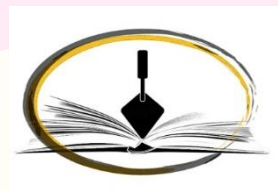


From the Chair

Dear members,

As many of you have no doubt been aware, and as aptly highlighted by fellow trustee David Rudling in the May e-letter, recent multiple threats to the archaeology sector have raised serious concerns amongst many of us in the archaeology community. This includes worrying cuts and redundancy threats to the top university department at Sheffield (and until recently Chester) university, which would have a highly detrimental impact on all within the archaeology community, including groups across the whole country. UK archaeologists have since launched a campaign urging action to safeguard the profession in both the academic and commercial sectors.

Headed by Dr Chloe Duckworth of Newcastle University and David Connolly (director of British Archaeological Jobs and Resources), with the support of major industry stakeholders including University Archaeology UK, the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists and Council for British Archaeology, the campaign highlights the many financial and cultural contributions of the sector, as well as the vital need to ensure the protection of the historic environment for the public's benefit. We would urge everyone to support this important campaign and voice their concerns in order to support those currently under threat. To find out more on how you can get involved, see dig4arch.co.uk and follow #Dig4Arch and [@ForArchaeology](https://twitter.com/ForArchaeology).



Very shortly the final programme and booking details will be available for our annual conference, this year partnered with Surrey Archaeological Society. The conference will take place on Saturday 27th November as a virtual event, via Zoom, and will be themed around church archaeology:

Archaeology of the Church: Perspectives from Recent Work in the South-East. Save the date!

A final note is to remind everyone of July's Festival of Archaeology, which features prominently in the next few pages. There will be plenty of events, both virtual and on the ground, around the region to partake in. Be sure to tag us into any of your activities so that we can help in promoting them.

Anne Sassin

CBA-SE Chair

CBA Events

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic it is advised that you should contact the organisers of any events to confirm that there have been no changes or cancellations before booking to take part.

CBA Festival of Archaeology

Saturday 17th July – Sunday 1st August 2021

The **CBA Festival of Archaeology** will be held with the theme of **Exploring Local Places**

This year we have chosen the theme *Exploring local places*. We want it to be all about helping people discover the archaeology and heritage that is all around them. We want people to get out and explore their local places, to discover stories, sites, buildings, places, people and events that make our local communities so special. Yes, we are mindful that we may still be under some form of lockdown restrictions and social distancing so the Festival will be a hybrid event with lots of self-guided and online activities alongside our traditional on the ground events.

Help us celebrate local sites, stories and the people who lived in and shaped our local places. Archaeology is a great tool to help do this through asking great questions about the places we live: How have they changed and how do we use them today? Who lived and worked there in the past and do we use them in the same way today? What can you see today that would have been in the landscape 10, 100 or even a 1,000 years ago?

Watch out for our growing list of events, activities and competitions and sign up for our regular updates via the [Festival website](#).



CBA notifications

We've put together some ideas to get you involved in Festival activities

Try our [Local Explorer Bingo Challenge](#) and see how many things you can find. This is a great activity to do on your daily walk.

Take a wander down your local high street and think about how it has changed over time. This could make a great research project (don't forget social distancing).

Discover [Dig School](#) and learn how you can use archaeology to find out about the people who lived on your doorstep. Dig School is a series of online workshops and activities ending with the opportunity to dig a test pit in your own back garden!

Try out or make a self-guided walk and share it with others.

Got a question about an object, site, feature or simply curious about something unusual? Have it ready to get answers from archaeologists around the world on [Ask An Archaeologist Day](#). Share your archaeological experience as part of [A Day In Archaeology](#).

Watch out for our growing list of events, activities and competitions and sign up for our regular updates via the [Festival website](#).



An archaeological resources hub is now available with suggestions of free resources for anyone engaged in archaeology in any capacity: <http://blog.archaeologyuk.org/2020/03/24/archaeology-resources-hub/>.

The CBA is now booking events for the Festival which commences on 17th July 2021. A growing list can be found on: <https://festival.archaeologyuk.org/>

Festival of Archaeology Events

This is a selection of the events on offer so do check the Festival website for up-to-date news.

Saturday 17th July (10.30)

The Festival will be launched in Leicester at an ‘on-the-ground’ event.

Details from: festival@archaeologyuk.org

Saturday 17th July (17.00-18.30)

Prehistoric Stone Tools – online study day

Includes study modules and downloadable resources as well as this webinar.

Details from: events@museumwales.ac.uk. Booking is essential.

Saturday 17th July and Wednesday 21 July (10.00-14.00)

Kidz Digz – hosted by Southwark Heritage when kids can undertake their own mini-dig.

No need to book.

Venue: Walworth Square, Southwark

Details from: jessie.goodisonburgess@southwark.gov.uk

Tuesday 20th July (9.00-19.00)

High Streets Day will be celebrating our High Streets with a host of activities.

Details from: festival@archaeologyuk.org

Tuesday 20th July (13.00-18.00)

ArchaeoScience Twitter Conference – hosted by the Museum of Liverpool with the theme of Archaeology and STEM

Details from: Vanessa.Oakden@liverpoolmuseums.org.uk

Tuesday 20th July (18.00-19.30)

Roman Britain’s Missing Legion – a Zoom presentation by Dr Simon Elliott on the mysterious disappearance of Legio IX Hispana.

Details from: festival@archaeologyuk.org

Wednesday 21st July (7.00-20.00)

Ask an Archaeologist — a chance to ask questions and share knowledge via Twitter, including a live event held at Lullingstone.

Details from: festival@archaeologyuk.org

Thursday 22nd July (10.00-17.00)

Youth Takeover Day — a digital day to celebrate young people's experience and involvement in archaeology.

Details from: festival@archaeologyuk.org

Thursday 22nd July (10.00-17.00)

Careers Day — a digital day about careers in archaeology, from student opportunities to moving from other disciplines.

Details from: festival@archaeologyuk.org

Saturday 24th July – Sunday 25 July (9.00-17.00)

Salisbury Museum — an open day for all the family with archaeology, living history and heritage in the grounds and museum. Entry by donation.

Details from: museum@salisburymuseum.org.uk

Saturday 24th July – Sunday 25 July (10.00-15.00)

Citizen – Protecting Pegwell Bay

A free training event to spot and record Second World War Remains in this coastal nature reserve. No experience necessary and all equipment is provided. These days will be run in a safe Covid19 manner.

Book via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/protecting-pegwell-bay-survey-record-wwii-remains-with-citizen-tickets-159622070911>

Monday 26th July (9.00-20.00)

Student Takeover Day — a digital day celebrating student experiences and highlighting the benefits of studying archaeology and related subjects at university.

Details from: festival@archaeologyuk.org

Tuesday 27th July (10.30-12.00)

Piecing the Pieces — an event for 5-11 year olds at Haslemere Museum. Spend a morning with the Education Officer putting items together and handling museum artefacts.

Cost: Members £5, non-members £7, adults £1

Details from: www.haslemeremuseum.co.uk

Thursday 29th July

A Day in Archaeology — this digital event has been sponsored by the Royal Archaeological Institute. It will showcase ‘a day in the life’ of archaeologists from all over the UK. The contributions remain available throughout the year.

Details from: festival@archaeologyuk.org

Thursday 29th July (10.00-16.00)

Hindhead Archaeology Day — hosted by the National Trust with local partners including Surrey Archaeological Society, this event will be running a range of archaeological activities. Join them to take a closer look at the changing landscape of the Devil’s Punch Bowl and Hindhead Common.

Details from: james.brown@nationaltrust.org.uk



Conferences

Saturday 27th November 2021 (10.00-16.00)

CBA South East Annual Conference – Archaeology of the Church: Perspectives from Recent Work in the South-East (a date for your diary)

This event will be held in conjunction with Surrey Archaeological Society (as their annual Surrey Historic Environment Research Framework) and will be presented via Zoom.

Speakers include Gabor Thomas (University of Reading) on Lyminge, Alistair Douglas (Pre-Construct Archaeology) on Bermondsey Abbey, Natalie Cohen (National Trust) on Canterbury Cathedral archaeology, Andrew Richardson (Canterbury Archaeological Trust), Ellie Williams and Lesley Hardy (CCCU) on St Eanswythe, Jo Seaman (Eastbourne Borough Council) on recent work at St Mary's Eastbourne, and Rob Briggs and Chris Reynolds (Surrey County Council) on the tomb monument of Sir Thomas Cawarden from St Mary the Virgin's church, Bletchingley.

A full programme and booking details will be available on the CBA SE website soon.

Saturday 9th October 2021 (9.00-17.00)

Sussex Archaeology Symposium

A number of confirmed speakers include Richard Toms, Dr David Rudling and Mark Roberts with talks ranging across periods in Sussex archaeology and history.

Venue: King's Church, Lewes

Cost: £35 which includes refreshments and a pre-ordered lunch.

Booking available from: <https://www.sussexarchaeology.org/>

Saturday 27th November 2021 (8.40-17.30)

Southeast England Regional Conference – Conserving the Heritage of Southeast England

A full programme has been arranged and includes contributions from Matt Pope and Geoff Mead

Venue: King's Church, Lewes.

Cost: £30 which includes refreshments and a buffet lunch.

Booking available from: anthony.brook27@btinternet.com

Other Events

Saturday 3rd July 2021 (18.30)

Butser Ancient Farm – One Night in the Iron Age

This is an in person event with story telling and food so may be subject to cancellation. Butser will be running a number of activities throughout July and August.

Information and booking from: www.butserancientfarm.co.uk

Saturday 10th July 2021 (10.00-16.30)

Sussex Archaeological Society – The Romans and their Gods

A dayschool discussing the Olympian and Roman beliefs. This may be subject to cancellation due to Covid restrictions.

Venue: Fishbourne Roman Palace

Cost: £60

Information and booking from: palacebookings@sussexpast.co.uk

Monday 12th July 2021 (19.20)

Lewes History Group – Southover Church: 900 Years of Change

This is an online talk by Marcus Taylor outlining the development of the church from a guest house for Lewes Priory to a parish church in the later 13th century.

Booking details from: <https://leweshistory.org.uk/meetings/>

Tuesday 13th July 2021 (19.30)

Kent Archaeological Society – Sorting the Wheat from the Chaff in Kent Cropmarks.

This free online talk by Chris Blair-Myers will discuss the various causes and sources of cropmarks.

Access details from: communications@kentarchaeology.org.uk

Thursday 15th July 2021 (17.30)

National Trust – Runnymede Explored

This major project commences with an 'Introductory Zoom Session' for volunteers followed by onsite training (19-23 July) in geophysics survey. Volunteers are also sought for excavations planned to run in August.

Information and booking: Hannah.potter@nationaltrust.org.uk

These events should avoid Covid restrictions but do check before attending them.

Saturday 31st July (10.00-14.00)

Novium Museum – **Crafty Celts!**

Dates throughout August are available for this family friendly event.

Discover more about life in the Iron Age. Handle replica weaponry and objects, learn more about what people wore and ate, take part in craft activities and trails

All activities are free but booking is required to take part in craft activities.

<https://chichesterboxoffice.ticketsolve.com/shows/873618711/events/128317478>

Saturday 21st August and Sunday 22nd August 2021 (10.00-17.00)

Sussex Archaeological Society – **Gladiators!**

Enjoy the thrill of gladiators in action, using a variety of fighting techniques. There will be family activities as well.

Venue: Fishbourne Roman Palace

Details from: propertyfish@sussexpast.co.uk



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, with some of the funding going towards the cost of hiring equipment, including support 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 are 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.

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. Any archaeological project whether field or post excavation can be worthy of support.

There is also a ring-fenced fund for YAC and Museum Groups which may need some small funds to kickstart projects and events.

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.funnel@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.

CBA YAC Grants

YAC are launching a small grants scheme to help YAC branches with COVID recovery.

The grants are **£200** per branch and there are no restrictions on what they can be spent on, as long as they help with restarting in-person sessions.

The funding has come from several different pots. For English Clubs, **Historic England** have made funds available as part of their broader core funding for the YAC.

For Northern Ireland and Scotland, the **CBA** have helped fund the YAC, and funding has already been provided to YAC Welsh groups via the **NLHF project, Unloved Heritage**, managed by Cadw.

You can read the full blog about the YAC grants by following <https://www.yac-uk.org/news/launching-small-grants-for-yac-groups>

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, as well as 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.

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 trustees@cbасouth-east.org

Next e-letter will be issued approximately **September 2nd**– please send any September, October and November items by **August 27th**

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