

Dear CBA South-East members,

Welcome to the second of our new series of E-letters from CBA South-East. This issue highlights the wide range of archaeological events, talks, courses, excavations, and publications which may be of interest to you. Last month saw the first of our new **CBA South-East Tours Schedule** where we visited the excavations of the impressive Roman villa in Teston and the exquisite castle in nearby Tonbridge. Simon Elliot led a fascinating tour of Teston villa, providing us with the wider context of the site and his thesis of the early Kent villas being investments of wealth resulting from the industrial quarrying of Kentish ragstone, from which much of Roman London was built. By the time we got to Tonbridge Castle the sun was shining and we basked on the lawn of the magnificent medieval monument as Pat Mortlock unveiled its long and complicated history with ease and enthusiasm. The next tour will be on **Saturday 30th May** where we will visit Downley and the nearby market town of Arundel – remember, these tours are free for all CBA South-East members, so please make the most of the benefits on offer to you!



The recent developments in West Sussex County Council continue to be a major concern for us. The Council has now ceased providing specialist archaeological advice to six of its District Council planning departments. We are actively working with other groups to press for answers from the District Councils as to how they propose to put measures in place which will ensure the full and proper mitigation of the archaeological resource in West Sussex. We will continue to monitor the situation in the immediate future to assess how this resource is dealt with and impacted upon by the activities of developers.


Finally, our **Annual Archaeology Conference**, coinciding with the **Annual General Meeting**, is now open for booking. This year is the turn of Surrey to host the event on **Saturday 14th November**, and we have the pleasure of collaborating with Surrey County Archaeology Unit (SCAU) and Surrey History Centre. This year's theme is on the Mesolithic period and the transition to the Neolithic and we have a fantastic line-up of commercial, community and academic archaeologists, spearheaded by our Keynote speaker, **Professor Martin Bell**, ready to deliver some of the fascinating new discoveries being made from the region and beyond. In addition, SCAU will be offering a handling session of Mesolithic material for all delegates, with experts on hand to discuss local sites and discoveries. On top of this, the Prehistoric Society has also sponsored the conference, allowing us to offer student bursaries and providing us with more advertising coverage.

Ultimately, the conference is likely to be very well attended and since spaces are limited I urge you to make your booking for this event as soon as possible (not to mention taking advantage of the **20% discount available to all CBA South-East members**). It promises to be one of the most fascinating events on offer this year, so make sure you don't miss out! Booking and further details can be found on our website at <http://www.cbasouth-east.org/events/cbase-annual-conference/>.


In the meantime I wish you all a happy and healthy summer,




Dr Martyn Allen
Chair, CBA South-East



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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	10:20
Professor Martin Bell (University of Reading) - Keynote	10:20
The Mesolithic of the Wetland and Coastal Edge in Southern Britain	11:00
Coffee	11:20
Phil Jones (Surrey County Archaeology Unit)	11:20
Mesolithic Remains at Bletchingley and Mesolithic Surrey	11:50
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?	12:20
Mike Donnelly (Oxford Archaeology)	12:20
New Mesolithic Discoveries on the Bexhill Relief Road Scheme, Kent	12:50
Lunch and posters	13:30
CBA South East Annual General Meeting	14:00
Dr Fraser Sturt (Univ. Southampton) and Dr Duncan Garrow (Univ. Reading)	14:00
Stepping Stones to the Neolithic: Seafaring, Connectivity and the Mesolithic/Neolithic Transition	14:30
Dr Jodie Lewis (University of Worcester)	14:30
Caves, Springs and Depositing Things: Approaching the Mesolithic and Neolithic in the South West	15:00
Coffee	15:00
Dr Rick Schulting (University of Oxford)	15:30
Violent Times in the Neolithic? A Review of the British Evidence	16:00
Don Henson (University of York)	16:00
Public Engagement in the Mesolithic and Neolithic	16:30
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.cbasouth-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/>.

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**Site and
Town Tours
2015**

Tour 2
'Finding the earls of Arundel'
**Downley medieval deer park
and Arundel town, West Sussex**
Saturday 30th May – 10.30am-4pm

Tour guides: Mark Roberts (University College London) /
Dr John Godfrey (National Trust/Sussex Heritage Trust)

A fascinating opportunity to visit the Institute of Archaeology, UCL excavations
for the lost hunting lodge of the earls of Arundel at Downley Park, near
Singleton, followed by an afternoon in the nearby classic market town of Arundel

Tour free for CBA-SE members
£5 for non-members
£11-£18 optional entry fee to the castle
will apply (depending on ticket choice)

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Please bring either a
packed lunch or money
for a pub/ café in Arundel

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

Tour 2

Saturday, May 30th 2015

'Finding the Earls of Arundel': Downley Medieval Deer Park and Arundel Town Tour, West Sussex

Led by Mark Roberts (University College London) and Dr John Godfrey (National Trust/Sussex Heritage Trust), this tour will be a fascinating opportunity to visit the Institute of Archaeology, UCL excavations for the lost hunting lodge of the earls of Arundel at Downley Park, near Singleton and set in the picturesque backdrop of the South Downs. This will be followed by a 20 minute journey to the classic market town of Arundel, where we will lunch and partake in a leisurely afternoon tour of the town.

Tour 3

Saturday, 20th June 2015

Excavations at Petersfield Barrows and a Tour of Cowdray Ruins, Hampshire/West Sussex

Led by George Anelay (West Sussex Archaeology) and Dr Martyn Allen (University of Reading), this twin tour will see a mixture of periods explored, beginning with a visit to the Petersfield Heath Barrow Project which is currently investigating one of the largest and best preserved early Bronze Age cemetery monuments. After lunch, we will travel 20 minutes due east to Midhurst and a group visit of the eerie ruins at Cowdray House set in the atmospheric landscape of Cowdray Park.



Tour 4

Saturday, 26th July 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 (Culver Archaeological Project), this tour will entail two separate archaeological projects in East Sussex which are revealing stunning results about Roman life within the same landscape: 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.



Conferences and symposiums



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

Lectures and talks

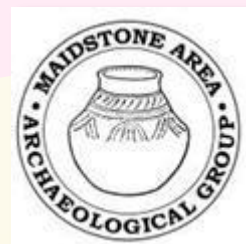
Friday, May 15th 2015 (19:30-21:30)

Maidstone Area Archaeological Group – indoor meeting **(Historic South-East England from the Air)**

Talk by Andrew Wood

Admission free (non-members £1). See <http://www.maag.btck.co.uk/Meetings2014-15Updated4thJune> for details.

New Line Learning Academy, Boughton Lane, Loose, Maidstone, Kent ME15 9QL



Saturday, May 30th 2015 (15:00)

Winchelsea Archaeological Society – **Winchelsea, the Cinque Ports and the Barons' War at Sea**

Talk by Dr Adrian Jobson. All welcome - £4 non-members. See <http://www.winchelsea.net/community/was.htm> for details.

St Thomas' Church, Winchelsea, East Sussex TN36 4EB





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

Events

Saturday May 16th 2015 (10:00-16:00)

Community Archaeology in Kent – **Archaeology Exhibition and Park Open Day**

Come and see finds from ten years of community archaeology at Shorne Woods Country Park. Meet the archaeologists and try your hand at flint knapping! Shorne Wood Country Park, Brewers Road, Gravesend, Kent DA12 3HX



Saturday May 16th 2015 (11:00-15:00)

Iron Age Power: Maidstone Museum and Oldbury Hillfort, Ightham

11.00-12.00 Dr Steve Willis of the University of Kent will talk to older visitors on the Iron Age hillforts of Kent, with artefacts. An Iron Age craft workshop will run concurrently in the adjacent room for children (8+). 12.00-12.45 Buffet lunch (included in the price). 12.45 Drive to Oldbury hillfort (own transport necessary). 13.30-15.00 Guided field trip around the site – suitable footwear needed for slopes.

Cost £20 adults, £5 children. Early booking advised as numbers are limited. For more information call 01622 602862.

Maidstone Museum, Saint Faith's Street, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1LH



Saturday, May 16th and Sunday, May 17th 2015 (11:00-17:00)

Friends of Woking Palace – **Woking Palace open days**

The days will include Medieval and Tudor Musical instrument playing by Jez Smith and Marian Malcher will be coming with her displays about bees and honey. There will be other local history displays plus archaeology displays from previous digs and children's activities. Walking tours to the palace will also run from Old Woking at 2pm.



Anyone wishing to help by volunteering on those two days please contact Jean Follett on 01483 768685 or jeanfollett@btinternet.com

Woking Palace, Woking, Surrey GU21 6ND

Monday, May 25th, Saturday, June 6th, Sunday, June 21st, Saturday, July 4th, and Sunday, July 26th 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 Aug 8, 31, Sep 5, 20, Oct 3, 18

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, May 30th 2015 (10:00-17:00)

Bourne Hall Museum, Echoes of the Past – **Magna Carta and all that**

Some 60 re-enactors will bring the time of King John back to life in Rosebery Park. Watch and join in the training of the militia, have-a-go at archery, cheer on your knight in the tourney of honour, discover how the wounded are treated afterwards, make money by striking your own coin, get an insight into the must-wears of the Angevin court during our fashion show, discover the food eaten in the great hall as the cooks produce food for the barons' table, hear the songs and the music of the time, hear the storyteller's tales of wonder, try your hand at brass-rubbing, and be archaeologists in the mini-digs.

Food and drink will be available. Adults £5, children under 12 FREE. Tel 020 8394 1734 / email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk for more details.

Rosebury Park, Epsom, Surrey KT18 5AT

Saturday, June 20th 2015 (13:45)

Churches Committee, Kent Archaeological Society – visit to Marden and Staplehurst churches

The cost of the visit is £8 to include tea and biscuits. Please register by e-mailing or telephoning the Churches Visits Secretary, Jackie Davidson (Jacalyn.davidson@BTInternet.com or 01634 324004)

St Michael and All Angels Church, Church Green, Marden, Kent TN12 9DR

A colorful poster for Wessex Archaeology's Open Day. At the top left is the Wessex Archaeology logo with the text 'London and South East'. To the right is a yellow starburst that says 'Free Entry'. The main text reads 'Open Day 4th July 2015 11AM - 3PM'. Below this is a line of text: 'Wessex Archaeology London and South East are moving offices this summer, and to celebrate five years at our current office we holding an open day, free of charge.' The poster features several activity bubbles: 'Try your hand at finds processing', 'A behind the scenes look at an archaeological company', 'Displays and activities based on exciting projects', 'See amazing finds from sites around the region', 'Archaeologists on hand to answer questions', 'Children's activities include: Sand pit excavation, Mini heritage trail, Colouring competition', and 'And more!'. In the center is an image of archaeological finds including a pottery bowl, a flint tool, and several small figurines. At the bottom, the address is listed: 'Bridgewood House, 8 Laker Road, Rochester Airport Industrial Estate, ME1 3QX, Kent'. Contact information includes 'Tel: 01634 868834' and 'Contact Marie Kelleher at m.kelleher@wessexarch.co.uk for more details.'

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



Courses

Saturday, May 16th to Sunday, May 17th 2015 (10:00-16.00)

Sussex School of Archaeology – **Understanding Vernacular Buildings (Part one)**

Part one of a two part course by David and Barbara Martin (4 days in total - £250 for all four days) – see <http://www.sussexarchaeology.org/#!/spring-term-2015/c1kj1> for more details.

Weald and Downland Museum, Town Lane, Chichester, West Sussex PO18 0EU

Saturday, May 16th 2015 (10:00-16:00)

Worthing Archaeological Society day school – ‘All About Snails’ (An Introduction to Land Snails in Archaeology)

Day School with Dr Mike Allen, Environmental Specialist. The cost of the Day School is £25 for members and £30 for non members, including refreshments. If you would like to attend, please contact Gill Turner by email: Ggmturner@aol.com or tel: (01903) 692522

The Downs Barn, Lambleys Lane, Worthing, West Sussex BN14 9JX

Saturday, May 23rd 2015 (10:00-16:00)

Sussex School of Archaeology – **Saxon Woodworking**

Course by Damian Goodburn. £40 – see <http://www.sussexarchaeology.org/#!/spring-term-2015/c1kj1> for more details.

Bentley Country Park, Halland BN8 5AF

Saturday, May 23rd 2015 (10:00-16:00)

Sussex School of Archaeology – **Bronze Casting**

Course by Rod Hughes. £40 – see

<http://www.sussexarchaeology.org/#!/spring-term-2015/c1kj1> for more details.

Bentley Country Park, Halland BN8 5AF



Saturday, May 30th 2015

Horsham & District Archaeological Group Day School – **Castles**

Tutor Simon Stevens. Cost £15 members – £20 non-members. Contact

HORSHAMARCH@hotmail.co.uk or call Jennie on 01403 731695 to book your place.

Refreshments provided but bring your own lunch.

Easteds Barn, Easteds Lane, Southwater, West Sussex RH13 9DP

Saturday, June 13th 2015 (10:00-16:00)

Sussex School of Archaeology – **Flint Knapping**

Course by Paul Saddleton. £40 – see

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

for more details.

Bentley Country Park, Halland, East Sussex BN8 5AF



Sunday, June 14th 2015 (10:30-16:30)

Sussex School of Archaeology – **Sussex Villas**

Course by David Rudling. £40 – see [http://www.sussexarchaeology.org/#!/summer-term-](http://www.sussexarchaeology.org/#!/summer-term-2015/c1un)

[2015/c1un](http://www.sussexarchaeology.org/#!/summer-term-2015/c1un) for more details.

Bignor Roman Villa, Bignor, Pulborough, West Sussex RH20 1PH

Saturday, June 20th 2015 (10:00-16:00)

Sussex School of Archaeology – **Churchyard Survey**

Course by Chris Butler. £40 – see

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

details.

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



Saturday, June 20th (and June 27th) 2015 (10:00-16:00)

Sussex School of Archaeology – **Excavation Techniques for Beginners**

Course by Lisa Fisher and Caroline Russell. By the end of this fun-packed day, you will have gained a better understanding of what it is to be an archaeologist! £40 – see

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

Plumpton Villa, East Sussex BN7

Tuesday, June 23rd to Tuesday, July 28th 2015 (10:00-13:00)

Sussex School of Archaeology – **Exploring Ancient Egypt**

Course 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, June 27th 2015 (10:00-16:00)

Sussex School of Archaeology – **Roman Glass**

Course by John Sheppard. £40 – see

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

for more details.

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



Monday, June 29th to Friday, July 3rd (and 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

Tuesday, June 30th to Tuesday, August 31st 2015 (14:00-16:00)

Sussex School of Archaeology – **Finds Identification**

10 week course on Tuesdays by various tutors. £80 – see

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

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



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



Excavation opportunities

Monday, June 1st 2015 to Tuesday, June 30th 2015 (10:00-16:00)

Surrey Archaeological Society – **Excavation at Cocks Farm Roman Villa, Abinger**

A sixth season of excavation will take place close to Cocks Farm Roman villa, Abinger, during the month of June 2015 (provisional dates 1st-3rd, 6th-10th, 15th-17th, 20th-24th, 27th-30th). 2014's field trench will be re-opened, and expanded, to further investigate Iron Age and Roman features found during CFA12/14.

Volunteers from the Society will be given priority, and non-SyAS members will be charged £25 a week (or part thereof) to cover costs. If you would like to register your interest please contact the volunteer co-ordinator Nikki Cowlard (nikki.cowlard@btinternet.com/ 01372 745432)

Abinger, Surrey RH5 6QA

Publications

Eastbourne: Aspects of Archaeology, History and Heritage

edited by Michael J. Allen

104p, b/w illus (ENHAS 2014) Pb £12.95

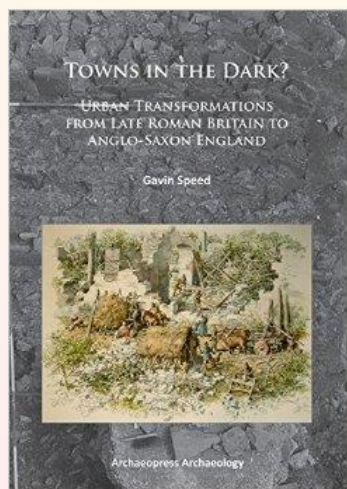
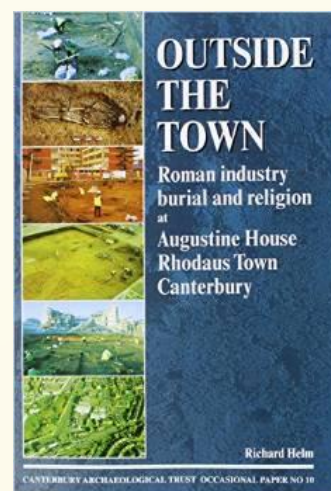
This collection of archaeological essays provides an easy insight into the wealth and diversity of archaeology and heritage in the Eastbourne area. Many of the projects described have been undertaken with interested local volunteers, often channelled through the auspices of the Eastbourne Natural History and Archaeological Society (ENHAS). Included is evidence from the Neolithic to the Romans on the Beachy Head Downs, to Bronze Age burial mound at Crowlink, and snippets of postmedieval archaeology in Old Town and mills of the area. Evidence is outlined of the changing and diverse landscape and of prehistoric farming, fields and settlement in Old Town.

Outside the Town: Roman industry, burial and religion at Augustine House, Rhodas Town, Canterbury

by Richard Helm

158p, fully colour illus (Canterbury Archaeological Trust 2014) Pb £20.00

Outside the Town describes discoveries made between 2006 and 2009 during excavations immediately south-east of Canterbury's Roman town wall. The investigations revealed a late Roman shrine along with finds indicative of ritual offerings and associated feasting. Apparently in use over a twenty year period from c AD 340, the shrine was positioned over a late Iron Age inhumation burial which may have originally been marked by a mound, and is one amongst a group of such late Iron Age and early Roman funerary monuments which exist in the vicinity.



Towns in the Dark: Urban Transformations from Late Roman Britain to Anglo-Saxon England

by Gavin Speed

205p, b/w illus (Archaeopress Archaeology 2014) Pb £34.00

The aim of this book is to draw together still scattered data to chart and interpret the changing nature of life in towns from the late Roman period through to the mid-Anglo-Saxon period. The research centres on towns that have received sufficient archaeological intervention so that meaningful patterns can be traced. The case studies are arranged into three regional areas: the South-East, South-West, and Midlands. Towns in the Dark dispels the simplistic myth of outright urban decline and failure after Rome, and demonstrates that life in towns often did continue with variable degrees of continuity and discontinuity.

Bryan Faussett: Antiquary Extraordinary by David Wright

Archaeopress Archaeological Lives 2015 – EPub £24
A biography of Bryan Faussett, F.S.A., (1720-1776), pioneering Kent genealogist, archaeologist and antiquary who, at his death, had amassed the world's greatest collection of Anglo-Saxon jewellery and antiquities. The material was famously rejected by the British Museum, saved for the nation by a Liverpoolian philanthropist, and now resides in the Liverpool World Museum. This episode led directly to the British Museum's setting up departments devoted to British Antiquities.

This volume is the first to focus on Faussett, presenting comprehensive genealogical sections on the Faussetts and Godfreys; a history of the family seat near Canterbury; and an introduction to antiquarianism and how the history of the world was imperfectly viewed in the 18th century. A detailed biography of Bryan Faussett's life covers his education, career and scholarly circle, with detailed descriptions of the sites he excavated. Surviving archaeological notebooks offer insights into his working practice, and family account-books reveal a great deal about his personal life and interests.

BRYAN FAUSSETT: ANTIQUARY EXTRAORDINARY

David Wright



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 **June 30th** – please send any July, August or September info by **June 26th**

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