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# *South East* Newsletter

Covering Kent, Sussex, Surrey & London south of the Thames

## Meet our new Chairman - David Rudling, MA, BSc, FSA, MIFA



Firstly, thank you for electing me as your new Chairman. Secondly, thank you very much to our previous Chairman, Andrew Richardson, for all the hard work he put into this role and for organising such an excellent conference last November. By way of introduction, and at the risk of boring you, I outline my educational and professional background. I hope that by doing so I will indicate my main interests and experience.

As an undergrad I studied anthropology at UCL, concentrating on material culture studies and aspects of archaeology. I then undertook Masters degree in Roman archaeology at the Inst of Archaeology (London), which is now part of UCL.

Subsequently I worked for the UCL Field Archaeology Unit, initially as a casual excavation site assistant, and later as core staff: firstly as an Assistant Field Officer, then as a Field Officer, then as Deputy Director, and finally (from October 1991) as Director of the Unit - a post that I then held until the end of December 2004. During the period 1991 to 2004 my employment with the Unit included the role of Fieldwork Tutor and running the annual UCL Field School for all archaeology undergraduates. Also at this time I was sub-contracted, for one day a week initially, to the Centre for Continuing Education of the University of Sussex. This work was to establish and convene a programme of part-time archaeology courses, including Certificates in Archaeology and Practical Archaeology and a Diploma in Archaeology. In January 2005 I joined the Centre for Continuing Education (now the Centre for Community Engagement) as a full-time Lecturer in Archaeology, and in 2006 I was promoted to a Senior Lecturer. From 2007 to 2010 I was Convenor of the MA in Field Archaeology which sadly ended when Sussex University stopped CCE from running any

award-bearing programmes, it requiring CCE's part-time student numbers (FTEs) for more lucrative courses elsewhere in the university.

I am a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, a Member of the Institute for Archaeologists (and a committee member of its Voluntary and Community Special Interest Group), a Trustee of the Sussex Archaeological Society, a Member of the Surrey Archaeological Society and President of the Upper Nene Valley Archaeological Society. My formative archaeological work was with the Bourne Society (the Netherne medieval manor house site) and the Croydon Natural History and Archaeological Society (excavations in Old Town Croydon). Today my main fieldwork project is in the Sussex Ouse valley where I am co-director of the Barcombe Roman Villa Project.

Whilst my research interests are mainly Roman Britain and numismatics, I am especially interested in the provision for all of high quality training opportunities in archaeology. My favourite time of the year is each summer when we run excavation and other training courses at Barcombe, the participants including both complete beginners and those with some prior experience. It gives me great pleasure years later to meet people who have been on such courses and are still actively involved in archaeology, whether as amateurs or professionals.

### **SAVE CCE**

Please excuse me for taking this opportunity to write to you all about the proposal by Senior Management at the University of Sussex to cut all CCE (Centre for Community Engagement) short courses as from the end of July (ie in reality to close CCE). Sadly following New Labour's much hated ELQ Policy (which caused much hardship to Continuing Education departments and courses throughout England), and the desire by Universities to now maximise student fees at £9,000 per full-time student per year, the types of courses and events (egs the annual Sussex Archaeology Symposium; the Holleyman Archaeology Lecture; excavation training courses; and both Saturday day schools and short (usually) evening class courses that we offer no longer attract any government funding and we are running at a relatively small loss (c. £300,000) compared to an overall university 'profit' last year of some £11.3 million. Senior Management are also not allowing CCE to receive any cross-subsidies - such as from the in surplus School we are in (Business, Management and Economics) which has made a staggering £3million 'profit' this year!!! (mainly by recruiting overseas students paying massive fees). In previous years we have had our more 'profitable' accredited courses and award-bearing programmes (such as the MA in Field Archaeology) removed in order to provide additional student numbers to more lucrative full-time areas of the university. In the case of archaeology the loss of all such training opportunities is a major problem as archaeology is a delicate and finite aspect of our cultural heritage which needs to be investigated by suitably trained individuals working in an academic context.

If you have liked what CCE has provided over the years since its establishment in 1969 please see the UCU ipetition and sign it and add comments if you can. Please also consider writing to your local MP, the press and also the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Professor Chris Marlin (Sussex House, University of Sussex, BN1 9RF) AND All Members of the University of Sussex Council (it is these Council members who will decide CCE's fate in March). It would be very useful if the various Archaeology Societies in the South-East could also write letters in support of CCE in addition to those of private individuals. Thank you. Thanks too to all who have already signed the ipetition or written letters - over 2000 people have so far signed).

[www.ipetitions.com/petition/community-engagement-at-sussex/](http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/community-engagement-at-sussex/)

### The YAC's at Rocky Clump, Stanmer, Sussex in 2011



The Wealden Branch of the Young Archaeologist's Club visited the Brighton and Hove Archaeological Soc's excavation at Rocky Clump twice in 2011. The site dates from the Late Iron Age through to early in the 4th century AD. In the past digging has found pits, postholes and ditches related to farming activities but this year the Society sought the site of the settlement and round house platforms. YACs made their first visit in June when a new trench was being opened up.

A large feature had been revealed and finds from the top soil included large amounts of pottery, much of it from the early Roman period.

The YACs returned in September with over twenty YAC's participating. The excavation had progressed significantly, but what had been revealed was not an Iron Age or Romano-British roundhouse, but a huge midden over a metre in depth. The site had been producing larges amounts of pottery, including many sherds with 'raised eye-brow' decoration, and large quantities of cow and pig bones. Among the finds was a 'La Tene' brooch in pristine condition. Unfortunately for health and safety reasons the YAC's were not allowed onto the main site. A new section, without the hazards of deep cuts and pits, was opened immediately next to the main trench for the young diggers. Some of the group also assisted with the investigation of a possible ditch running across the field and observed as a linear depression. The YAC's had numerous finds of Roman pottery and thoroughly enjoyed their digging experience. They plan to return to the site in 2012.

John Funnell 17<sup>th</sup> November 2011

## Bronze Age hoard from Boughton Malherbe, Kent



At 352 objects and fragments the Boughton Malherbe hoard is the 4th largest Bronze Age (BA) hoard found in Britain. It belongs to the carp's tongue complex, the terminal metal-working tradition of the final phase of the Atlantic BA in NW Europe, c 900-850BC.

In Britain the complex appears to be either intrusive or socially specialised, occurring together with the indigenous Ewart Park tradition in SE England, and is largely represented by hoards of fragmented bronze objects. The dating of the hoards within this phase is problematic but is held to be indicative of the later part, c 875-800BC.

Carp's tongue hoards are characterised on the basis of a number of recurring metalwork types found shared across northwest and northern France and southeast England, the most important of which appear to be the classic carp's tongue sword of Type Nantes, lozenge sectioned pommel pieces that would have likely capped the terminal of such swords, bugle shaped objects, which appear to have acted as a strap fitting for the scabbard of these swords, and finally the hogs backed knife, which may themselves have once have been parts of sword blades now remodelled. The hoard at Boughton Malherbe contains all four of these types.

These primary 'weapons complex' types usually occur alongside a larger series of secondary or tertiary types, most commonly represented by a wide range of socketed axes, including the variant wing- or pellet- decorated South-eastern type, different forms of knives and razors, rings and bracelets of myriad form, casting debris and tin-rich ingots, and decorated plaques which, along with various other types present in these hoards, may once have decorated the scabbards of our carp's tongue swords. However, unlike the primary weapons complex types, these tertiary types need not be foreign imports, and frequently occur as regionally produced local types tailored to match the carp's tongue types more commonly found on the Continent. However, Boughton Malherbe

contains a disproportionate number of types more commonly found on the Continent, such as a significant number of French end-winged axes.

From its contents it is obvious that the hoard from Boughton Malherbe is *not* an English carp's tongue hoard. Indeed, it is the only hoard in which we find all four of the primary weapons complex types together. This hoard is instead a *proper* carp's tongue hoard, comparable in size and content to those found in northwest and northern France.

(Taken from Mathews, S, Raposo, M, Leedham, J & Jackson, J 2011 Bronze Age hoard from Boughton Malherbe, Kent, poster presented at the Bronze Age Forum, Cardiff.

### **New Finds Liaison Officer for Sussex**

Stephanie Smith is the Finds Liaison Officer for Sussex, working for the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) and the Sussex Archaeological Society. Originally from the United States, she received an MA in Classical Art & Archaeology from the University of Colorado and has excavated at sites such as a Native American settlement, a Mesolithic site in Yorkshire Dales National Park and a villa complex used by Emperor Maxentius in Rome. Recently, Stephanie graduated from the MA Program in Artefact Studies from University College London and produced a catalogue and assessment of small finds assemblages from the Roman Legionary fortress of Isca at Caerleon, Wales. Although her personal interests focus predominantly on Late Iron Age and Roman period activity, her current research explores the significant new discovery of a Middle Bronze Age hoard in East Sussex.



Over the past year Stephanie has been fortunate to meet many enthusiastic and knowledgeable individuals, including an active metal detecting community, local archaeological groups and lithicists, who record their finds on the PAS database. She is grateful to be part of the dynamic team of archaeologists, HER officers & heritage management staff throughout Sussex.

Stephanie would love to hear from anyone who has found objects they would like to identify and record. She can be found in Barbican House in Lewes, and schedules monthly finds events and

other public outreach throughout Sussex. She may be contacted by telephone: 01273 405731 or by email: [flo@sussexpast.co.uk](mailto:flo@sussexpast.co.uk). For further information regarding the Portable Antiquities Scheme, the Treasure Act or the PAS research database, please visit our website at: <http://finds.org.uk>.

## **CBA South East Conference 'Policing the Past' Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

The CBA South East Conference was held at the Fulton House lecture theatre, Sussex University on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November. The theme of the conference was based around the protection of ancient sites, the criminal elements damaging monuments and the trade and marketing of thousands of artefacts. The Chairman of CBA South East, **Andrew Richardson** presented a paper about a person that had illegally excavated numerous sites in Kent, Sussex, Surrey and beyond. The perpetrator was finally caught, tried and sentenced.

**Andy Brockleman** talked about military artefacts and how sites have frequently been illegally dug, and about the vast market of military finds, which included guns, shells, cannon balls and even soldiers 'dog-tags'. Not all of the trade was illegal with various countries having different views on digging and metal detecting. **Mark Dunkley** spoke about underwater archaeology and the difficult challenge of recording and protecting archaeology beneath the sea, and even along the inter-tidal reaches. Kathryn Tubb gave a paper about the international trade in archaeological artefacts and the problems of documentation and provenance of many of the items passing through auction rooms and acquired by museums. She mentioned some of the techniques of smuggling, and how easy it was to hide non-metallic items.

**Chief Inspector Mark Harrison** spoke of how heritage crime was now of deep concern. The impact of heritage crime has had to be appreciated and understood before procedures could be set in place to catch and prosecute criminals. The police had to learn and appreciate how irreplaceable losses of knowledge and artefacts were impacting and affecting the archaeological record. In England, English Heritage is responsible for ½ million heritage assets, including Scheduled sites and listed buildings, it is a vast amount to police and protect. It has taken time but now partnerships have been set up between police forces, local authorities, local societies and individuals to organise and protect ancient sites. One of the advantages of policing has been to use wildlife conservation and protection groups who can police archaeology as well as wild life and birds, without additional resources. A large number of heritage crimes are financially motivated, but vandalism is a recurring problem and there are those who just enjoy the sense of adrenalin rush and criminality. The positive side is that collaboration is occurring between interested groups,

and criminals are being brought to justice. Chief Constable Richard Crompton has taken on the role of spokesperson for heritage crime. This high level of commitment ensures that the problems of heritage crime will be tackled and addressed and has brought into being the National Heritage Protection Plan. The protection of our heritage belongs to everyone and the police need to be supported by as many people and groups as possible. Mark Harrison saw a positive future with more criminals being brought to justice. The future is looking promising and can only improve if everyone, police, local authorities and all interested parties are vigilant and work together to protect our heritage.

John Funnell

## **Conferences and Courses**

### **UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX**

#### **The Holleyman Lecture**

#### **The Staffordshire Hoard: a treasure saved for the nation.**

Speaker: Dr Helen Geake. Wednesday March 14<sup>th</sup>, 6.30-7.30pm, followed by a wine reception. Entrance is by ticket (price: £7) only available in advance from CCE (details below).

#### **Saturday Day Schools at the Centre for Community Engagement:**

- 25 Feb           **A Day in Ancient Rome** (J. Labno & G. Partington) **X90293**
- 03 March:       **The Myceneans of Bronze Age Greece** (D. Moore and S Green) **X90299**
- 10 March:       **An Introduction to Flintwork** (Chris Butler) **X90233**
- 21 April:        **The Original Olympics: the 'Games' in Classical Greece** (J.Labno & Gill Partington) **X90298**
- 28 April:        **Sussex Agricultural History** (Geoffrey Mead). **X90211**
- 12 May:         **The Archaeological Investigation of a Church.** The first of 4 alternate Saturday day schools at St Mary's, Climping (Bob Hutchinson). Fees: £90 (full); £45 (conc.). **X9630**

Cost £35 each

### **Summer Schools**

#### **Ancient Crafts and Technologies (X9006)**

A week-long course, 9-13 July, giving you the opportunity to explore ancient crafts and technologies from a hands-on point of view. Based at the Iron Age Activity Centre at Michelham Priory, Hailsham, East Sussex, we cover pottery, wood working, textiles, building technologies, boat building and flint knapping. Tristan Bareham and other tutors. Fees: £230 (full), £163 (concessions).

## The Art of Flint Knapping (X90257)

Investigate flint tools from the Palaeolithic to the Bronze Age and produce your own replicas. The world of flint comes alive when you discover how the artefacts were made. Start with a raw lump of flint and produce the beautiful, fine tools of the Mesolithic. Make the hand axe of the Palaeolithic. Try out your skills in using the tools of the Neolithic. Two Saturday day schools, 28 July and 11 August, 10am to 4pm, at Amberley Museum and Heritage Centre, Amberley, West Sussex. Tutor: Robert Turner. Fees: £70 (full), £35 (concessions).

To enrol contact CCE Short Course Coordinator, **Tel** 01273 678300,  
**E** [cce@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:cce@sussex.ac.uk), [www.sussex.ac.uk/cce/shortcourses](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/cce/shortcourses)

## Sussex Archaeology Symposium

The conference will be held in the Chichester Lecture Theatre on Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup>. Tickets £30 (£28 SxAS & USAS members, concessions £20) from Conference Co-ordinator, CCE, Mantell Building, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton BN1 9RF

0915	Registration	
0955	Welcome	Peter Drewett
1000	A fine country for old men: picking up the trail 100 years after Piltdown	Matt Pope Geoff Smith
1030	Fieldwork at Brinsbury, Walberton villa and Parham House	Peter Brannlund Ian Robertson
1130	Excavation and research at Bow Hill near Chichester	Mark Roberts
1200	Arundel and the end of prehistory	Dave McOmish
1230	Waste Wood – a Community Archaeol Weald Forest Ridge Project	Lyn Palmer Vivian Blandford
1410	New approaches to Anglo-Saxon 'Landscapes of Governance'	Stuart Brookes
1450	Bodiam or bust: the application of non-intrusive survey techniques to the study of an archaeological landscape	Kristian Strutt
1550	Thinking outside the box: woodland archaeology	David Brown
1610	Stone from the dung heap; the lost story of quarrying the Mixon at Selsey	David and Ann Bone

## **The Battle of Lewes – the beginnings of parliamentary democracy?**

A conference preparing for celebrations to mark the 750<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle in May 2014 will be held on Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> 2012 at the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Lewes. Cost £30 (£20 for students) from [www.sussexpast.co.uk](http://www.sussexpast.co.uk) or 01273 405737 or Lorna Gartside, Bull House, 92 High St, Lewes BN71XH. Free battlefield tours on the Sunday can be booked by email to [members@sussexpast.co.uk](mailto:members@sussexpast.co.uk) or as above.

0930	Registration	
1000	Introduction	Baroness Andrews of Southover
1005	Lewes: the campaign and the battle	Dr David Carpenter
1045	How did all this political turmoil begin: what were the causes of the revolution of 1258	Dr Huw Ridgeway
1150	The road to civil war: implementing the baronial reform programme and the royalist reaction	Dr Adrian Jobson
1230	Simon de Montfort, the Battle of Lewes and development of parliament	Dr John Maddicott
1415	Eleanor de Montfort	Dr Louise Wilkinson
1455	Sussex in the Barons' War	Dr Andrew Spencer
1600	Medieval weapons trauma: conflicting evidence from Towton and beyond	Tim Sutherland

## **Investigating the Roman Archaeology of Kent**

Joint study day organised by University of Kent with the Council for Kentish Archaeology and the Kent Archaeological Society on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2012 from 2.00pm – 5.30 pm at Rutherford College, University of Kent, Canterbury. Publications on aspects of the history and archaeology of Kent will be on sale on the day.

**Copies of the new publication on “The Lost Roman Shore-Fort at Dover” will be available at this conference**

Topics include:-

East Farleigh Villa Excavations	Albert Daniels
East Cliff Villa, Folkestone	Keith Parfitt
Reculver and Dover Forts	Brian Philp
Roman Thanet	Ges Moody

Tickets are free for Friends of the CKA, KAR subscribers and members of KAS. Tickets will be available on a “first come first served” basis as space is limited. Non-members tickets £5.00, cheques payable to C.K.A. Please send S.A.E. to C.K.A. 7, Sandy Ridge, Borough Green, Kent TN15 8HP.

## **The development of industry in southern Roman Britain**

The Roman Studies Group of Surrey Archaeology Society's major biennial Conference in 2012 will focus on 'The Development of Industry in Southern Roman Britain'. Themes will be the development of the Wealden Iron Industry, Metal Working, Glass Making, the Leather Industry and the Pottery and Tile Industries. Speakers will include Justine Bayley, Ian Betts, Jeremy Hodgkinson, Jackie Keilly, Margaret Broomfield, Louise Rayner and John Shepherd.

Date: Saturday 12th May 2012, 0930-1730

Venue: Chertsey Hall, Chertsey. Surrey

Cost: £15 to include coffee/teas. A two course hot lunch available on the day for approx. £8

Further Information: Full details, booking arrangements and travel directions will be available under "Events" on the Society's website early in January - [www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk](http://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk)

## **Courses organised by Kent Archaeological Field School**

**March, Sat & Sun 17th & 18th 2012**, Field Walking and Map Analysis on the North Downs at Hollingbourne in Kent.

**Easter, April 4th to April 22nd 2012**. Excavation of and Investigation of a newly-discovered Roman villa at Faversham in Kent

**May 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 2012**, Investigation and evaluation of a group of Bronze Age barrows at Hollingbourne in Kent

**June Bank Holidays 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th 2012**. An Introduction to Archaeology

**May and June Weekends: May 12th & 13th, 19th & 20th, 26th & 27th and June 2nd & 3rd, 4th & 5th**

Opportunities to participate in the investigation and evaluation of the Roman villa and its environs in Faversham.

**July 7th, 8th 2012**, Surveying for Archaeologists

**August 4th to 19th 2012**. Investigation and excavation of prehistoric archaeology on the North Downs at Hollingbourne

**August 13th to August 17th 2012**, Training Week for Students at Hollingbourne in Kent

**September 15th & 16th 2012**. Bones and Burials

**September 21st, 22nd, 23rd 2012**. Field Trip to Roman Provence based in Arles

For more details contact: Kent Archaeological Field School, School Farm Oast, Graveney Road, Faversham, Kent ME13 8UP. Telephone: 01795 532548 or 07885 700112 or check [www.kafs.co.uk](http://www.kafs.co.uk)

### A forward date for your diary

The 2012 CBA-SE AGM will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October at the Dorking Christian Centre, followed by a half day (afternoon) conference with the working title 'Marking Past Landscapes'. More details in the next issue of the Newsletter

## Fieldwork

### Barcombe Roman Villa



A further season of excavation and training at Barcombe Roman villa will take place this summer and dates for courses are as follows:

#### Excavation Training :

Week 1	25 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> June	Week 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> July
Week 3	9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Week 4	16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> July
Week 5	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Week 6	30 <sup>th</sup> July– 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug

#### Other training courses

Introduction to Field Archaeology (X9579) 4 Saturdays: 30 June, 14 & 28 July, 11 August

Introduction to Archaeological Surveying (X9579) 2-6 July.

Total Station Surveying for Archaeologists 16-20 July.

An Introduction to On-site Conservation (X90148) Saturday 21 July

Geoarchaeology in Action (X9500) Weekend 7-8 July

Geoarchaeology in Detail (X9637) 9-13 July

Planning and Section drawing (X9223) Weekend 28-29 July

Site Photography for Archaeologists Weekend 4-5 August

For further details and enrolment please either phone 01273 678300 or check online at [www.sussex.ac.uk/cce/barcombe](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/cce/barcombe)

## Excavations by the Roman Studies Group, Surrey Arch Soc It's June, it must be Abinger

To some, June evokes thoughts of Wimbledon, and strawberries and cream. To others it heralds digging at Cocks Farm Roman villa. The fourth annual excavation will be held during the first two weeks in June (4-8<sup>th</sup> and 11-15<sup>th</sup>) and you are invited to join us. Work in 2012 will concentrate on both the scheduled villa site and on areas of Romano-British activity in the adjoining field. If you are interested please contact Nikki Cowlard - [nikki.cowlard@btinternet.com](mailto:nikki.cowlard@btinternet.com)

### Ashtead Roman Villa and tile making site

Excavation will continue at this complex in Surrey for weeks running Wednesday to Sunday inclusive 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August, 29<sup>th</sup> August – 2<sup>nd</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September. Volunteers should contact [Stella Fagg sf38@tutor.open.ac.uk](mailto:Stella.Fagg@tutor.open.ac.uk)

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