



Cambridge Archaeology Field Group

Val Whittaker Memorial Prize

Why a Memorial Prize ?

Valerie Whittaker was a founding member of the Cambridge Archaeology Field Group in 1979. She and others had attended local evening classes in archaeology where they were encouraged to undertake practical projects. From this they formed what is now the Cambridge Archaeology Field Group (CAFG), and started a programme of field walking at sites around the Gog Magog Hills. Over the subsequent years the work extended into other areas of south west Cambridgeshire. Valerie organised various projects for the Group and also was keen to join excavations by local organisations. Throughout this time she always encouraged new members, particularly young people interested in archaeology. Sadly Valerie died in 2005 at a relatively young age.

Valerie left a bequest to Cambridge Archaeology Field Group, which agreed that the money should be used to encourage people of all ages studying archaeology. The best way seemed to be to help with the cost of a training excavation or other archaeological training, or the purchase of relevant books or equipment.

The Prize

CAFG is offering a prize or prizes up to a total of £150 each year towards the cost of a training excavation, other archaeological course or the purchase of relevant books or equipment to help you in your interest. The total prize money for the year may go to one person or may be divided among worthy applicants.

All applicants will be offered free membership of CAFG for one year.

Who is Eligible?

You will generally live or be studying in Cambridgeshire with a keen interest in archaeology, and must be at least 16 years of age at the time of completing the entry report. Full time University students are not eligible.

Applications

- You must submit a report on your investigation into an aspect of archaeology, which can include landscape archaeology. We would normally expect the report to be in the region of 4,000-5,000 words. If you are studying, the report may be one that you have submitted or are going to submit to satisfy your course.
- Although CAFG is particularly pleased to receive applications involving a practical project, the presence of practical work is not a requirement. The application must, however, show evidence of original research and interpretation.
- The report may be submitted in paper or digital format.
- In addition you must submit a statement showing evidence of an existing interest in archaeology, outlining proposals for taking your interest in archaeology further, and explaining how the money will help to take this interest forward.
- You must complete the application form giving details of name, age, address etc., and parental acceptance for those under 18.
- The name and address of a referee must be given, normally a course tutor in the case of students. Please seek the referee's consent to their name being given. The referee will normally be contacted if you are short-listed.
- Applications must be submitted by the 1st May 2016.

Assessment

- The report and statement will be assessed by a panel normally comprising the President, Chairman and two others appointed by agreement of the Committee of CAFG
- The panel will take into account the level of any course being studied
- The criteria for the assessment of the report will include
 - the overall quality of the document in terms of its presentation and style
 - evidence for the use of written sources and their appropriate citation
 - the quality of the interpretation of data or written evidence.
- You will be informed of the decision prior to the presentation.

Presentation

The award will be made at the June lecture meeting of CAFG.

Training Course

If you choose to apply for help with course fees, whether a training excavation or, for example, landscape surveying, the course must be organised by a recognised body, such as an Archaeological Unit or educational establishment and must include an agreement to provide suitable training.



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Application Form

First name	Surname
Address	
Telephone No.:	Email:
Course being studied, if appropriate	
Title of Report	
Brief summary of report	
<p>Statement of your interest in archaeology. This should include how your interest in archaeology began, what you have gained from your studies, where you expect to go next in archaeology, how you would use the prize money and what value you expect to gain from the award.</p> <p><i>Please expand on a separate sheet if necessary</i></p>	

Proposed excavation site or training course if you choose this option

Name and address of excavation Director

Cost of one week of training (the bursary will not exceed £150)

Referee's name and address

Have you sought the referee's permission to name them? Please tick if yes.

Parents' names and address (if the applicant is under 18 years of age)

Parent's signature

Students signature

Date

Please send your application and report to:

Professor John Waterhouse
22 Topcliffe Way
Cambridge CB1 8SH

Or send by e-mail to: john.waterhouse@anglia.ac.uk

By 1st May 2016

If you have any queries, please email: cafg.may@ntlworld.com