

Please join us for the next monthly meeting of the **Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne**

on:

**Wednesday 26 June 2024, 6pm at The Lecture Theatre of The Common Room (formerly The Mining Institute), Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne**

Where the guest lecture will be:

**New Discoveries at Yeavinger, Northumberland by Sarah Semple and Roger Miket**

Yeavinger or *gefrin* in Northumberland is well-known for its appearance in the eighth-century *Ecclesiastical History of the English People* in which Bede describes a visit to the royal vill of *Adgefrin* during the reign of King Edwin (c. AD 627). The well-known excavations at the site by Brian Hope Taylor from 1952 to 1962 revealed an early medieval settlement, with a sequence of great halls, a string of ancillary buildings, a large enclosure, a remarkable timber grandstand or theatre and cemeteries as well as multi-period prehistoric activity and monuments. Brought to life in Hope-Taylor's seminal publication in 1977, Yeavinger has since captured the imagination of prehistorians and medievalists alike. Following several years of research collaboration between Durham University and the *Gefrin Trust*, a new phase of investigation commenced in 2021. This paper reflects on Hope-Taylor's campaigns and discoveries and presents highlights from the first three years of field survey and excavations, revealing new insights into the development of the multi-period complex.

