**Prehistoric Society Spring Dayschool**

*Pushing the Boundaries; new approaches in (studying) the prehistoric past:*

*A day in honour of John Coles*

Saturday 26 March 2022 (online only)

This event will be a one-off in celebration of the achievements and legacy of one of Britain’s most influential archaeologists, Professor John Coles, who was sadly lost to us in 2020. It will be organised around four themes that were dear to his heart: Rock Art, Experimental Archaeology, Wetland Archaeology, and Heritage Management. Two key speakers will address each topic and there will be invited shorter, personal contributions and a discussion to round off the morning and afternoon.

Chair: Clive Gamble

9.15 Registration and technical checks

9.45 Welcome and Introduction (Julie Gardiner and Clive Gamble)

**Rock Art**

10.00-10.30 Marta Diaz-Guardamino: *Rock art carving and place-making in Atlantic Europe*

10.30-11.00 Richard Bradley and Courtney: Nimura *Talking Pictures*

**Experimental archaeology**

11.00-12.00 Linda Hurcombe and Roeland Paardekooper. *Building a strong foundation for experimental archaeology*

12.00 - 13.00 Invited short contributions and discussion:

12.00-12.10: Bo Graslund. *John Coles in Sweden*

12.10-12.15: Matt Knight. *Changing perspectives on Scottish Bronze Age metalwork*

12.15-12.20: Marion Uckelmann. *Beaten by sword and spear? Experimental combat and Bronze Age shields*

12.20-13.00: discussion

13.00-13.45 lunch

**Wetland Archaeology**

13.45-14.15 Martin Bell. *John Coles and the Coming of Age of Wetland Archaeology*

14.15-14.45 Anne Crone.  *Enlarging the Past’; Iron Age wetland settlement in Scotland*

**Heritage management**

14.45-15.15 Bob Bewley. *Universities, heritage management and social responsibility: was Professor Coles a trail blazer?*

15-15-15.45 Dale Croas and Ed Carriere. *Indigenous Knowledge, Access to Archaeological Collections, and Experimental Archaeology*

15.45-16.45 Invited short contributions and discussion

15.45-15.55: Steve Minnitt *John Coles: personal reminiscences from Somerset and Sweden*

15.55-16.00 Richard Brunning *The Somerset Levels Project*

16.00-16.05: Simon Kaner. *John Coles and Akira Matsui: inspiring wetland archaeology in Japan*

16.05-16.65: Discussion

16.45-17.00 round up and conclusion (Bob Bewley and Clive Gamble)

17.00 Closing remarks and close (Bryony Coles and Julie Gardiner)