ticketed events at the Eastgate Theatre. You will need to book in advance.**