

#### From the Chair

Dear Members,

After a long stint as chairman, David Rudling has stepped down at our recent AGM, and I will be taking on the role. They are big shoes to fill, but many thanks are owed to David for all of his hard work – fortunately, he will stay on as a trustee and continue with his important advisory role in the group.

I would like to once again thank Dr Matt Pope who gave us a very informative special lecture on Boxgrove for our AGM in October. This took place online via Zoom drew in over 150 attendees on the night, many from around the UK (as well as a few overseas). As thanks for providing this talk, we made a donation to the [Sussex Archaeological Society 'Celebrating 175 years' appeal](#) (please follow the link for information on how to donate. We hope we can continue to offer further online lectures to our members in due course.

At the AGM (again thank you to our members who stayed on to attend), a few changes were made to the committee structure. We welcome Elizabeth Blanning as the new secretary (and again thank Rose Hooker for her many years in the role). We are also very pleased to have Andrew Ward of East Sussex County Council step into the position of Social Media Officer, for which he has already been doing a fantastic job. John Funnell came to the end of his term of office but has agreed to be co-opted to continue his important role as Grants Officer, and Judie English has also stepped down as Newsletter Editor, but has stayed on the committee as a trustee. I have temporarily taken on the task of the newsletter, but we do welcome volunteers who might like to take on this position in the long-term.

Chairman; Events; temp Newsletter	Dr Anne Sassin
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Social Media Officer	Andrew Ward
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e-letter; Surrey Officer	Rose Hooker
Trustee; Sussex Officer	Dr David Rudling
Trustee	Lynn Cornwell
Trustee	Ed Dickinson
Trustee	Dr Judie English

A final note is to bring to your attention updates on the planning reform proposals, which both CIfA and the Council for British Archaeology have recently written a response to (link [here](#)), highlighting the essential need to ensure protection for the historic environment in the new system. We encourage our members to get involved in this support, either by writing your local MP (links for this and further advocacy campaigns can be found in [CIfA's advocacy toolkit](#)) or signing a [non-affiliated petition](#) which is currently circulating.

In the meantime, we wish our membership and all those in the heritage sector all the best, and hope everyone stays safe and well in the coming months. We cannot wait to meet up in person again in 2021.

Best wishes,  
Anne Sassin

## Research News

### **SPONSORED PhD in Roman Ceramic Building Material**

Cotswold Archaeology are inviting applications for a sponsored PhD (full time or part time) in the field of Roman Ceramic Building Material (CBM) at a British university. They will consider any proposal within this field. The project does not have to be artefact based but could, for example, explore production or distribution or economics or touch on all of these. The research should aim to generate results that would have general applicability, thus proposals based on the material from a single site might struggle to meet this objective. The purpose of the sponsorship is to help develop the study of Roman CBM, so proposals that focus purely on areas that have already been extensively studied, for example fabric analysis, would be less likely to be successful. Proposals that draw on material from outside Britain would be welcomed but the practicability of this work would need to be considered.

The successful applicant will be responsible for making the arrangements with his/her chosen university although Cotswold Archaeology will offer assistance in so far as it is able. The sponsorship will pay all university fees; provide an allowance for research expenses and make a contribution of £12,000 per annum towards living expenses over a 3-year period. These details will be discussed at the interview.

Applicants can be any age and do not need to be currently studying at university or working in commercial archaeology. There is no requirement for the successful applicant to become employed by Cotswold Archaeology.

Please send Cotswold Archaeology a brief CV; a short statement outlining why you want to study for a PhD and how it fits into your career plans (up to 500 words); your research proposal (not more than 1000 words) and any initial thoughts you have about which university you would like to study at. Please submit by email to [careers@cotswoldarchaeology.co.uk](mailto:careers@cotswoldarchaeology.co.uk) or by post to HR Department, Cotswold Archaeology, Building 11, Kemble Enterprise Park, Cirencester, Glos GL7 6BQ by midday on Monday 14 December 2020. Interviews will be held in December 2020 or January 2021 and the successful candidate will be expected to have commenced their research by autumn 2021.



## Events

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### **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](mailto:enquiries@baxterhaore.com) and ask about the Hadrian's Wall Tour.



### **BIGNOR ROMAN VILLA – a new History Hit TV programme**

Situated deep in the heart of the Sussex countryside Bignor is home to some of the most impressive mosaics found anywhere in Britain. History Hit's Tristan Hughes met up with Dr David Rudling for a tour of the remains of this beautifully preserved villa. Dr Rudling is co-author of 'Bignor Roman Villa' (The History Press 2015)

To view see <http://tv.historyhit.com> Join now with a 30 day free trial.

## Conferences and Symposia

These events are being presented online via Zoom. Registration is essential through the booking details provided.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (9.30-16.00)

### Surrey Archaeological Society: Surrey Historic Environment Research Framework conference – **Our Heritage, Our Future – Volunteer Archaeology in Surrey and Beyond.**

There is a full programme led by Dan Miles of Historic England and Anne Sassin of SyAS, with other contributions including Hannah Potter and the Witley Camp volunteers, Andrew Mayfield (KCC), Helen Johnston (Thames Discovery Programme) and James Brown of the NT.

This conference will take place as a digital meeting. Details for registration are now available at: <https://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/content/sherf-2020>

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (10.00-13.00)

### Surrey Archaeological Society – **Annual Symposium: part 1**

This event will be held online. A programme is now available on the Surrey Archaeological Society website, and the keynote speaker will be Prof. Martin Bell.

Details for registration will be available on the Surrey Archaeological Society website soon.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (10.00-13.00)

### Surrey Archaeological Society – **Annual Symposium: part 2**

This will be an online event. A programme is now available on the Surrey Archaeological Society website and speakers will include Michael Shapland (ASE) on the medieval cave in St Catherine's Hill, Guildford.

Details for registration will be available on the Surrey Archaeological Society website soon.

## Lectures and talks

Unless otherwise stated all events are being presented online. Please check with the organisers when booking if you are uncertain. These lectures are open to all but many local groups and societies run ‘members only’ programmes and with winter approaching it may be worthwhile joining a group near you or one which deals with your special interest.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (19.00-20.00)

### **Butser Ancient Farm – Secret Britain**

An online talk by Mary-Ann Ochota to raise funds for Butser Ancient Farm exploring the intriguing history of Ancient Britain.

Book via: <https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/whats-on>

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (19.30)

### **University of Sussex Archaeological Society – Sally Christian Lecture: Bridge Farm 2018-20**

This Zoom presentation will be made by David Millum and features the most recent investigations, results and current interpretation.

Free to all.

Register via; [information@culverproject.co.uk](mailto:information@culverproject.co.uk)

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (10.00)

### **Surrey Industrial History Group – Nelson & HMS Victory: Their Lives and Times**

An online talk by Colin van Geffen

Registration available from [meetings@sihg.org.uk](mailto:meetings@sihg.org.uk)

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (19.00-20.30)

### **Butser Ancient Farm – Elemental Dark Ages**

An evening of online stories and music. Stories from Nature.

Book via : : <https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/whats-on>

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020 (10.30-11.30)

Surrey Archaeological Society Medieval Studies Forum – **The Material Culture of Medieval Rural Households**

An online talk by Dr Ben Jervis (Cardiff Univ) followed by the group's AGM. Free for all.

Registration via: <https://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/content/medieval-studies-forum-annual-lecture-and-agm>

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020 (18.30-20.00)

Novium Museum – **The Human Skeleton**

An online talk by Dr Paola Ponce on what skeletons can reveal to archaeologists.

Book via: [www.thenovium.org/article/32442/Lecture-Series](http://www.thenovium.org/article/32442/Lecture-Series)

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020 (10.00)

Surrey Industrial History Group – **Mulberry Harbours and Pluto Pipelines.**

An online talk by David Williams.

Registration is available from [meetings@sihg.org.uk](mailto:meetings@sihg.org.uk)

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (10.00)

Surrey Industrial History Group – **Historic Agriculture in SE England**

An online talk by Geoff Mead

Registration is available from [meetings@sihg.org.uk](mailto:meetings@sihg.org.uk)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 (18.30-20.00)

Novium Museum – **Bog Bodies**

Dr Melanie Giles will discuss this fascinating topic in an online lecture.

Book via: [www.thenovium.org/article/32442/Lecture-Series](http://www.thenovium.org/article/32442/Lecture-Series)



## 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. Geophysical projects have been supported in the past, as have school digs. Projects that offer encouragement and field work for school children is often supported. Other grants have been awarded for archaeological training courses, and teacher training. Research has had grants for numerous investigations including the studies of Valencian tiles, Palaeolithic finds in the Lewes museum, metalwork from the Frensham excavations and a study of tesserae from the Southwick Roman Villa. The latest study being supported is about quern stones, their manufacture and distribution patterns.



Folkestone querns

A number of archaeologically related publications have been supported with children's journals, a book on the Wealden Iron Industry, and a publication on the Reculver Roman Fort among the awards. Other projects which have been awarded grants have included financial assistance for carbon 14 dating. The most recent such award may provide the dating for a possible Bronze Age shaft at Belle Tout in Sussex. Any archaeological project whether field or post excavation can be worthy of support.

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](mailto:john.funnell@brightonarch.org.uk) or visit the website (<http://www.cbasmouth-east.org/grants-and-funding/>) 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](mailto:research@sussexpast.co.uk)) to whom all applications should be submitted at least five weeks before a proposed funded course or project takes place

### **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/](http://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](mailto:events@cbасouth-east.org)

Next e-letter will be issued approximately **January 15th**– please send any January, February and March items by **January 7th**.

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