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South East Newsletter

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



CBA South-East Conference: Life in the Mesolithic & 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.

- 09:30 Arrival and registration
- 10:15 Introduction Dr Martyn Allen (Chair, CBA-SE)
- 10:20 **Keynote: Mesolithic of the Wetland and Coastal edge in Southern Britain**
Professor Martin Bell (University of Reading)
- 11:00 Coffee
- 11:20 Mesolithic Remains at Bletchingley and Mesolithic Surrey
Phil Jones (Surrey County Archaeology Unit)
- 11:50 Mesolithic Technology at Bouldnor Cliff: Was it 2,000 Years Ahead of its Time?
Garry Momber (Hampshire and Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology)
- 12:20** New Mesolithic Discoveries on the Bexhill Relief Road Scheme, Kent
Mike Donnelly
- 12:50 *Lunch and posters*
- 13:30 *CBA South East Annual General Meeting*

- 14:00 Stepping Stones to the Neolithic: Seafaring, Connectivity and the Mesolithic/Neolithic Transition
Dr Fraser Sturt (Uni. Southampton) and Dr Duncan Garrow (Uni Reading)
- 14:30 Caves, Springs and Depositing Things: Approaching the Mesolithic and Neolithic in the South West
Dr Jodie Lewis (University of Worcester)
- 15:00 *Coffee*
- 15:30 Violent Times in the Neolithic? A Review of the British Evidence
Dr Rick Schulting (University of Oxford)
- 16:00 Public Engagement in the Mesolithic and Neolithic Don Henson (Uni of York)
- 16:30 *Close*

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

Notice of Annual General Meeting 2015

The Annual General Meeting of CBA-South-East will be held at 13:30 on Saturday November 14th at the Surrey History Centre, Woking, Surrey.



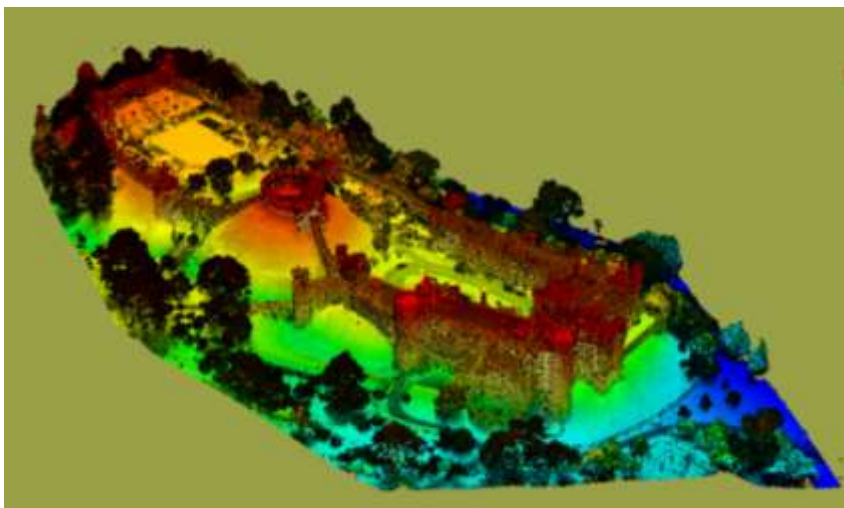
Airborne Laser Scanning in the South Downs National Park: The 'Secrets of the High Woods' project

Investigating the archaeology and history of the wooded central downs

The South Downs National Park is currently hosting a Heritage Lottery Funded community project. The 'Secrets of the High Woods' is investigating over 305 km² of the downland of West Sussex and East Hampshire using a combination of airborne laser scanning, field survey and archival research.

The South Downs is renowned for its iconic chalk grasslands, which attract much attention from archaeologists. Subject to less intensive research has been the wooded area of the central downland part of the National Park. Here, large blocks of semi-natural and anciently replanted woodland inhibits survey of the area using traditional techniques. Now, the digital elevation models derived from Airborne Laser Survey provide us with the unique opportunity to investigate this landscape in its entirety.

Airborne Laser Survey, commonly known as LiDAR, is a remote sensing technique that allows the collection of topographic data using a sensor mounted to the bottom a plane or helicopter. The sensor transmits a beam of light, and the time it takes for a reflection to be returned can be measured. Data is recorded in the form of a 3D point cloud, which can be classified and processed to create detailed models of the ground surface.

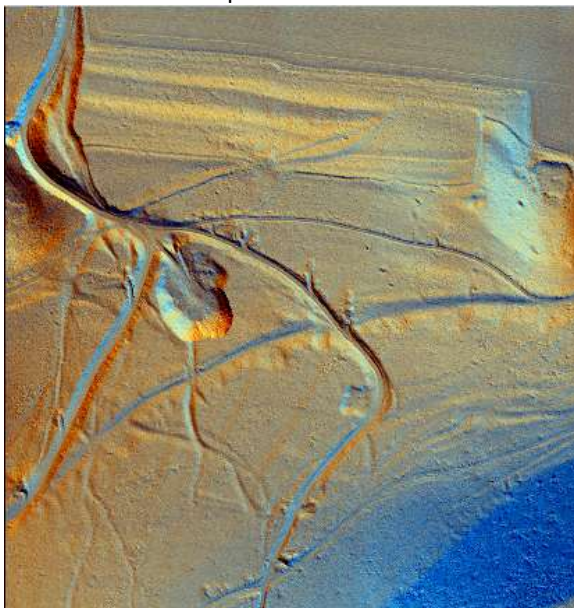


ALS point cloud of Arundel Castle

The models derived from the ALS point cloud contain a huge amount of information about the landscape. In order to fully maximise its potential, ALS data needs to be interpreted using a package of complementary resources. A GIS based Content Management System (CMS) has been developed for the project, which holds the LiDAR visualisations and a range of other research tools including Historic Environment

Records, historic cartography, satellite imagery and aerial photography. The CMS is being used for a National Mapping Programme – a programme of transcription and interpretation of the data, over the entire project area.

A wide range of sites are currently being identified and mapped, ranging from the Prehistoric right through to industrial and military features of the 19th and 20th centuries. Many of these sites were previously unknown, and the data set allows study of these monuments within their wider landscape context.



ALS Image: Composite hillshade showing Stane Street Roman Road, quarry in Bignortail wood, and many more features besides!

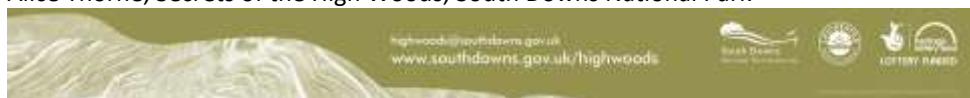
Project volunteers have been engaged in a programme of winter field verification, and during the summer, when ground vegetation inhibits access to many sites, are conducting archival research to explore and contextualise many of the historic features identified during the survey. Complementary to this, a programme of oral history is also being undertaken by volunteers, to record the memories of people who have lived and worked in the area. A group of local archaeologists and historians, interested in the application of this data for their particular subjects of research are also contributing to the project.

It is hoped that this combination of volunteer research and professional transcription and interpretation will lead to an increased knowledge of the archaeological and historic environment of the project area. However, given the detail and significance of the data set, it is recognised that the full potential of the data cannot be achieved during the

lifetime of the project alone. The project data will be housed with the area's Historic Environment Records, providing an important research tool for archaeologists and historians in the years to come. The results of the work will be presented at a series of conferences and exhibitions across the project area...Watch this space!



For more information on the project please visit: www.southdowns.gov.uk/highwoods
Alice Thorne, Secrets of the High Woods, South Downs National Park



CBA (SE) visit to East Sussex

The Council for British Archaeology (Southeast) organised a visit to two Roman sites for Saturday 25th July 2015 – the day after the night of heavy rain and gale which limited numbers which turned out to be a blessing as we had the full attention of the site directors and the personable Chairman of CBA (SE) Martyn Allen of Reading University.

The Roman villa at Plumpton, North West of Lewes was partly robbed out and partially excavated at present, a bath house is believed to be to the west; previous field walking showed tile etc on the excavation site but pottery finds were nearby in the adjacent field to the south possibly indicating an earlier non masonry site. David Rudling a co-author of a guide to Bignor Roman villa said only a small quantity of *tesserae* has been found but box flues indicate heating. The location, despite being close to the nearby South Downs was in an elevated position which begged the question of water supply – apparently there was a stream across an adjacent field. The line of trees on the right of the photo marks the line of the Greensand Way Roman road from the Pulborough area in the west to the second site



Left: Dr Martyn Allen with David Rudling, Director of the Plumpton villa excavation.
Right: the Plumpton villa with the assumed apsidal dining room nearest camera



The second site was very close to the River Ouse but just above the regular winter flood level at Bridge Farm part of the Culver Archaeological Project between Barcombe and Wellingham north of Lewes. Deputy site director David Millum welcomed us to a large uncovered area with only a few trenches at first visible. The plan below of the geophysical and magnetometry surveys shows Bridge Farm on the right and the excavated area was in the northeast corner of the double enclosure ditch. You can just see a Roman road entering that corner from the north (London – Lewes) plus one entering from the southeast. An eroded section of the first road was exposed but a trench nearby was cut below the road expecting to see earlier levels but with negative results so far.



Plan of the site at Culver



Section of the inner enclosure ditch

Dave Millum believed the settlement started in the 1st century in the lower left segment of the geophys plan by the bend in the river (excavated in 2013) and 'grew' upwards as

the more northern section was 3rd century. A section of the inner enclosure ditch was open and still with the previous days rain

The 'Greensand Way' visible from the Plumpton site is possibly one of the two Roman roads at Bridge Farm (the east – west one) or connected with it, although no sign of a bridge has been found despite the farm's name. We saw a selection of the finds which included a radiate coin and a pottery flagon of the type with indents on all four sides. There was a surprisingly large council car park across the road from the site – explained by the popularity of the river for canoeists of which there were a good number at the time of our visit.

CBA (SE) Member Gordon Taylor.



Or another way of looking at it: Volunteers and trainee planners at Plumpton Roman Villa 2015 (drawing by Lyndsey Smith).

Home Front Training Day

In 2014 the Council for British Archaeology and Heritage England launched a major public engagement project to enable local people to record the surviving remains of the First World War across Britain using an online toolkit and app. A key aim of the project is to link up with a wide range of partner bodies as well as communities, to identify new First World War sites, contribute local research and add to our knowledge right across the UK.

A training session which will enable you to get actively involved with the Home Front Legacy 1914-18 project to share your local knowledge for future generations has been organised for December 5th in the Austin Suite at UKP Leisure, Avenue of Remembrance, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 4DE.

CBA-SE Grants

The CBA South East are now in a position to distribute a limited number of small grants. The application for a grant should be made to the grant secretary John Funnell at john.funnell@brightonarch.org.uk . The closing day for grants will be April 1st 2016.

A grant for £100 was recently awarded to the Lewes Archaeological Group towards the cost of isotope analysis for a number of burials found on Malling Hill. The remains appear to have been from an execution site. The burials were thought to have been associated with the Battle of Lewes, but Carbon 14 dating shows that they date to a much earlier period. The object of the new analysis is to determine whether the remains are local or from foreign climes, and possibly Viking. There will be a note in a future CBAS South East newsletter once the results are known.

John Funnell (CBA South East Research and Grants)

Pottery training days

CBA-SE are in the process of organising a series of pottery training sessions which will take place at the start of next year. Details are not yet available but a possible outline is:

Introductory sessions	Surrey Phil Jones	Northchapel Village Hall
	Sussex Luke Barber	Patcham Community Centre
	Kent Andrew Savage	Angel Centre, Tonbridge
Prehistoric pottery	Phil Jones	Northchapel Village Hall
Roman pottery	Paul Booth	Angel Centre, Tonbridge
	Louise Rayner	
Medieval	Jacqui Pearce	Northchapel Village Hall
Post-medieval	Luke Barber	Northchapel Village Hall

Full details of these sessions will be available on our website in due course

Sussex School of Archaeology

DAY SCHOOLS AT FISHBOURNE ROMAN PALACE

11 th October	From Cowrie shell to credit card; the history of money – David Rudling
17 th October	Hunter gatherer society in prehistoric Britain – Chris Butler

DAYSCHOOLS AT MAYS FARM, SELMESTON

3 rd October	Palaeolithic ritual in Britain – Steve Patton
23 rd October	Ceramics 1900 onwards and clay pipes from 1600 – Jacqui Pearce
7 th November	Wetland archaeology in the south-east – Mike Allen
14 th November	Bronze Age and Iron Age ritual – Steve Patton
18 th November	The Civil War in Sussex – Helen Poole
21 st November	Recording and analysis of prehistoric flintwork – Chris Butler

OTHER DAY SCHOOLS

19 th September	Site interpretation for archaeologists - Luke Barber
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- Tide Mills, near Newhaven 1000-1600
- 10th October Iron firebacks – Jeremy Hodgkinson
Ann of Cleves House, Lewes 1000-1600
- 17th October Understanding deer parks – Vivienne Blandford
Buxted Reading Room, Buxted 1000-1600
- 12th December STONEHENGE – Julian Richards, archaeologist, TV presenter and author who has studied Stonehenge and its landscapes for over 35yrs
- To enrol online see website <http://www.sussexarchaeology.org> or phone 01323 811785

Courses at Kent Archaeological Field School

- October 3rd and 4th Bones and burials
- October 17th and 18th Archaeological drawing
- Booking forms are available at: <http://www.kafs.co.uk/contact.aspx> or tel 01795 532548 or 07885 700112

Courses run by Canterbury Archaeological Trust

All one-day courses are held on a Saturday at the Canterbury Archaeological Trust, 92a Broad Street, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2LU and run from 10.00am – 4.00pm.

- 19th September - CAESAR TO CLAUDIUS: BRITAIN, GAUL & ROME FROM 55 BC TO AD 43
- 17th October - ROMAN POTTERY IN EAST KENT
- 7th November - A CRASH COURSE IN ROMAN BRITAIN
- 21st November - THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE KINGDOM OF KENT
- 16th January repeated on 19th March 2016 - FIRST STEPS IN ARCHAEOLOGY
- 6th February - ARCHAEOLOGY OF DEATH
- 27th February - UNDERSTANDING AND RECORDING STRATIGRAPHY
- 5th March - PUTTING COLOUR IN THE PAST; AN INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY
- 12TH March – ARCHAEOLOGICAL REPORT WRITING
- http://www.canterburytrust.co.uk/community_archaeology/archaeology-courses/

Archaeologia Cantiana available online

First published 157 years ago, in 1858, the journals contain a total of more than 3,000 contributions by authorities on the county's prehistoric settlements; archaeological 'digs'; castles, churches, palaces and villas; genealogy; local history, and many other aspects of Kent's past.

132 volumes have been posted in indexed, searchable text, that can be read by clicking on to www.kentarchaeology.org.uk/Research and following the link to 'Researching the History & Archaeology of Kent 'Publications On-line Archaeologia Cantiana'. The project is part of the society's on-going exercise to make its resources and databases freely

accessible to the public on its website, which now receives an average of 80,000 visits a week.

Archaeology along the North Kent Coast

To be held on Saturday 17th October 2015 from 2.00pm – 5.15pm at Rutherford College, University of Kent, Canterbury

The transformation of Hoo: Change from medieval to modern by Gill Draper Univ of Kent
WW1 defences on the North Kent Coast by Richard Taylor, University of Kent

Thanet's archaeology; knowns, unknowns and need to know by Ges Moody, Deputy
Director at Trust for Thanet Archaeology

The search for King Stephen and his Royal Abbey at Faversham by Dr Brian Philp
Chairman of the Council for Kentish Archaeology

Tickets are free for Friends of the CKA, KAR subscribers and members of KAS.

Tickets £10 are available from the CKA, 7, Sandy Ridge, Borough Green, TN15 8HP

Kent Historic Buildings and Industrial Archaeology Conference

To be held on Sat 24 October 2015 at Bluetown Heritage Centre, 69 High Street, , Bluetown,, Sheerness ME12 1RW

Dr Maureen Green (Hasted Prize Winner): Paper Making in Kent & the Hayle Paper Mill.

Sue Harris Head Gardener at Quex Park on restoration of the gardens and its buildings

John White 's on the restoration of Willensborough Wind Mill.

After lunch there will be presentations on Blue Town's former Victorian music hall (the venue in which the conference will be held) and the history of Blue Town, followed by a tour of the area.

Tickets for the conference cost £20, including light lunch and refreshments. For a booking form email mike@mikeclinch.co.uk

Anglo-Saxon Kent: old and new discoveries

To be held on Sat 31 October 2015 from 10 am to 5 pm at Rutherford College, Lecture Theatres 1 and 2, University of Kent at Canterbury CT2 7NX.

Talks will cover Anglo-Saxon finds in the KAS Collection, The settlement at Church Whitfield and colonisation of the east Kent downs, Thought's on St Augustine's landing place, The Meads cemetery, Sittingbourne, Discoveries at Lyminge and St Peter's cemetery, Thanet. There will also be bookstall and displays.

Tickets **£20** (KAS members **£15**) price includes tea/coffee but not lunch.

Booking form available at: <http://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk>; tel 01732 838698 or email: membership@kentarchaeology.org.uk

Artists and the Sussex Landscape c.1750-1960

To be held at the King's Church, Lewes on Saturday November 21st from 10:00 – 17:00

10:00 Welcome and Introduction

Professor Brian Short

10:05	Sussex and the English Landscape	Timothy Wilcox
10:50	James Lambert: East Sussex' first professional artist	John Farrant
11:30	Tea and coffee	
11:55	Turner and Sussex	Andrew Loukes
12:35	Constable, Brighton and Sussex c.1824-37: an overview	Anne Lyles
13:15	Lunch	
14:15	Artists beside the Sussex seaside – changing interpretations of our seaside landscape c.1840-1890	Dr Sue Berry
14:55	Tea and coffee	
15:20	'That odd kind of softness' – the cartographic impulse Of Bloomsbury in Sussex	Dr Darren Clarke
16:00	Ravilious, Bawden and Friends: artistic responses to the Sussex landscape in the 1930s and beyond	Dr Sara Cooper
16:40	Questions	

Tickets at £40 available by booking online or from Lorna Gartside, Bull House, 92 High St, Lewes BN7 1XH, tel: 01273 405737 or email: members@sussexpast.co.uk

Surrey Archaeological Society Conference

Designed landscapes: parks and gardens from 1000 to 1800

To be held at The Letherhead Institute, 67 High St, Leatherhead KT22 8AH on Saturday December 5th.

SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Autumn Conference 2015

: Designed Landscapes

10.00	Registration, Tea and Coffee	
10.25	Welcome: David Bird, President, Surrey Archaeological Society	
10.30	Ghosts of Gardens Past; an archaeologist's view' Paul Everson Formerly RCHME, past Chairman of the Society for Landscape Studies and past President of the Medieval Settlement Research Group	
11.15	'Then in we wente to the gardens glorious; elite landscapes in late medieval England': Rachel Delman, University College, Oxford	
11.45	'Power, Pleasure and Seclusion; high status watery sites along the Rivers Wey and Mole' Richard Savage, Vice President, Surrey Archaeological Society	
12.15	Lunch	
13.30	'Rus in urbe; gardens in Elizabethan and Jacobean London' Dr Paula Henderson, a leading authority on Tudor and Stuart Gardens	
14.15	'Albury Park - echoes of Rome; the Earl of Arundel and John Evelyn's influences on gardens at Albury Park in the 17th century' Jan Clark, independent researcher	
14.50	Tea/Coffee	
15.10	'Painshill Park - its history and restoration' Cherrill Sands MA (Conservation of Landscapes, Parks and Gardens)	
15.50	Closing Remarks Don Josey, Research Committee, Surrey Gardens Trust	

16.00 Conference Close followed for SyAS members by the Society's AGM
 Tickets at £10 for members of SyAS or Surrey Gardens Trust, £12 non-members and on day available from <http://surreyarchaeology.org.uk/sites/default/files/Sherf2015> or
 Castle Arch, Quarry Street, Guildford GU1 3SX, 01483 532454

University of Sussex Archaeological Society Lectures

All talks start at 7.00pm (just turn up at the FULTON BUILDING Lecture Theatre A, University of Sussex, COST: £2 Members, £3 Non-Members

Thursday 22nd October 2015 *An illustrated archaeological talk from the 1920s: the first excavation of the Ashtead Common Roman villa (Surrey), with a summary of the results of the recent excavations* by Dr David Bird (Surrey Archaeological Society)

Thursday 19th November The Sally Christian Lecture

How the other half lived: an introduction to the Rural Settlement of Roman Britain Project by Dr Martyn Allen (University of Reading) (our chairman)
(lecture to be followed by a wine reception)

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