



Tuesday 14th April 2026

Our inaugural meeting was well attended by thirteen of more than 20 that have signed up to the group so far. A preliminary programme of meetings and visits was discussed and agreed. Dates for meetings are now shown on our webpage. Note the date for the June meeting has changed to avoid a clash with the lu3a summer party.

Several members have offered to look at developing presentations. I'll be contacting them individually to agree the details. These include:

- Neolithic sites in Orkney
- Archaeology of Southwark
- Pre-Columbian Pueblo culture of SW United States

I'm working on locations for meetings at the moment and will confirm soon.

We also looked at possible visits to museums and sites. These include:

- The [Sutton Hoo gallery](#) at the British Museum and a possible visit to the site itself. It was noted that the contents of the gallery are going to France later this year in exchange for the Bayeux Tapestry (see below) so we will time this to suit.
- The archaeological galleries of the [Ashmolean Museum](#) in Oxford. There is also an exhibition there this summer: [In Bloom: how plants changed our world](#).
- A walking tour of the many archaeological sites in the City of London.
- A visit and talk at the new [London Museum](#) at Smithfield, which opens in September.
- The Bayeux Tapestry is going to be displayed at the British Museum later this year. However, getting tickets is going to be at a premium, so it was agreed to let members get their own tickets and visit individually. We will arrange a video or talk about the tapestry at one of our meetings and possibly visit the replica of the tapestry in Reading as a group. Tickets will be available from June for members and from July 1 for non members. [Details and sign up for newsletter here.](#)

Also at the meeting I gave a presentation: *The old stone roads to Stonehenge (pdf version)*, about the routes by which Britain was populated after the Ice Age, that became major trading routes and pilgrimage routes to the monument on Salisbury Plain, based on my walks along it. [Link to the presentation](#). [Link to my website](#): for members who could not attend, the pages on [The road and humanity](#) and [History](#) are the basis for my talk. Some members asked about neolithic sites within reach of London. Avebury is perfectly accessible for a day trip, with its huge stone circle right in the village as well as Silbury Hill and West Kennet long barrow. [Here are details of how to get there and a suggested 6 mile walk.](#)

I'm also setting up a WhatsApp group where members can post links to latest research, details of exhibitions etc. If you weren't at the meeting but would like to join, please contact me with your phone number.