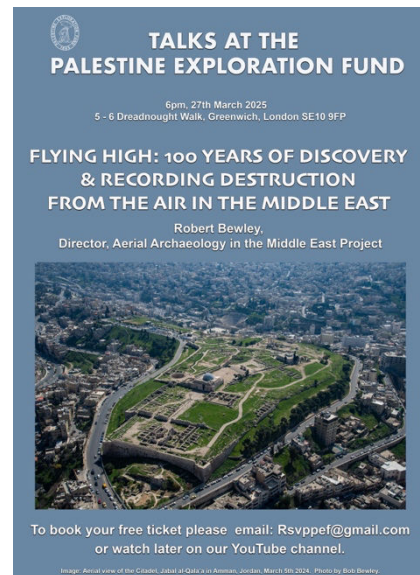


PEF EVENT

Thursday 27th March 2025, 6pm

FLYING HIGH: 100 YEARS OF DISCOVERY & RECORDING DESTRUCTION FROM THE AIR IN THE MIDDLE EAST

- Robert Bewley, Aerial Archaeology in the Middle East Project
- PEF, 5-6 Dreadnought Walk, Greenwich, London SE10 9FP
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Abstract: The Middle East played a very important role in the development of aerial survey for archaeology, with a number of pioneering flying expeditions. This presentation will cover a brief history of remote sensing and aerial archaeology in the Middle East, bringing the story up-to-date with the current work of the Aerial Archaeology of the Middle East project (focussing on Jordan and Oman). It will also highlight the important archive of the PEF in building the story and the work of Derrick Riley in Israel in the 1990s. The conclusions will also highlight the research potential of remotely sensed imagery, as well as the agents of destruction, affecting the cultural heritage, especially archaeological sites, in the region.

About the speaker

Dr Robert (Bob) Bewley was the Co-founder and former Director of the Endangered Archaeology in the Middle East and North Africa project (from 2015-2020) at the University of Oxford. He is the Director of the Aerial Archaeology in the Middle East and Aerial Archaeology in Jordan project, and in 2018 set up the Aerial Archaeology in Oman project.

Formerly Director of Operations at the Heritage Lottery Fund (2007-2014), and Head of Survey and Aerial Survey at English Heritage (and before that the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England), Bob has worked in Britain, Europe, the Middle East and North Africa on aerial and field surveys, excavations and aerial archaeology training workshops. He is an Honorary Visiting Professor at the Institute of Archaeology, UCL, London and a Trustee for the International Association for the Study of Arabia and the Anglo-Jordanian Society. He is Vice-Chair of the Mary Rose Trust and Vice-President of the Society of Antiquaries, London.

Bob received his PhD in Archaeology from the University of Cambridge and was an undergraduate at Manchester University studying Ancient History and Archaeology. He is the author of six books, including *Prehistoric Settlements* (1994 and 2003), *Aerial Archaeology – Developing Future Practice* (2002 with W. Raçzkowski) and *Ancient Jordan from the Air* (2004 with David Kennedy).

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