

Dear CBA South-East members,

Summer is officially here and fieldwork season is well underway. CBA South-East members are strongly represented in exciting excavations which are currently taking place right across our region. We will continue to bring our members news of these and many other opportunities available now and in the near future.




The new CBA South-East Tours Schedule is continuing to be a popular venture. Last month saw the fascinating twin excursion of the excavation at medieval Downley and the historic town of Arundel. The tours linked together the medieval park at Downley, which was owned by the earls of Arundel, with their main seat of residence, and we were treated to an insight into the natural and historic landscape at Downley by Mark Roberts from University College London, who is the director of the current excavations. Mark expertly revealed to us the intriguing building complex which they have unearthed alongside evidence for apparent feasting deposits, with bones of pigs and deer and oyster shells littering the surrounding areas. After lunch we visited Arundel itself and were treated to a full and insightful history of the town by local historian John Godfrey, taking in the riverside, the site of an important medieval port, the buildings of the backstreets, and the beautiful 14th century church of St Nicholas which uniquely has both catholic and protestant sections. The next tour will visit the Sussex School of Archaeology excavations of the Roman villa at Plumpton and the nearby community excavation of the Roman roadside settlement at Bridge Farm. If you are interested in the Romans then this tour is a must. Remember, it is free to all CBA South-East members and will take place on Saturday July 25th. Please contact our Events Officer (events@cbasouth-east.org) for further details or to book your place.


This year's Annual Archaeology Conference and Annual General Meeting is already booking up fast for the 14th November. Due to our collaboration with the Prehistoric Society and the benefit of their extra advertising streams, places are selling quickly and I urge CBA South-East members to book soon to avoid disappointment (CBASE members can, of course, take advantage of the 20% discount on offer). The Mesolithic theme of the conference is proving to be a popular one, and the Surrey County Archaeology Unit will be offering a handling session of Mesolithic material from the recently published excavation at Bletchingly in Surrey to compliment talks by local archaeologists on new insights from across the region, alongside some current fascinating academic projects. Booking and further details can be found on our website at <http://www.cbasmouth-east.org/events/cbase-annual-conference/>.


Until next time, best wishes,



Dr Martyn Allen
Chair, CBA South-East







CBA South-East Conference:
Life in the Mesolithic and new perspectives on the Mesolithic/Neolithic transition
Surrey History Centre, Woking: Saturday 14th November 2015

Our understanding of the Mesolithic in Britain has increased substantially in recent times due to the considerable contributions made by commercial and community archaeology alongside continued academic attention. This day conference brings together talks from each of these sectors, revealing new discoveries being made on the Mesolithic in the South-East of Britain and introducing some of the fascinating insights emerging from projects focussed upon the Mesolithic/Neolithic transition from other areas of the country.

Arrival and registration	9:30
Dr Martyn Allen (Chair, CBA South-East)	10:15
Introduction to the day	
Professor Martin Bell (University of Reading) - Keynote	10:20
The Mesolithic of the Wetland and Coastal Edge in Southern Britain	
Coffee	11:00
Phil Jones (Surrey County Archaeology Unit)	11:20
Mesolithic Remains at Bletchingley and Mesolithic Surrey	
Garry Momber (Hampshire and Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology)	11:50
Mesolithic Technology at Bouldnor Cliff: Was it 2,000 Years Ahead of its Time?	
Mike Donnelly (Oxford Archaeology)	12:20
New Mesolithic Discoveries on the Bexhill Relief Road Scheme, Kent	
Lunch and posters	12:50
CBA South East Annual General Meeting	13:30
Dr Fraser Sturt (Uni. Southampton) and Dr Duncan Garrow (Uni. Reading)	14:00
Stepping Stones to the Neolithic: Seafaring, Connectivity and the Mesolithic/Neolithic Transition	
Dr Jodie Lewis (University of Worcester)	14:30
Caves, Springs and Depositing Things: Approaching the Mesolithic and Neolithic in the South West	
Coffee	15:00
Dr Rick Schulting (University of Oxford)	15:30
Violent Times in the Neolithic? A Review of the British Evidence	
Don Henson (University of York)	16:00
Public Engagement in the Mesolithic and Neolithic	
Close	16:30

Tickets
£16.00 for CBA South-East members
£20.00 for non-members
*** Applications for student bursaries are also available ***
For further details and booking information, please visit our website at <http://www.cbasmouth-east.org/events/cbase-annual-conference/>
or email the organiser, Dr Martyn Allen, at m.g.allen@reading.ac.uk



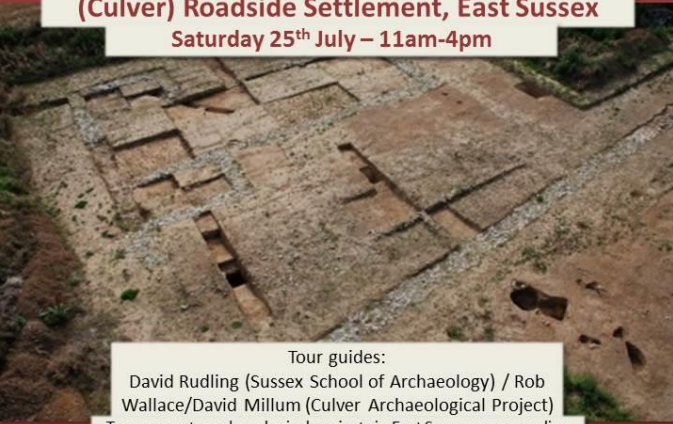
CBA-SE events

CBA-SE Site and Town Tour Schedule 2015

Full-day tours to current excavations and historic sites and towns across the south-east, led by local experts. Six tours in total, between April and September, with sites ranging from Roman villas to Tudor Palaces!

Free to all CBA-SE members - £5 for non-members (entry fees may apply at some sites). Limited spaces, thus early booking recommended.

Directions and joining instructions available upon sign-up – please email any queries to our Events Officer at events@cbasouth-east.org or visit <http://www.cbasouth-east.org/events/cbase-tours-and-field-trips/>.



Council for
British Archaeology
South East

**Site and
Town Tours
2015**

Tour 4
'Romans, Roads and Settlements'
Excavations at Plumpton Villa and Bridge Farm
(Culver) Roadside Settlement, East Sussex
Saturday 25th July – 11am-4pm

Tour guides:
David Rudling (Sussex School of Archaeology) / Rob
Wallace/David Millum (Culver Archaeological Project)
Two separate archaeological projects in East Sussex are revealing
stunning results about Roman life in the same landscape.

Tour free for CBA-SE members
£5 for non-members

Please bring either
a packed lunch or
money for a pub

Visit <http://www.cbasouth-east.org/events/>
for booking details, or email our Events
Officer at events@cbasouth-east.org

Tour 4

Saturday, July 25th 2015

'Romans, Roads, and Settlements': Excavations at Plumpton Roman Villa and Bridge Farm (Culver) Roman Roadside Settlement, East Sussex
Led by David Rudling (Sussex School of Archaeology) and Rob Wallace and David Millum (Culver Archaeological Project), this tour combines two separate archaeological projects in East Sussex which are revealing stunning results about Roman life within the same landscape. We will visit the excavations at Plumpton Roman villa by the Sussex School of Archaeology, and the roadside settlement at Bridge Farm, Culver, by the Culver Archaeological Project. Please bring your own lunch for this excursion.

Tour 5

Saturday, 15th August 2015

Excavations at Ovingdean Medieval Site and Tour of Medieval Lewes town and castle, East Sussex

Led by John Funnell (Brighton and Hove Archaeological Society) and Simon Stevens (Archaeology South-East), this tour takes in the substantial excavations at Ovingdean by Brighton and Hove Archaeological Society, which is producing exciting results of this 13thC earthwork complex and signs of earlier Neolithic, Iron Age, and Roman activity. The morning also includes a walk and talk around the stunning landscape. After lunch, we make the short trip up to Lewes for a tour of this picturesque medieval town and its castle.



Tour 6

Saturday, 19th September 2015

'Aristocrats of Medieval Surrey': Woking Medieval and Tudor Palace and Guildford Castle and Town Tour, Surrey

Led by Richard Savage (Surrey Archaeological Society) and Dr Mary Alexander (Surrey Archaeological Society), this tour will take in the medieval splendours of aristocratic life in Surrey, starting with the final season of SyAS and SCAU excavations at Woking Palace and, following a short drive to Guildford, learning all about the history bound up in the walls of Guildford Castle and its relationship with its surrounding town.



Conferences and symposiums



Wednesday, July 8th 2015 (9:30-18:00) University of Winchester – **Early Christian Archaeology in Britain Conference**

Expert speakers at this important day conference include: Dr Ken Dark, University of Reading presenting 'East and West: problems and possibilities in the archaeology and history of the early British Church', Dr David Petts, Durham University presenting 'Roman Christianity in Northern Britannia AD300-500', Dr Niall Finneran, University of Winchester presenting 'The socio-cultural context of early Christianity in southwestern Britain: a case study from the Tintagel Region Archaeological Landscape Project (TRALP)', and Revd Mark Laynesmith, University of Reading presenting 'The Cult of St Alban at Verulamium (St Albans)'

Registration on the conference website includes a buffet lunch and an optional evening wine reception. Register at www.earlychristianarchaeology.co.uk

Department of Archaeology, Medecroft Building, King Alfred Campus, Sparkford Road, Winchester, Hampshire SO22 4NR

Saturday, July 25th 2015 (9:30-17:00)



The Eastbourne Archaeological Society Symposium – **The Eastbourne and Willingdon Prehistoric Lagoon**

The symposium will feature some of the archaeological sites at the edge of the Willingdon-Eastbourne levels, including the nationally important site of Shinewater, the excavation of Pococks Cottages and the extensive recent excavation at Pococks Field, Eastbourne.

Tickets are £10. Application forms can be downloaded from www.eastbournearchaeology.org.uk

The Birley Centre, Carlisle Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN21 2NE

Saturday, September 12th 2015 (9:30-16:30)

Wessex Archaeology – **Celebrating Prehistoric Kent**

A conference organised by Mark Williams and David Britchfield from Wessex's London & South East Office which will look at some of the exciting finds from the county as well as featuring displays from other aspects of the heritage of one of the most fascinating counties in Britain.

Tickets £15 – See <http://www.wessexarch.co.uk/upcoming-events-london-se> for details on booking and full programme

Greenwich University, Medway Campus, Central Avenue, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4TB



Lectures and talks

Wednesday, July 11th 2015 (14.30-15.30)

Surrey History Centre – **Digging the Trenches: the Archaeology of the Western Front**

This talk by Andy Robertshaw, linked to the book of the same name, examines the ways in which archaeology can inform the understanding and interpretation of the Great war. The presentation uses a number of case studies to explore how the remains of soldiers found during excavation can be identified after being missing in action for nearly 100 years.



Tickets £5. To book visit: www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents. Please book online, in person at the Surrey History Centre or in any Surrey Library, or phone 01483 518737.
Surrey History Centre, 130 Goldsworth Rd, Woking, Surrey GU21 6ND

Saturday, July 18th 2015 (11:00-17:00)

Wealden Iron Research Group – **Petworth Estate and Frith Furnace**

The summer meeting will commence with a presentation on the Petworth Estate in the 16th and 17th centuries by Peter Jerrome, followed by an afternoon visit to Frith Furnace, and the WIRG AGM.

A buffet lunch will be available for the price of £10 or bring a packed lunch. For buffet, please book with WIRG Secretary Judie English (email judie.english@btopenworld.com or by telephone 01483 276724) at least a week in advance. All welcome – members and non-members.
Northchapel Village Hall, Pipers Lane, Northchapel, Surrey GU28 9JA



Wednesday, September 23rd 2015 (19:00)

Great Hall Lecture, Knole – **Building an Archbishop's palace in fifteenth-century England**

Jonathan Foyle, presenter of BBC4's *Henry VIII: Patron or Plunderer* and of the Knole interpretation film, explains some striking new discoveries that illuminate the art and politics of Knole's founding era.

Tickets £15 – Book online at <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/knole/things-to-see-and-do/events/>
Great Hall, Knole, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 0RP



Events

Saturday, July 4th, Sunday, July 26th, Saturday, August 8th, Monday, August 31st, Saturday, September 5th, Sunday, September 20th, 2015 (14:00 start)

Winchelsea Archaeological Society – **Under Winchelsea cellar tours**

Winchelsea boasts more than 50 medieval cellars, most of which are vaulted and were built around 1290-1300, at the same time as the town. Winchelsea Archaeological Society (WAS) conducts tours of the cellars. Find out why and how they were built, and also learn something of the history of the Ancient Town and Cinque Port of Winchelsea.

Other tour dates include Oct 3rd and 18th

The cost is £5 and includes a guidebook to the cellars. All tours start at 14:00 on Castle Street. Proceeds go to WAS to new archaeology.

Enquiries and reservations to 01797224446 or tours@winchelsea.net.

Castle Street, Winchelsea, East Sussex TN36 4EL



Saturday, July 4th 2015 (11:00-15:00)

Wessex Archaeology London & South East – **Open Day**

Wessex Archaeology London & South East are moving offices this summer, and to celebrate the five years at our current office we are holding an open day. Come along and see some of the amazing finds from our sites in the region and most interesting projects. Try your hand at finds processing, and come and see some of the activities that go on behind the scenes in an archaeological company. There will be archaeologists on hand to answer your questions about archaeology and heritage. There will also be activities for children such as sand pit excavation, mini heritage trail, colouring competition and more.

Free of charge.

Bridgewood House, 8 Laker Rd, Rochester Airport Industrial Estate, Kent ME1 3QX



Sunday, July 5th 2015 (10:00-16:00)

Sussex School of Archaeology – **Steyning, Bramber and Upper Beeding Pub History Walk**

Guided tour by Janet Pennington. £18 – see

<http://www.sussexarchaeology.org/#/events/c4sk> for more details.

Steyning, Bramber and Upper Beeding areas, West Sussex



Saturday, July 18th 2015 (14:30-16:30)
Surrey Industrial History Group – **Launch of ‘The Diaries of James Simmons Paper Maker of Haslemere’**

Launch of the 2nd (paperback) edition of ‘The Diaries of James Simmons Paper Maker of Haslemere, 1831-1868’ which is being published by the Surrey Industrial History Group at Haslemere Educational Museum. There will be a continuous slide show and brief talks by the authors Alan Crocker and Martin Kane who introduced and annotated the book.

Refreshments will be laid on. Please let Jan Spencer know if you wish to attend, so that catering can be organized (news@sihg.org.uk – 01372 454766)



Haslemere Education Museum, 78 High Street, Haslemere, Surrey GU27 2LA

Friday, September 18th to Sunday, September 20th, 2015
Bentley Woodfair 2015

Woodfair is a celebration of woodlands, forestry, timber, trees woodcrafts and much more. The whole site holds two fields of stands, exhibits and displays and an amazing woodland full of demonstrations and activities. SSA will also be hosting the archaeology section at the 20th Bentley Woodfair at Bentley Country Park this Autumn. This event will enable the SSA with a platform to provide some ‘hands on’ archaeological activities for children and adults. Adults £14 – Senior citizen £12 – Children (3-15 years) £10 – Family Ticket (2 adults plus up to 3 children) £49

Bentley Country Park, Halland, East Sussex
BN8 5AF



Courses

Monday, July 6th to Friday, July 10th; Monday, July 13th to Friday, July 17th; Monday, July 20th to Friday, July 24th; Monday, July 27th to Friday, July 31st) 2015 (09:30-17:00)

Sussex School of Archaeology – **Excavation Training Course**

5-day training course by various tutors. £190 – see <http://www.sussexarchaeology.org/#!/summer-term-2015/c1un> for more details.

Plumpton Villa, East Sussex BN7

Thursday, July 2nd to Thursday, September 3rd, 2015 (14:00-16:00)

Sussex School of Archaeology – **Defending the South Coast**

10 week course on Tuesdays by Chris Butler. £80 – see

<http://www.sussexarchaeology.org/#!/summer-term-2015/c1un>

for more details.

Mays Farm, Selmeston, Polegate, East Sussex BN26 6TS



Saturday, July 4th 2015 (10:00-16:00)

Sussex School of Archaeology – **Archaeological Surveying: the basics**

Course by Andy Bradshaw. £40 – see <http://www.sussexarchaeology.org/#!/summer-term-2015/c1un> for more details.

Plumpton Villa, East Sussex BN7

Saturday, July 11th 2015 (10:00-16:00)

Sussex School of Archaeology – **First Aid for Finds**

Course by Adrian Tribe. £40 – see <http://www.sussexarchaeology.org/#!/summer-term-2015/c1un> for more details.

Plumpton Villa, East Sussex BN7

Saturday, July 18th 2015 (10:00-16:00)

Sussex School of Archaeology – **Planning and Section Drawing**

Course by Andy Bradshaw. £40 – see

<http://www.sussexarchaeology.org/#!/summer-term-2015/c1un>

for more details.

Plumpton Villa, East Sussex BN7



Saturday, July 26th to Sunday, July 27th 2015 (10:00-16:00)

Sussex School of Archaeology – **Practical Environmental Archaeology**

Course by Dr Mike Allen. £70 – see

<http://www.sussexarchaeology.org/#!summer-term-2015/c1un> for more details.

Plumpton Villa, East Sussex BN7



Saturday, September 5th 2015 (10:00-16:00)

Sussex School of Archaeology – **Flesh on the Bones**

Course by Rob Symonds. £40 (£35 for Friends of SSA and members of SAS) – see

<http://www.sussexarchaeology.org/#!autumn-term-2015/c23ub> for more details

Fishbourne Roman Palace, Roman Way, Fishbourne, West Sussex, PO19 3QR

Saturday, September 5th 2015 (10:00-16:00)

Canterbury Archaeological Trust – **First Steps in Archaeology (1)**

Course by Andrew Richardson. £40 (£35 for Friends of CAT) – for more details see

http://www.canterburytrust.co.uk/community_archaeology/archaeology-courses/

Canterbury Archaeological Trust, 92a Broad Street, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2LU

Saturday, September 12th 2015 (10:00-16:00)

Sussex School of Archaeology – **An Introduction to Prehistoric Flint Work**

Course by Chris Butler. £40 (£35 for Friends of SSA) – see

<http://www.sussexarchaeology.org/#!autumn-term-2015/c23ub> for more details

Mays Farm, Selmeston, Polegate, East Sussex BN26 6TS



Saturday, September 19th 2015 (10:00-16:00)

Sussex School of Archaeology – **Site Interpretation for Archaeologists**

Course by Luke Barber. £40 (£35 for Friends of SSA) – see

<http://www.sussexarchaeology.org/#!autumn-term-2015/c23ub> for more details

Tidemills, near Newhaven, East Sussex BN9

Saturday, September 19th 2015 (10:00-16:00)

Canterbury Archaeological Trust – **Caesar to Claudius: Britain, Gaul and Rome from 55 BC to AD 43**

Course by Jane Weekes and Andrew Richardson. £40 (£35 for Friends of CAT) – for more details see http://www.canterburytrust.co.uk/community_archaeology/archaeology-courses/

Canterbury Archaeological Trust, 92a Broad Street, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2LU

Excavation and research opportunities

Monday, June 29th to Saturday, August 8th, 2015

Culver Archaeological Project – **Bridge Farm**

Details and booking are on the
website: www.culverproject.co.uk
(Volunteering at this year's dig)



Monday, June 29th to Friday, July 24th, 2015

Sussex School of Archaeology – **Plumpton Roman Villa**

Volunteering places (Mondays-Fridays) are still available (flexible bookings: from 1 day only to all 20 days). Campsite available near excavations; details of local B&B also available on line. See www.sussexarchaeology.org (Courses: Summer Term: Volunteering) for details

Saturday, July 4th and Sunday, July 5th /

Sunday, July 19th to Friday, July 24th, 2015

Surrey County Archaeological Unit –

Surveying and Excavating at Witley Camp

SCAU are looking for volunteers to help excavate and do a walkover survey at a military camp just off the A3 near Thursley that was in use during the First and Second World War. No previous experience is necessary and it is completely free to come along.

Booking is essential and you will need to be able to get to the site using your own transport/car share. SCAU is looking for civilians, veterans, and those currently serving in the armed forces. If you would like to book, please email Hannah Potter at education.scau@surreycc.gov.uk and state if you are military or civilian, what dates you would like and how many days digging experience you have.



Saturday, July 18th to Sunday, August 16th, 2015

Canterbury Archaeological Trust – **Fieldschool at Folkstone Roman Villa**

Details of new archaeological field school at East Wear Bay, Folkestone are now available on the CAT website: http://www.canterburytrust.co.uk/community_archaeology/east-wear-bay/

Kent Archaeological Society – Allen Grove Local History Grants 2015

Kent's local, social and family history enthusiasts have until 31 March 2016 to apply for the next tranche of grants to be awarded by the Kent Archaeological Society from its Allen Grove Local History Fund. Amounts of up to £1,000 are offered annually to individuals, groups, organizations and students to help cover the cost of research, publications, exhibitions and other projects focused on the county's history and heritage.

Application forms can be downloaded from www.kentarchaeology.org.uk or obtained by email from allengroveadmin@kentarchaeology.org.uk or by post from the KAS c/o 8 Woodview Crescent, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9HD (please enclose a s.a.e.). See [Allen Grove Local History Fund Grants, 2015](#) for more details.

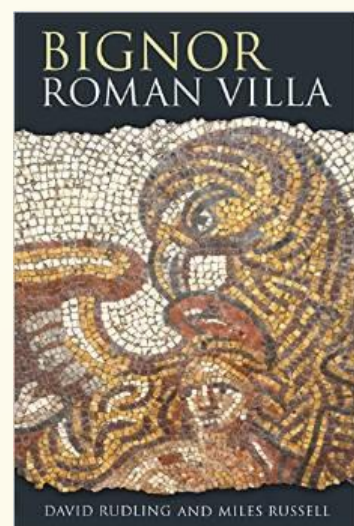
Publications

Bignor Roman Villa

by David Rudling and Miles Russell

Discovered in 1811, Bignor is one of the most impressive villas in Britain, its mosaics ranking among the finest in north-western Europe. This book sets out to explain the villa, who built it, when, how it would have been used and what it meant within the context of the Roman province of Britannia. It also sets out to interpret the remains, as they appear today, explaining in detail the meaning of the fine mosaic pavements and describing how the villa was first found and explored and the conservation problems facing the site in the twenty-first century. Now, after 200 years, the remarkable story of Bignor Roman Villa is told in full in this beautifully illustrated book. The book also considers Bignor villa within its local rural context and thus includes discussions of other Sussex villas and farmstead sites.

(The History Press 2015) £14.99 – Available from Fishbourne Palace



Please email any events, talks, recent publications relevant to the south-east, or fieldwork opportunities to events@cbasouth-east.org

Next e-letter will be issued approximately on **August 31st** – please send any September, October or November info by **August 28th**

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 www.facebook.com/CBASouthEast and  [@CBASouthEast](https://twitter.com/CBASouthEast)