

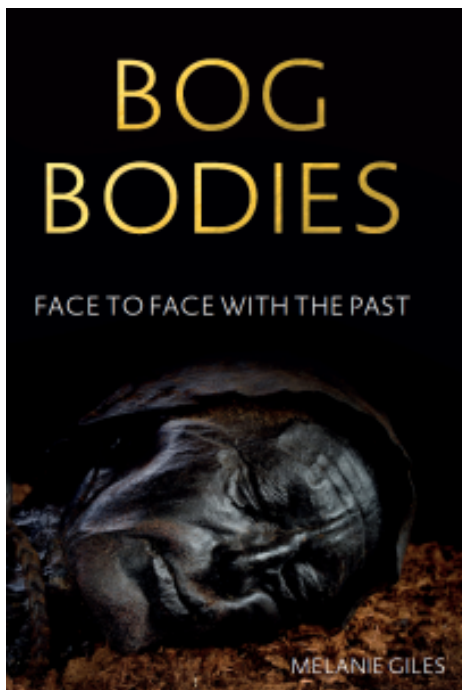
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Members will be interested in a new publication, expected shortly, written by Dr Melanie Giles, Senior Lecturer in Archaeology & Undergraduate Programme Director: CAHAE, University of Manchester.

“Bog Bodies: Face to Face with the Past” (copyright: Manchester University Press & Museum Silkeborg).

Dr Giles’ lecture for the Society, delayed this year due to COVID restrictions will be delivered as a ‘virtual’ event on 6th January 2021



The ‘bog bodies’ of north-western Europe have captured the imagination of poets and archaeologists alike, allowing us to come face to face with individuals from the past. Their exceptional preservation makes it possible to examine minute details of their lives and deaths, making us reflect poignantly on our own humanity. In this lecture, Dr Melanie Giles resituates bog bodies in a turbulent world of endemic violence and change. She will bring the bogs to life through both natural history and folklore, revealing them as places which were rich and fertile yet dangerous, showcasing some of the prehistoric treasures as well as everyday things, which also found their way into the bog. She will also present the new analysis on Manchester’s own bog head ‘Worsley Man’, which dates from the early Roman occupation, placing the bog bodies of north-western Britain firmly back on the map of this internationally important phenomenon.