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Portable Antiquities Scheme unique ID: SUR-AB3160

This lovely brooch, dated to between 950 and 1150, was found by a metal detector user in Effingham, Surrey and was reported to the Finds Liaison Officer, David Williams.

The description from the Portable Antiquities Scheme website reads: 'An Early Medieval to Medieval copper-alloy cloisonne brooch with a gilded frame. The external frame is roughly octagonal and comprises a series of four scrolling trilobate leaf-like forms which alternate with four projecting collets which contain white glass domes, two of which are missing. On the back are the broken hinge and catchplate and a possible broken attachment loop. Centrally is a circular setting formed from a strip of metal. This setting contains a human bust formed from twenty separate glass elements (dark blue, light blue, turquoise, yellow, white and possibly red). The face is made from white glass and has a simple nose, a downturned mouth (possibly red glass), projecting ears and large blue eyes. The bust wears a crown or diadem which comprises an inverted V shape with yellow circles on the edges and the apex. The field comprises eight separate blue glass elements.

Brooches of this general construction and date are very well known and usually display some form of cross or floral motif.



CBA South-East 2016 Annual Archaeology Conference

'Pots, Palaces and Parks:
archaeology in the
Southeast AD 1000-1500'

Our conference for 2016 will be held on Sunday November 20th and has the working title "Pots, Palaces and Parks: archaeology in the Southeast AD 1000-1500". It will be in Kent and full details will be available in the next Newsletter and on our website when they are to hand.

Forthcoming CBA-SE Events **Pottery Workshops**

This winter has seen the first of the CBA-SE's new annual training day series, which for 2016 are focusing on ceramic identification and interpretation. Run by local experts of various periods, the sessions include a general introduction to ceramics analysis, followed by four period-based workshops (Prehistoric, Roman, Medieval and Post-Medieval).

Roman session – Louise Rayner – Leatherhead Institute, Leatherhead – Sat March 12th
(10:00-16:00) **** note – fully booked****

Medieval session – Jacqui Pearce – Leatherhead Institute, Leatherhead – Sat April 23rd
(10:00-16:00)



CBA-SE visit to the 'Lost lodge of the Lords Of Arundel' at Downley with Mark Roberts



Pottery workshop led by Dr Jonathan Dicks

Post-Medieval session – Luke Barber – St Peter and Paul Parish Church, Tonbridge – Sat May 7th (10:00-16:00)

Cost £15 for CBA-SE members (£20 for non). Please follow updates of the programme line-up on the website (<http://www.cbасouth-east.org/events/cbase-workshops-and-training-days/>), or contact the Events Officer, Anne Sassin (events@cbасouth-east.org Tel. 01252 492184), for queries and sign-up.

Excavation site and town tours

Full-day tours to current excavations and historic sites and towns across the south-east, led by local experts. Tours run between April and October, with sites ranging from Roman villas to medieval castles!

Free to all CBA-SE members, or £5 for non-members (entry fees may apply at some sites).

Limited spaces, thus early booking is recommended. Directions and joining instructions are available upon signing-up.

To book on any tour below or for any queries, please contact our Events Officer, Dr Anne Sassin, at events@cbасouth-east.org (or Tel. 01252 492184)

April 16th – 'Secrets of the High Woods' at Slindon Park / Chichester town walls, West Sussex (Alice Thorne, South Downs National Park / James Kenny, Chichester District Council)

May 14th – Petersfield Barrows / Portchester castle and church, Hampshire (George Anelay, West Sussex Archaeology Ltd / Martyn Allen, Uni of Reading)

June 4th – Pett Levels coastal tour / Winchelsea town and cellar, East Sussex (Oliver Hutchinson, CITiZAN / Nathalie Cohen, National Trust)

July 9th – Abinger Roman villa / Chilworth gunpowder works, Surrey (Emma Corke/David Bird, Surrey Archaeological Society / Andrew Norris, SyAS)

August 6th – Folkestone Roman villa / Dover town and castle, Kent (Andrew Richardson, Canterbury Archaeological Trust)

September 17th – Ovingdean medieval settlement / Lewes town and castle, East Sussex (John Funnell, Brighton and Hove Archaeological Society / Simon Stevens, Archaeology South East)

October 15th – Colemore Romano-British site, Hants / Farnham town and castle, Surrey (Juliet Smith, Liss Archaeology / David Graham, Surrey Archaeological Society)

The Watlington Hoard

Although not from the area covered by CBA-SE this hoard of Anglo-Saxon and Viking silver is of relevance to the story of Alfred's at times desperate fight to contain the Viking expansion through southern England and was excavated by the Surrey and South Berkshire Finds Liaison Officer, David Williams with the help of a past President of the county society, Emma Corke.

The hoard was located in an Oxfordshire field by metal detector user James Mather who informed the Portable Antiquities Scheme and assisted in the excavation. Concentrated in a small area and only 20cm below the surface, the condition of some of the finds, particularly the coins, necessitated block lifting and transport to the British Museum for laboratory excavation and conservation.

The hoard comprises c.190 silver coins minted during the reigns of Alfred of Wessex (849-899, reigned from 871) and Ceolwulf II of Mercia (died c.879), six items of silver jewellery and one of gold and 15 silver ingots.



The story of Alfred the Great is well known but that of Ceolwulf II less so. The author of the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle was less than impressed:

‘This year went the army [i.e. the Great Heathen Army from the Kingdom of Lindsey to Repton, and there took up their winter-quarters, drove the king Burgred of Mercia over sea, and subdued all that land. He then went to Rome, and there remained to the end of his life And the same year they gave Ceolwulf, an unwise king’s thane, the Mercian kingdom to hold; and he swore oaths to them, and gave hostages, that it should be ready

for them on whatever day they would have it; and he would be ready with himself, and with all those that would remain with him, at the service of the army’.

Although the exact date and motive for the deposition of the hoard are uncertain and any association of archaeological finds with historical events must be speculative, its location 55 miles north-east of Edington, Wilts, the probable site of the Battle of Ethandun may be relevant. The Great Heathen Army had occupied most of the east of the country and famously driven Alfred into the marshes of the Somerset Levels at Athelney. In March 878 he had raised an army able to defeat the Vikings under Guthrum and the beaten troops retreated back through Oxfordshire to East Anglia.

Plumpton Roman villa

During late June and July 2015 further excavations were undertaken at the site of a Romano-British villa which was located to the north of the South Downs at Plumpton, East Sussex. This work was undertaken by the Sussex School of Archaeology in association with the Sussex Archaeological Society as a research and training excavation. It continued and enlarged the investigations begun in the previous year (see CBA SE Newsletter 43). Dating mainly to the 3rd-mid 4th centuries AD, the villa is of the winged-corridor type.



Excavating and planning



Finds processing

Watercolours of work at Plumpton villa by Lyndsey Smith

The excavations in 2015 were designed to extend eastwards the main trench (II) of the previous year. It was thus possible to fully expose both the centre and the eastern end of the winged building (Figure 1). In addition, the enlarged trench also sampled an area of high soil-resistivity readings immediately to the east of the eastern wall of the villa building (see CBA SE Newsletter 43).

The investigations of the main villa building revealed the eastern end of the front corridor, the previously missing eastern wall of the central room in the row of rooms

adjoining the corridor, another small pair of rooms similar to those found in 2014 on the western side of the central room, a projecting wing-room at the eastern end of the corridor, and a large room to the north of the eastern wing-room which is in line with the other rooms mentioned above to the north of the front corridor. The exposed wall foundations were made of chalk and flints, with chalk used in the lowest foundation levels. As in 2014, in all cases the surviving footings were below floor level. The central room of the villa was c. 4.7m wide and c. 6.4m long. In contrast, the eastern most room was slightly wider (c. 5.1m). Although the front (southern) wall of the eastern wing-room is internally apsidal, the outer face of the wall is straight. Much of the large end room to the north of the wing-room contains the remains of what is thought to be a large rectangular corn-drying oven (or possibly a channelled hypocaust). This feature, which has not yet been fully investigated, occupies the middle and western parts of the room. A probable furnace / stoke-hole was located adjacent to the north wall of this room.

At the eastern edge of Trench II is a concentration of flint rubble with at least one fairly straight edge. It is possible that these flints indicate the floor area of a timber-framed building. Further investigations of this flint deposit will take place this year.

The excavations outlined above were undertaken as a programme of 5- and 1-day training courses and Monday-Friday volunteering opportunities. This year (2016) it is intended that further such investigations will take place between Saturday 18th June and Saturday 30th July, and those wishing to be kept informed of such opportunities should register an interest with the Sussex School of Archaeology (info@sussexarchaeology.co.uk) or visit its website: www.sussexarchaeology.org We are again offering our popular and comprehensive 5-day Excavation Training Courses starting each Monday from 20th June. We will also run some of our popular 1-day (Saturday) Excavation Techniques for Beginners 'taster' courses. Both such courses provide an excellent start in field archaeology. 'Gift Places' on these courses can make unusual but popular presents! Other 1-day courses cover more specialist topics/skills. Volunteering opportunities at Plumpton are available from £5 a day with a maximum charge of £50 for the season. Details of local accommodation/camping are available on request.

David Rudling

CBA-SE Conference 2015 - report

Life in the Mesolithic: Recent Mesolithic discoveries in the South East and new perspectives on the Neolithic transition.

On 14th November 2015, CBA South East in partnership with the Prehistoric Society and Surrey County Archaeological Unit held this conference presenting a new picture of Mesolithic society formed from the extensive new data acquired over the last two decades.

The morning session concentrated on recent discoveries and how they can inform future research. Martin Bell emphasised the opportunities provided by environmental evidence to re-examine previously known Mesolithic sites to determine settlement and chronologies.

The following three papers presented interesting data from Mesolithic sites across the South East. Phil Jones discussed the results from the extensive Mesolithic site at Bletchingley, Surrey; Gary Momber revealed the submerged landscape of Bouldnor Cliff in the Solent; and Mike Donnelly outlined the discovery of Mesolithic flint scatters on the Bexhill Relief Road scheme.

Some readers may already have heard of the sad and untimely death of Phil Jones. His authoritative knowledge of pottery from Surrey and his friendship will be sorely missed (ed).

The afternoon session moved the focus to discussion of the Mesolithic-Neolithic transition and what different areas of research could add to the knowledge of this period. Fraser Sturt reviewed the progress of the Stepping Stones project; Caroline Rosen discussed a current research project on caves and springs in south west England; Rick Schulting presented another avenue of research about Mesolithic and Neolithic societies, by examining skulls for evidence of violence or trauma.

The final paper given by Don Henson was an overview of the history of presenting this period establishing that until recently the Mesolithic was seen as a dull, academic specialism. However, newsworthy discoveries are now populating the period so that an engaging story can be told.

The emphasis of all speakers at this conference was of the importance of environmental analysis and an understanding of the geology and landscape of the sites under research to enable the peopling of the Mesolithic in such a way as to enhance public appreciation of the period.

This was a popular event being oversubscribed and thanks must go to SCAU for enabling it to be held at the Surrey History Centre and for providing the finds displays which were greatly appreciated by the audience.

Rose Hooker

The Annual Symposium of Surrey Archaeological Society

The symposium will be held on Saturday February 27th at Ashted Peace Memorial Hall, Woodbridge Road, Ashted.

1000	Opening remarks	Tim Wilcock
1005	Country life at Woking Palace	Rob Poulton
1035	Zooarchaeology in Surrey: review of recent work and	

	Research priorities	Martyn Allen
1105	Coffee	
1130	Abinger excavations	Emma Corke
1200	Test pitting in Surrey	Chris Hayward & Richard Savage
1230	Archimedean screw pumps and conveyors	Jan Spencer
1255	Lunch	
1400	Margery Award	
1410	Recent finds in Surrey	Emma Corke
1425	The Early Modern Studies Group	Catherine Ferguson
1440	Surrey Archaeological Society website	Tim Wilcock
1500	Close of the Symposium	
1530	The future development of the Society	
1700	Close	

Tickets at £10.00 in advance (£12.00 at the door) from Surrey Archaeological Society, Castle Arch, Quarry Street, Guildford GU1 3X, form on the website.

Sussex Archaeological Society Conference

Saturday 19th March 2016 at The Huxley Building, University of Brighton, Lewes Road. Tickets from Sussex School of Archaeology (info@sussexarchaeology.co.uk; 01323 811785), at £35 incl lunch.

0930	Registration	
1000	Welcome	David Rudling
1015	National Trust archaeology on the South Downs	Tom Dommett
1045	Coastguard Cottages at Crowlink	Jo Seaman
1115	Coffee	
1145	The search for the lost hunting lodge of the Earls of Arundel at Singleton	Mark Roberts
1215	Landscapes and lasers: exploring the archaeology of the Central Downs	Alice Thorne
1245	Lunch	
1345	Plumpton Roman Villa update	David Rudling
1355	Mapping Roman Chichester with Radar	David Stavely
1415	Lewes Bronze Age hoard	Stephanie Smith & Jaime Kaminski
1500	Tea	
1530	The prehistoric submerged forest and community archaeology at Pett Level	Scott Timpany & Lara Band
1600	Memories of ice: early prehistoric discoveries on the Bexhill To Hastings Link Road	Mike Donnolly
1630	Piltdown Man and the Palaeolithic of the Weald	Matt Pope

Roadside settlements in Roman Britain and beyond

Conference, organised by Sussex Archaeological Society, to be held Saturday April 9th at King's Church, Brooks Road, Lewes BN7 2BY. The speakers will explore different aspects of Roman roadside settlements and debate whether there are many or any commonalities between them.

10:00	Introduction	John Manley
10:10	From Kent to the Upper Thames Valley – some characteristics of roadside settlements in Roman Britain	Paul Booth
	Old fields, new markets: the role and development of nucleated settlements in Roman Britain	Martyn Allen
11:20	Questions – tea / coffee	
11:45	Augustus' legacy: the <i>vicus</i> of <i>Coriovallum</i> and neighbouring <i>vici</i> between the Meuse and the Rhine	Karen Jenson
12:20	Roman roadside settlements in eastern England: patterns and variations	Steve Willis
12:55	Questions – lunch	
14:00	Welcome back	David Rudling
14:05	Roadside settlements and their defences north of the Thames	Ernest Black
14:40	The nature of Roman roadside settlements in Surrey and Sussex	David Bird
15:15	Questions – tea / coffee	
15:40	Flexford, Surrey – a rural periodic market?	David Calow
16:15	Road and riverside settlement at Bridge Farm, Sussex: from defenceless to defended?	Rob Wallace and David Millum
16:50	Questions and end	

Tickets: £40 (£25 student rate) including lunch from Email: members@sussexpast.co.uk,
 Website: <http://sussexpast.co.uk/event/roman> or Phone: 01273 405737 (Tuesday-Friday, 10am – 5pm or

Holleyman Lecture 2016

Recent work on the Mesolithic of the coast and wetland edge of Southern Britain by Professor Martin Bell (University of Reading).

Thursday April 21st at 1900 in the Fulton Building, Lecture Theatre A, University of Sussex. Organised by Sussex School of Archaeology and Sussex Archaeological Society. Tickets £10 or £8 for SSA / SxAS / USAS members to include drinks reception from Email: info@sussexarchaeology.co.uk, Website: www.sussexarchaeology.org or Phone: 01323 811785

Medieval Canterbury Weekend

A weekend of events celebrating the Middle Ages will be held in Canterbury on 1 – 3 April 2016. For more details visit <http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/medieval-canterbury>.
 Tel: 01227 782994 or email: humanities@canterbury.ac.uk

Twenty eminent scholars and historians will host a series of lectures on the most eventful era in Britain history, and lead guided walks to explore places associated with the city's colourful medieval past.

Said Dr Sheila Sweetinburgh of Canterbury Christ Church University, who will take visitors on an exploration of St John's Hospital, founded c.1080 by Archbishop Lanfranc: 'In the Middle Ages, Canterbury was internationally important as the site of St Thomas Becket's' shrine and was on the main highway between London and mainland Europe, traversed by kings, knights and merchants.

'Consequently it is an ideal setting in which to make recent research readily accessible to a wide audience, which will be given access to new interpretations, ideas and knowledge covering medieval topics from manuscripts studies to war and politics'.

The weekend is being sponsored by the Kent Archaeological Society, the Friends of Canterbury Archaeological Trust (members of either can buy tickets to the various events at concessionary rates) and The William and Edith Oldham Charitable Trust, and organized by the Centre for Research in Kent History and Archaeology (based at Canterbury Christ Church University) and Canterbury Cathedral Archives and Library.



The speakers will include David Starkey (on Henry VII), Richard Gameson (on The Gospels of St Augustine), Louise Wilkinson (on England's 'five forgotten princesses', the daughters of King Edward 1 and Eleanor of Castille), Nicholas Vincent (on Relics: Blood, Bones and Becket's Head) and Michael Jones, who will discuss his recent research on the Black Prince, whose tomb is one of Canterbury Cathedral's most iconic monuments.

New Publication from Historic England

The heritage of the Hoo Peninsula has until now been little known beyond the local area, despite being only 30 miles from the capital. Historic England experts have researched and mapped the landscape, archaeology and development of this area of north Kent. They say that many of the events and activities that have taken place here over the centuries have been part of much bigger stories with national, and sometimes international significance.

On the advice of Historic England, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport has granted protection to four sites – a Second World War bombing decoy site at Allhallows, a duck decoy pond at Halstow Marshes and two London boundary stones at Yantlet Creek and Upnor.



The Hoo Peninsula Landscape



Historic England is delighted to offer members of CBA (South East) 33% discount and free post and packing on the new book **The Hoo Peninsula Landscape** by Sarah Newsome,

Edward Carpenter and Peter Kendall (rrp £14.99). Please telephone 01235 465577 or email direct.orders@marston.co.uk and quote reference number **7220160002** to take advantage of this offer and get your copy for £10.00. Offer expires 30th June 2016.

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