

# Chester Archaeological Society

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## *Next Lecture*

### **A Bronze Age copper bonanza? The Great Orme mine in North Wales** *Dr Alan Williams, University of Liverpool*

Saturday January 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 @ 2:30pm, Grosvenor Museum, Chester.

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The Great Orme Bronze Age copper mine in North Wales is one of the largest in Europe but its size was attributed to small-scale part-time working over nearly a millennium based on claims it only produced an unimportant low impurity type of copper. However, new interdisciplinary research, has provided evidence that Great Orme produced Britain's first mining boom c.1600 to 1400 BC probably involving a full-time mining community with metal reaching from Brittany to Sweden. This suggests greater integration into European Bronze Age trading systems than had previously been suspected and a more complex interaction of communities.

