

From our vice-chair:

Dear members,

Hopefully the coming spring proves to be a slight improvement from the wet and windy conditions of the past couple of months, and those who are undertaking fieldwork have not suffered too much in their endeavours.

This year looks to be an exciting one ahead, particularly with the various events which will highlight the ever-important issue of climate and the environment as part of the 2020 Festival of Archaeology. Our annual conference in October will also be focused on the issue of climate change, as well our tours for this year, and we hope to have more firm dates for the tours and details of the conference programme very shortly.



We are also very pleased this year to be able to enhance our current grant scheme in order to offer extra support for youths involved in archaeology and heritage. This Young Archaeologists Grant has been set-up to allow YAC groups, museum clubs and other organisations working with young people to apply for funding towards sessions, materials or other costs related to archaeological projects, generally in the area of £100-£200 though the amount is not fixed. A separate application form exists for this scheme and can be found at <http://www.cbasmouth-east.org/grants-and-funding/> - please circulate and make sure this grant goes to good use!

Events

Friday 3rd April-Sunday 5th April 2020

Canterbury Christ Church University – **Medieval Canterbury Weekend**

Renowned historians and scholars will cover topics across the period from Anglo-Saxon to the Reformation. There will also be guided tours. Keynote speaker: Professor Michael Wood.

A number of locations will be used and details are available from

artsandculture@canterbury.ac.uk

Friday 10th April – Sunday 19th April 2020

Kent Archaeological Field School – **Wye Roman Villa and Watermill**

An archaeological excavation on the site of a recently discovered Roman villa and water mill.

There is a 5 day training course from Monday 13th to Friday 17th at a cost of £100.

To attend the excavation: non-members £75 or £15 per day.

Details and booking from www.kafs.co.uk

Wednesday 22nd April 2020 (14.30)

Chichester and District Archaeology Society – **Guided tour of Bignor Roman Villa**

This tour will cover the historical and archaeological context of the site, interpret the mosaics and touch on the work of the Bignor Roman Villa Charitable Trust. You will be welcome to stay to explore at your leisure.

Free parking and a café on the site.

Non-members £17

Details and booking from activities@cdas.info

Friday 12th-Friday 19th June 2020

Sussex School of Archaeology – **Tour of Hadrian's Wall and the Antonine Wall**

Baxter Hoare Travel in association with the Sussex School of Archaeology will be running a tour of various archaeological sites in the north of Britain.

Prices start at £1349 per person based on 2 sharing.

Dr David Rudling will be the tour leader.

ATOL and ABTA protected.

To book your place or get more information, including the full itinerary contact: Baxter Hoare Travel, 61 Great Dover Street, London SE1 4YF: Telephone 0207 404 5492 or e-mail:

enquiries@baxterhaore.com and ask about the Hadrian's Wall Tour.

Conferences and Symposia

Saturday 28th March 2020 (10.00-17.00)

Sussex School of Archaeology – **Sussex Archaeology Symposium**

This annual roundup of archaeological news from Sussex includes talks from Stewart Angell, Lynn Cornwell, Caroline Lima, Paul McCulloch, Jo Seaman and Simon Stevens.

Venue: King's Church, Lewes

Cost £35 (includes refreshments and buffet lunch)

Further details and to book: info@sussexarchaeology.co.uk

Saturday 9th May 2020 (10.00-17.00)

Surrey Archaeological Society Roman Studies Group – **Shining a light on the 1st century AD in the South East**

This conference will be looking at the many questions raised by recent research as to how much change the Roman invasions had really instigated in rural societies.

Venue: Ashted Peace Memorial Hall, Woodfield Lane, Ashted

Cost £15

Further details and online booking www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk

Saturday 10th October 2020 (10.00-17.00)

A joint CBA South East and Sussex Archaeological Society conference – **Archaeology and Climate Change**

Make a note in your diaries now.

This conference will include the CBA South East AGM.

Venue: King's Church, Lewes

Further details to follow.



Courses

Saturday 21st March 2020 (10.30 – 12.30)

Rottingdean Whiteway Centre – **Roman Coins**

Led by David Rudling this joint Whiteway Centre and Sussex School of Archaeology short course is suitable for all interested in the history of money.

Venue: Rottingdean Whiteway Centre, Whiteway Lane, Rottingdean

Fee £12 and booking essential.

Details from www.rwc.org.uk

Sunday 22nd March 2020 (10.30-16.30)

Chichester and District Archaeology Society – **Roman Sussex**

Led by David Rudling this study day will introduce participants to aspects of the archaeology of Sussex immediately before and during the Roman period (AD 43-410). This period will be considered from the perspectives of both the Roman and the native population.

Venue: Fishbourne Roman Palace (Rudkin Room), Roman Way, Fishbourne

Fee: non-members £30

Details and booking: activities@cdas.info



Butser Ancient Farm

Bespoke Bronze Casting Workshops – Choose a date to suit you.

Choose a date to learn the art of bronze casting and make your own axe, knife, sword or torc. These workshops are limited to two participants. At the end of the workshop you will have a rough cast piece and will be advised on how to finish it at home.

Tutor: James Clift

Venue: Butser Ancient Farm

Cost: £175 for axe, knife or torc and £200 for a sword.

Details from: creative@butserancientfarm.co.uk

Sunday 31st May 2020

Butser Ancient Farm – **Introduction to Flint Knapping**

Led by Bob Turner you will discover how tools were made from stone and to understand the use of flint as a material to knap and work to make ancient tools. Discover the skills of our ancestors and go home with a tool you have made. This course includes demonstrations on percussion knapping and pressure flaking and one-to-one direct instruction.

Venue: Butser Ancient Farm

Cost: £75

Details from: <https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/workshop-calendar>

Lectures and talks

Tuesday 3rd March 2020 (19.30)

Surrey Archaeological Society, Roman Studies Group – **The HER and its use in identification of Roman rural settlement.**

Talk by Rob Briggs (HER officer) will be talking about the Surrey HER database and how it can be used in conjunction with other evidence to identify Roman rural settlement.

Venue: Leatherhead Institute, High Street, Leatherhead

Non-members £5

Details from www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk

Tuesday 10th March 2020 (19.00)

Worthing Archaeological Society – **Recovering (from) the past: Archaeology and Operation Nightingale**

Talk by Richard Osgood (Senior Archaeologist; Defence Infrastructure Organisation) which will draw together many of the results of this initiative to assist the recovery of military personnel, and the outcomes for volunteers and heritage.

Venue: Gordon Room, Stoke Abbott Road, Worthing

Non-members £4

Details from www.worthingarchaeological.org

Wednesday 11th March 2020 (19.00)

Canterbury Historical & Archaeological Society – **Canterbury Cathedral and its administration in the Restoration period**

Talk by David Shaw (University of Kent and Canterbury Cathedral Archives) discussing an important period in the history of the cathedral.

Venue: Newton Lecture Theatre (Ng03), Canterbury Christ Church University, Canterbury

Non-members: £3

Details from www.canterbury-archaeology.org.uk

Thursday 12th March 2020 (19.45)

Tonbridge Historical Society – **The Post Medieval Iron Industry in the Weald from Tudor times to the 19th century**

Talk by Jeremy Hodgkinson on this important industrial topic.

Venue: Riverside Room, Angel Centre, Tonbridge

Non-members £3

Details from www.tonbridgehistory.org.uk

Friday 13th March 2020 (19.30)

Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society – Early Routeways on the Weald and Downland of South East England.

Talk by Martin Bell (President, SxAS) about recent work on this topic.

Venue: Unitarian Church, New Road, Brighton

Non-members £4

Details from www.brightonarch.org.uk



Friday 13th March 2020 (20.00)

Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society – Viking Age Non-Ferrous Metal Working

Talk by Dr Justine Bayley (editor: Historical Metallurgy) about Dark Ages metal and glass working in Scandinavia and the British Isles.

Venue: Main Hall, Surbiton Library Halls, Ewell Road, Surbiton

Non-members £3

Details from www.kingstonarchaeology.com

Friday 13th March 2020 (20.00)

Richmond Archaeological Society – Beyond Repair: An archaeology of mending and modification in Iron Age Britain

Talk by Dr Helen Chittock (AOC Archaeology) on recent close studies of Iron Age artefacts.

Venue: Vestry Rooms, Paradise Road, Richmond

Non-members entry by donation

Details from www.richmondarchaeology.org.uk

Thursday 19th March 2020 (19.00)

University of Sussex Archaeological Society – Bridge Farm 2018-2019: ‘Digging for Britain’

Talk by Rob Wallace (as seen on Digging for Britain) and David Millum updating recent discoveries from this finds rich site. More work is planned there this summer.

Venue: Fulton Lecture Theatre A, University of Sussex, Falmer

£4 with glass of wine.

Friday 20th March 2020 (19.30)

Lewes Archaeological Group – Mallings, Lewes: An Anglo-Saxon estate, a Christian Centre and Medieval Parish

Talk by John Bleach (SxAS) on Mallings as an Anglo-Saxon estate stretching from Southerham to the Sussex/Kent border and as an important Christian Centre. Mallings was a medieval estate with chapels in Cliffe and Southerham.

Venue: Lecture Room, Lewes Town Hall, Fisher Street, Lewes

Non-members £4

Details from www.lewesarchaeology.org.uk



Wednesday 25th March 2020 (19.30)

Chichester and District Archaeology Society – Living with Monuments: recent work on the Neolithic of the Avebury region

Talk by Professor Josh Pollard on this important area of Wessex during the Neolithic

Venue: New Park Centre, New Park Road, Chichester

Non-members £5

Details from www.cdass.info



Wednesday 1st April 2020 (20.00)

Epsom & Ewell Archaeology & History Archaeology Society – The Portable Antiquities Scheme, Finds Liaison Officers and the Treasure Act.

Talk by Dr Simon Maslin (Surrey FLO) explaining the importance of all these to archaeology and local history.

Venue: St Mary's Church Hall, London Road, Ewell

Non-members £4

Details from www.epsonewellhistory.org.uk

Wednesday 1st April 2020 (19.30)

Hailsham Historical Society – Romano British Settlements in the Ouse Valley

Talk by Dr David Rudling FSA on Sussex discoveries in this region.

Venue: The Charles Hunt Centre, Vicarage Field, Hailsham (entrance via Vicarage Field east carpark next to Waitrose)

Visitors £2.50

Friday 3rd April 2020 (20.00)

Richmond Archaeology Society – **Rethinking the Viking Age**

Talk by Dr David Griffiths, Oxford about new views on Viking society

Venue: Vestry Rooms, Paradise Road, Richmond

Non-members by donation

Details from www.richmondarchaeology.org.uk

Tuesday 14th April 2020 (19.00)

Worthing Archaeological Society – **Researching the life of a bridge**

Talk by John Mills (WSCC) discussing researching the history and changing life of Old Swan Bridge and the Arun river crossing at Pulborough.

Venue: Gordon Room, Stoke Abbott Road, Worthing

Non-members £4

Details from www.worthingarchaeological.org

Friday 17th April 2020 (19.30)

Lewes Archaeological Group – **Stonehenge Unveiled: large-scale field projects and the transformation of the Stonehenge landscape**

Talk by Paul Garwood (University of Birmingham) on his recent work in the landscape around Stonehenge which is recovering a plethora of new information from the Mesolithic to the Bronze Age

Venue: Lecture Room, Lewes Town Hall

Non-members £4

Details from www.lewesarchaeology.org.uk



Wednesday 22nd April 2020 (19.30)

Chichester & District Archaeology Society – **Place names in the archaeological and historical landscape**

Talk by Dr Judie English on an interesting and useful method of research.

Venue: New Park Centre, New Park Road, Chichester

Non-members £5

Details from www.cdas.info



Friday 8th May 2020 (20.00)

Richmond Archaeological Society – National Trust Archaeology in Kent and East Sussex

Talk by Nathalie Cohen (National Trust) on work by the trust in Kent and East Sussex. To be followed by the AGM.

Venue: Vestry Rooms, Paradise Road, Richamton

Non-members by donation.

Details from www.richmondarchaeology.org.uk

(Please note that this date is now a Bank Holiday so the event may be subject to change)

Thursday 21st May 2020 (19.00 – 20.00)

Butser Ancient Farm – Archaeo-astronomy

Talk by Dave Woods (HantsAstro) who explores the connection our ancestors had to the night sky.

Venue: Butser Ancient Farm

Cost: £5 – booking essential

Details from: <https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/whats-on>

July 11th -24th 2020

CBA Festival of Archaeology

Keep these dates in your diary.

The Festival of Archaeology website is now open for event registration

www.festival.archaeologyuk.org

The theme this year is Climate and Environment but it is not essential to base your event on this. All topics and events are welcome.

Grants

The **CBA South East** has been able to offer grants to suitable archaeological projects for a number of years. The types of project vary and have included community activities, research, excavation, and support towards publication. A good number of excavations have had CBASE support, over all the region. Some of the funding has gone towards the cost of hiring equipment. Some archaeological groups have been supported with help towards the purchase of specialist equipment or geophysical work. Other grants have been awarded for archaeological training courses, and teacher training.

Projects that offer encouragement and fieldwork for school children and Young Archaeologists Clubs are regularly supported and are applicable specifically to our Young Archaeologists grant scheme, whose application can be found online.

If your group or project is lacking in funding then the CBASE may be a source of funds. The committee meets every 4 months and applications can be reviewed throughout the year. If you would like to apply for a CBASE grant contact the Grants Officer at john.funnell@brightonarch.org.uk for an application form and terms and conditions. If successful then a note about the project will be requested for publication in the newsletter.

Sally Christian Grants are available from Sussex Archaeological

Society to support individuals starting out in archaeology as amateurs or students (including sixth formers) to assist with the costs of practical or academic training, and to enable them to gain experience in archaeological fieldwork and other forms of research in Sussex. Grants are available for short courses and dayschools, covering such subjects as surveying, excavation methods, environmental sampling, drawing and/or identifying finds; and attendance at relevant conferences or research projects. Feedback will be required from successful applicants.

Further details are available from the Society's Research Officer (research@sussexpast.co.uk) to whom all applications should be submitted at least five weeks before a proposed funded course or project takes place

Canterbury Historical and Archaeological Society has limited funds available to award a grant to individuals researching any aspect of the history or archaeology of Canterbury and its region. It is envisaged that a grant would not normally exceed £500.

The deadline for applications is 30th June 2020.

For full details of the application conditions contact beechings1@gmail.com

Give as you Live

A free way to raise money for CBA South East when shopping online.

Fund raising on behalf of the Council for British Archaeology South East, supporting annual grants to be awarded for archaeological research in the region, can be as simple as using this fund raising platform – <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/> – and costs nothing more than the advertised price of your goods.

Details of how to use Give as you Live can be found on our website: www.cbасouth-east.org/raise-money-for-cba-se-for-free/

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

Next e-letter will be issued approximately **May 1st**– please send any March, April and May items by **April 25th**.

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