From Lithics to Landscapes Conference

Sunday 22nd May 2016,
Continuing Education Lecture Theatre, University of Oxford

Stone tools are the most durable elements to be found in the archaeological record but interpreting lithic assemblages is particularly challenging. Traditionally assemblages have been interpreted on a site by site basis. Increasingly, however, archaeologists have used stone tool technology to explore past human social, technological and economic relationships on a landscape scale. Archaeologists have integrated lithics into their landscape interpretations using a range of approaches. For example, functional, typological, technological and raw material studies provide evidence of a history of relationships between people and places spanning the landscape. These approaches can reveal how past human groups made a living from the landscape as well as the constraints the landscape placed on the procurement, manufacture, use and discard of stone tools (i.e. chaînes opératoires). They may also provide evidence of the social and cultural world past societies lived in, as well as their perception of and movement within the landscape. This conference focuses on how archaeologists move from lithics to landscapes. It aims to showcase current approaches to integrating lithic artefacts into our studies of past human behaviour within the landscape. Direct queries to conference@lithics.org. Registration information will be available in due course on www.lithics.org/events/conference.
## Provisional Schedule

**09:00** REGISTRATION  
**09:30** WELCOME  
Chair: Dr Olaf Bayer  
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The Lithic Studies Society  

### SESSION 1

**09:40** Keynote: From caves to open-air sites: searching for Late-glacial landscapes in Britain.  
Prof. Nick Barton  
Institute of Archaeology, University of Oxford.  

**10:15** Tool Use, Activities, and Site Function at Stainton West: A Large Mesolithic Site in Northern England.  
Dr Randy Donahue & Dr Adrian Evans  
School of Archaeological Sciences, University of Bradford.  

**10:30** Landscape and Lithics around Tiverton in the Exe Valley: the Devon Archaeological Society project.  
Henrietta Quinell  
Honorary Research Fellow, Exeter University.  

**10:45** Structured Exploitation of Place and Landscapes during the Early Middle Palaeolithic at La Cotte de St. Brelade.  
Dr Andrew Shaw¹, Dr Marie-Anne Julien¹, Dr Matthew Pope², Dr Beccy Scott³, Dr John McNabb⁴ & Prof. Clive Gamble¹  
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**11:00** Questions  

**11:15** COFFEE BREAK  

### SESSION 2

**11:45** Mesolithic Sites in Relation to Cumbria & Stanton West.  
Antony Dickson  
Oxford Archaeology North.  

**12:00** The Late Glacial Channel River network and associated lithic assemblages in SE England.  
Will Mills  
Institute of Archaeology, University of Oxford.  

**12:15** Excavating an Early Prehistoric Taskscape at Bexhill, East Sussex.  
Mike Donelly  
Oxford Archaeology.  

**12:30** Journeys To Neolithic Langdale: How a Cumbrian Landscape May Help Explain Prehistoric Movement of Polished Stone Axes  
Sally Taylor  
Department for Continuing Education, University of Oxford.  

**12:45** Questions  

**13:00** LUNCH  

### SESSION 3

**14:00** Later Neolithic and Earlier Bronze Age Landscapes, Lithics and Seasonal Population Movement: a Case Study from Somerset.  
Dr Clive Bond  
Visiting Research Fellow in Archaeology  
Department of Archaeology, The University of Winchester.  

**14:15** The Ranscombe Mesolithic Site.  
David May  
Independent Researcher  

**14:30** Modelling the Lower-Middle Palaeolithic Archaeological Record of Northwest Europe.  
Lesley Blundell  
Institute of Archaeology, University College London.  

**14:45** Boxgrove: Applying new methods to refitting and stone tool functional analysis at GTP17.  
Dr Adrian Evans¹, Dr Rob Davis, R¹, Prof. Mathew Pope², Dr T. Sparrow³, Dr Nick Ashton³ & Dr Randy Donahue¹  
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**15:00** Questions  

**15:15** BREAK  

### SESSION 4

**15:30** Following the lives of felsite axes and knives across the island world of Shetland.  
Prof. Gabriel Cooney  
School of Archaeology, University College Dublin.  

**15:45** New Insights into the Lower Palaeolithic Site of Hoxne (MIS 11), Site Formation, Technological Change and Landscape Use.  
Emily Pigot  
School of Archaeological Sciences, University of Bradford.  

**16:00** A Landscape-Based Approach to Lithic Behaviour in Lower-Middle Pleistocene Central Asia.  
Patrick Cuthbertson  
Institute of Archaeology, University College London.  

**16:15** Questions  

**16:25** Closing Remarks  
Dr Olaf Bayer  

**16:30** Close