

## Didcot Mirror Study Day

The Didcot Mirror study day is a chance to hear leading academic experts discussing the mirror's purpose, significance, and manufacture, and the Iron Age society which created it. Gathered together by special invitation, the speakers at this unique event are the leading experts in their respective fields. Subjects covered will range from archaeometallurgy to sacrifice and ritual, taking in artistic design and social structures along the way. We will also have a contribution from Oxford Archaeology, who will describe and discuss recent excavations at Great Western Park in Didcot.

<b>Coffee</b>	9.30
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<b>Prof Sir Barry Cunliffe</b> University of Oxford, Emeritus Professor of European Archaeology	10.00
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<b>Dr Peter Northover</b> University of Oxford, Senior Research Fellow, Head of Materials Science Based Archaeology Group	11.15
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<b>Lunch Break (One hour)</b>	12.15
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<b>Dr Chris Hayden</b> Oxford Archaeology, Senior Project Manager (Great Western Park project leader)	13.15
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<b>Prof Miranda Aldhouse-Green</b> Cardiff University, Professor of Archaeology	14.30
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<b>Tea and biscuits</b>	15.30
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<b>Dr Jody Joy</b> University of Cambridge, Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Senior Curator (Archaeology)	16.00
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### Prof Sir Barry Cunliffe

One of the best known scholars of the European Iron Age, Emeritus Professor of European Archaeology at the University of Oxford with many excavations to his name including Danebury Iron Age Hillfort, and extensively published. Professor Cunliffe has a special interest in the social, economic, trade and communication systems of Atlantic Europe in the Iron Age.

**Dr Peter Northover**

Senior Research Fellow and Head of Materials Science-based Archaeology Group at the Department of Materials, University of Oxford. His research interests include Non-ferrous and precious metallurgy and metalwork in ancient and historical contexts and their experimental reproduction, and interaction of buried metal with the environment.

**Dr Chris Hayden**

Senior Project Manager leading the post-excavation analysis of the Great Western Park site in Didcot, which uncovered an extraordinary prehistoric site showing surprising continuity of occupation from Neolithic through to Roman times. The Iron Age period showed extensive habitation with over 40 roundhouses and evidence of ritual behaviour.

**Prof Miranda Aldhouse-Green**

Professor of Archaeology at Cardiff University, with special interests in ritual and religion. She is extensively published on subjects including shamanism, human sacrifice, art, symbolism and iconography in the Iron Age. Current research includes the origins of Celtic myths and the language of bog bodies.

**Dr Jody Joy**

Recently left the British Museum where he was Curator of European Iron Age collections to take up a new position at the University of Cambridge where he is Senior Curator of British and European archaeological collections. He has particular interests in Iron Age metalwork and Celtic art, and published the monograph 'Iron Age Mirrors: a biographical approach' (BAR British Series 518, 2010)

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10am - 5pm

Tickets £25 / £20 conc.

**Booking & information**

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