

Dear Members,

ZOOM LECTURES – THE NEW ‘NORMAL’?

After two years of coming to terms with Covid and the restrictions that we all had to adhere to during this time, we are finally returning to something like our old ‘Normal’. Somethings, however, may take longer to return to normal, live lectures and conferences being examples of events where participant confidence may vary, and new possibilities now present themselves. I am especially interested in this respect with regards to the use of online means such as Zoom to deliver lectures, teaching and meetings.

We at CBA SE have made good use of Zoom technology to arrange our meetings, lectures and conferences during 2020-2. In the case of committee meetings for instance, where meeting venues traditionally rotated between Kent, Surrey and Sussex, there have been considerable savings made by both the group as an organisation and we as individual committee members regarding not needing to hire venues, the costs of travel (both financial and in terms of carbon miles) and especially everybody’s time. Another example of a benefit is that, given the distances involved in having a ‘territory’ that covers four modern counties, we can now arrange for all/most of our widely dispersed members to ‘attend’ both lectures and conferences which also need involve no travel. We are thus pleased that in 2022 we have been able to start a regular online evening lecture programme, and I hope that as many as possible of you will be attending our next free talk which will be held on Thursday 24 March at 7.30pm on **‘The Wandering Herd’**. The speaker will be Andy Margetts of Archaeology South-East. Please see below for registration details. As non-members are welcome, please inform potentially interested people who do not already belong to CBA SE. Thank you.

Whilst praising above the advantages of online technology, we also appreciate that some negative aspects are also involved, such as loss of networking opportunities, comradery and the ability to do some practical things, such as the examination and handling of artefacts which often takes place at meetings and during teaching sessions. It was therefore encouraging last autumn (October) that the Sussex School of Archaeology and History was once again able to run a LIVE Sussex Archaeology Symposium. All went well, and the participants said that in addition to listening to an interesting programme, they really liked meeting their friends and colleagues and getting the chance to see poster displays and visit bookstalls. Gradually, such live events, plus many individual lectures and various classroom courses, are beginning to happen again.

So, after Covid we may never be quite the same again and the ‘new normal’ is likely to include the regular use of online technology for many lectures, meetings and some teaching purposes. We are also likely to see an increasing use of combining both online technology and live presentations, an example of this being the forthcoming April conference on Flint Mines of the Sussex Archaeological Society which will be a live event, but with an online participation option. There is now a massive increase in the number of archaeology lectures that we can all experience – globally – and much is available free or for just a few pounds. We hope that this E-newsletter, which lists many events in our region, will encourage you to enjoy some of these opportunities.

David Rudling

CBA News

Journeys - Festival theme 2022



Journeys, our theme for the 2022 CBA Festival of Archaeology, is all about helping people discover the archaeology and heritage that is all around them. Our Festival of Archaeology 2022 will help people get out and explore their local places, to discover stories, sites, buildings, places, people and events that make our local communities so special.

We want you to help us celebrate local sites, stories and the people who lived and shaped our local places. Archaeology is a great tool to help you do this and to find out more about places through time. You can find out more from <https://festival.archaeologyuk.org/>.

CBA South East Events

CBASE Lectures

2022 Winter-Spring Lecture Series

Talks will take place on Thursday evenings, beginning at 19:30, and will be held online via Zoom. Although free, registration must be made in advance.

Thursday 24 March at 19:30

Andy Margetts, Post-Excavation Project Manager, Archaeology South-East

‘The Wandering Herd’

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9687111111?pwd=ZUJlYkRlMjVkdDZMcE9lZWtSc0FBUz09>



Thursday 28 April at 19:30

Martyn Allen, Senior Post-Excavation Project Manager, Oxford Archaeology

‘Animals and Roman Britain’

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtdUGuqD8uEtRcmZt2JRj1YOODgZKWeT_](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtdUGuqD8uEtRcmZt2JRj1YOODgZKWeT_)

The meeting room will open at 19:15, with the talk starting promptly at 19:30. There will be an opportunity for questions at the end. If you have any questions, please email events@cbasouth-east.org.

Conferences and Symposia

Some dates for your diaries. At the moment these events are expected to take place 'in person'. Do check if this remains the case before attempting to book a seat.

Saturday 19th March 2022

Sussex Archaeology Symposium

This popular annual event will again review recent/ongoing archaeological research and fieldwork in Sussex.

The Programme is as follows:

Tristan Bareham – Prehistoric Building Construction

Martin Bell (SAS) – The Archaeology of the Cuckmere Valley

Keith Bolton (WAS) – Archaeological Fieldwork at Slindon

Antony Brook & Roger Cordiner – Roman Building Stones

James Brown (NT) – The Changing Chalk Project

Lynn Cornwell (HAARG) – Roman Ironworks at Chitcombe

Amie Friend (WAS) – Excavations & Survey at Angmering Church

Jaime Kaminski (SAS) – Sussex Loops of the Middle Bronze Age

Mark Roberts (UCL) – The Ashington Roman Villa

Jonathan Seaman – The Mint House, Pevensey

Bookstalls & displays

Event fee to include lunch and refreshments: £38

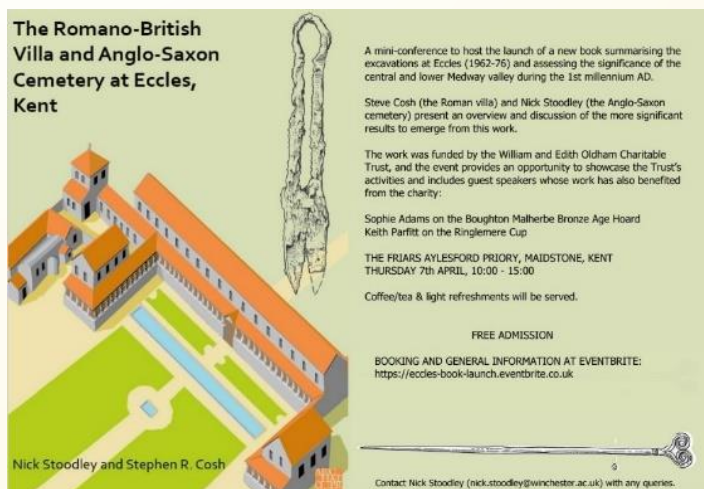
Venue: Kings Church, Lewes

Details and bookings from: www.sussexarchaeology.org

Thursday 7th April 2022

The Romano-British Villa and Anglo-Saxon Cemetery at Eccles, Kent

A free event and book launch. Details in the illustration to the right.



The Romano-British Villa and Anglo-Saxon Cemetery at Eccles, Kent

A mini-conference to host the launch of a new book summarising the excavations at Eccles (1962-76) and assessing the significance of the central and lower Medway valley during the 1st millennium AD.

Steve Cosh (the Roman villa) and Nick Stoodley (the Anglo-Saxon cemetery) present an overview and discussion of the more significant results to emerge from this work.

The work was funded by the William and Edith Oldham Charitable Trust, and the event provides an opportunity to showcase the Trust's activities and includes guest speakers whose work has also benefited from the charity:

Sophie Adams on the Boughton Malherbe Bronze Age Hoard
Keith Parfitt on the Ringlemere Cup

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THURSDAY 7th APRIL, 10:00 - 15:00

Coffee/tea & light refreshments will be served.

FREE ADMISSION

BOOKING AND GENERAL INFORMATION AT EVENTBRITE:
<https://eccles-book-launch.eventbrite.co.uk>

Nick Stoodley and Stephen R. Cosh

Contact Nick Stoodley (nick.stoodley@winchester.ac.uk) with any queries.

Saturday 9th April 2022 (10.00 – 17.00)

Surrey Archaeological Society **Symposium**

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This event will cover recent archaeological work in Surrey. The programme includes:

Simon Maslin (Surrey FLO) Recent Finds from Surrey

Matthew Alexander on Folklore of Surrey

Michael Curnow (MoLA) Barn Elms Iron Age site

Christopher Constable (Southwark) Recent discoveries

Matt Nichol (Cotswold Archaeology) Worcester Park Gunpowder Mill

Becky Haslam (AOC) Roman road infrastructure of Southwark

Tim Wilcock (SyAS) Badshot Lea moated site

David Calow (SyAS)) Roman Studies Projects

There will be bookstalls and displays

Fee £12

Online booking available from www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/events/ or contact info@surreyarchaeology.org.uk

Saturday 23rd April 2022 (9.00 – 17.00)

Sussex Archaeological Society – **Sussex Flint Mines and the Arrival of the Neolithic in Britain: Visions for Future Research**

A focus on the internationally important archaeology of the Early Neolithic flint mines of Sussex.

Venue: Kings Church, Lewes

Fee: £45 in person or £15 online

Details and booking from: <https://sussexpast.co.uk/whats-on/>

Friday 29th April – Sunday 1st May 2022 (19.00 – 15.00)

Centre for Kent History and Heritage – **Medieval Canterbury Weekend**

This event is organised by the CCCU Centre for Kent History and Heritage in conjunction with Canterbury Cathedral Archives & Library, which will provide two tours. Those attending or watching the livestreamed lectures book their chosen events using a pick-and-mix approach, using the descriptions provided on the Centre's webpages. The recording will not be available after the lecture.

Any surplus from the weekend goes into the educational fund to aid postgraduates at CCCU who are studying Kent history topics. The fund is the Ian Coulson Memorial Postgraduate Award fund. Tickets: £10/person per event in person; £9/person per event online.

Details from: <https://www.canterbury.ac.uk/arts-and-humanities/school-of-humanities/medieval-canterbury-weekend/medieval-canterbury-weekend.aspx>

Events

These are 'in person' events but do check if this is still the case.

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th March 2022 (10.30-16.00)

Weald and Downland Museum – How to read a historic house

This weekend focusses on some features that evolved over time which are useful to understand when studying an historic house as well as thinking about available materials. Short talks and displays will give information on different elements and a chance to talk to experts.

Entrance fee applies; booking necessary.

Details from: <https://www.wealddown.co.uk/events/how-to-read-a-historic-house-explore-learn-conserve/>

Friday 18th March 2022 (19.30 – 21.30)

Butser Ancient Farm – Dark Tales for a Full Moon

Story telling in an Iron Age roundhouse

£16 per person.

Booking essential from: <https://butserancientfarm.digitickets.co.uk/event-tickets/38131?catID=34137>

There are a number of events at Butser throughout March and April including:

Saturday 30th April 2022 (16.30 – 22.00)

Beltain Festival: Burning of the Wickerman

Celebrating the return of Summer

Early bird price until April 1st: £25 adult, £18 child

Booking essential from: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/butserancientfarm/beltain-burning-of-the-wickerman/2022-04-30/16:30/t-yonzky>

Friday 29th April 2022 (14.00 – 16.00)

Weald and Downland Museum – Natural Navigation

Learn the practical basics of natural navigation. This is the art of finding your way using nature, using the sun, moon, stars, plants and landscape. The walk finishes with tea and cake.

£30 per person.

Booking and details from: <https://www.wealddown.co.uk/events/natural-navigation-walk-4/>

There are plenty of family activities in March and April at the museum to check at:

<https://www.wealddown.co.uk/whats-on/>

Courses

Saturday 5th March 2022 (10.00 – 16.00)

Horsham District Archaeology Group – **Geology for Archaeologists**

This dayschool will be led by David Bone and is an introduction to geology in West Sussex with special reference to archaeology and with examples of stone for handling and inspection.

Venue: Dial Post Village Hall, Dial Post

Fee: £16 Members; £25 Non members

Further details and booking from: horshamarch@hotmail.co.uk

Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th March 2022 (10.00 – 16.00)

Sussex School of Archaeology and Rottingdean Whiteway Centre

Drawing Archaeological Finds

This weekend course will be taught by Jane Russell and is suitable for beginners or those wishing to refresh their skills.

Venue: Rottingdean Whiteway Centre, Rottingdean

Fee: £48

Details from: https://rwc.org.uk/special_events

Saturday 23rd April 2022 (10.00 – 16.00)

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

This dayschool will be taught by Bob Turner. You will learn to understand flint as a material and how to work it to make ancient tools. At the end of the day you will have your own tool to take home.

Venue: Butser Ancient Farm

Fee £75 which includes all tools and materials required.

Details from: <https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/workshop-calendar/2022/april/23/flint-knapping>

Thursday 28th April (19.00 – 21.00)

Sussex School of Archaeology and History – **Scientific Archaeology**

This 5 week **online** course will be led by Dr Judie English and will include basic descriptions of the techniques now used and highlight the great advances that have been made. No scientific knowledge is assumed.

Fee: £45

Details and booking from www.sussexarchaeology.org

There is also an **online** course on Saturday 30th April from the Sussex School led by Dr Geoff Mead on **Sussex Industrial History**. Booking details as above.

Fee £22.50

Lectures and talks

Some groups have reintroduced 'in person' talks but may have Covid protocols in place for those attending such sessions. Do check the websites for details where future events may also be available to book.

Tuesday 8th March 2022 (19.00)

Worthing Archaeological Society – **Romano-British settlement near Gumber Farm, Slindon**

Keith Bolton will discuss the results of the recent excavations at this site and an interpretation of the site and its place in the landscape.

Venue: Worthing College, Sanditon Way, Worthing

Non-members £4

Details and booking from: <https://www.worthingarchaeological.org/events.html>

Friday 11th March 2022 (19.30)

Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society – **Hove Barrow and Amber Cup**

Jaime Kaminski will talk about this important historic discovery.

Venue: Brighton and Hove Girl's School, Montpelier Road, Brighton

Non-members £4. Details from: http://www.brightonarch.org.uk/6_1.htm

Sunday 13th March 2022 (14.00-16.00)

Sussex School of Archaeology and History – **Cave and Rock Art around the World.**

This **online** lecture by Dr Judie English will discuss the ancient and modern activities of cave and street art.

Fee £8. Details and booking from www.sussexarchaeology.org

Tuesday 15th March 2022 (19.30)

Sussex Archaeological Society – **The National Trust in Sussex – a review and a beginning**

This **online** talk by James Brown (NT) will review recent NT and partner projects before discussing the Changing Chalk Landscape Partnership Scheme due to commence in April.

Non members £5

Details from: <https://sussexpast.co.uk/event/the-national-trust-in-sussex-a-review-and-a-beginning-non-members-tickets/>

Wednesday 16th March 2022 (19.30)

University of Sussex Archaeological Society – **Making Flour the German Way: Imported lava querns and millstones in Roman Britain and Sussex**

Lindsay Banfield (Reading University) will present this free **online** talk considering this body of material to enhance our understanding of Romano-British food production, the rural economy and the identities of the people who used them.

Booking from: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/making-roman-flour-the-german-way-an-online-talk-by-lindsay-banfield-tickets-254753292957>

Thursday 17th March 2022 (20.00 – 22.00)

Bexley Archaeological Group – **Archaeologist John Henry Pull and his fantastic work on the Neolithic flint mines on the beautiful South Downs South of Worthing**

This is an **online** talk by James Sainsbury (Curator, Worthing Museum)

Non members £5

Register for this event at: <https://www.bag.org.uk/events-and-education/>

Friday 18th March 2022 (19.30)

Lewes Archaeological Group – **Stoneham**

John Bleach will talk about this farmland near Lewes and owned for centuries by the Archbishopric of Canterbury. There is evidence of Roman and early Anglo-Saxon activity in the immediate area.

Venue: Lecture Room, Lewes Town Hall, Fisher Street

Non-members £4

Limited numbers so booking necessary from: WJMURIEL@HOTMAIL.COM

Wednesday 23rd March 2022 (19.30)

Chichester and District Archaeology Society – **Recent Discoveries at Edburton – Roman and Mesolithic**

James Sainsbury will discuss excavations in a waterlogged site near Petworth which have revealed a previously unknown Roman site.

Venue: New Park Centre, New Park Road, Chichester

Non-members £5

Details from: <http://www.cdas.info/Lectures.html>

Monday 28th March 2022 (19.30 – 20.30)

Sussex School of Archaeology and History – The Roman Cult of Mithras

In this **online** lecture Dr David Walsh will describe the cult of Mithras and explore its disappearance.

Fee £5

Details and booking from: www.sussexarchaeology.org

Thursday 31st March 2022 (18.00 – 19.30)

Surrey Archaeological Society: Medieval Studies Forum – Medieval Sites of Power and Assembly in the Thames Valley

This **online** talk by Professor Alexandra Sanmark (University of the Highlands and Islands) will include discussion of Kingston and Runnymede.

Non-members £2

Booking from: <https://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/content/medieval-studies-forum-lecture-by-prof-alexandra-sanmark-on-medieval-sites-of-power-and>

Wednesday 6th April 2022 (20.00)

Orpington & District Archaeological Society – The work of CITIZAN in discovering coastal and intertidal archaeology in East Kent

Lara Band (CITIZAN) will review recent work along the Kent coast.

Venue: Christ Church URC, Tudor Way, Petts Wood

Details from: <http://www.odas.org.uk/meetings/>

Friday 8th April 2022 (19.30)

Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society – Rampion Excavations

Garrett Sheehan will discuss the archaeological discoveries during the development of the off-shore wind farm.

Venue: Brighton & Hove Girl's School, Montpelier Road, Brighton

Non members £4

Details from: http://www.brightonarch.org.uk/6_1.htm

Monday 11th April 2022 (19.30 – 20.30)

Sussex School of Archaeology and History – **Excavations at Cocks Farm Abinger 1876-2021: Worms, Ashes and Bones**

This **online** talk by Emma Corke is a whistle stop tour through over 3,500 square metres of trench and over 5,500 years of activity.

Fee £5

Details and booking from www.sussexarchaeology.org

Tuesday 12th April 2022 (19.30)

Worthing Archaeological Society – **Reconstructing the Anglo-Saxon and early Medieval Landscape using Placenames and Maps**

Judie English will discuss these processes which can yield valuable results.

Venue: Worthing College, Sanditon Way, Worthing

Non-members £4

Details and booking from: <https://www.worthingarchaeological.org/events.html>

Friday 15th April 2022 (19.30)

Lewes Archaeological Group – **What's Wrong with Archaeoastronomy?**

Dr Fabio Parracho Silva (Bournemouth University) is the co-founder and co-editor of the Journal of Skyscape Archaeology. This talk will take a fresh and critical look at the field of archaeoastronomy and its relationship with archaeology.

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

Non members £4

Booking necessary from: WJMURIEL@HOTMAIL.COM

Thursday 21st April 2022 (20.00)

Bexley Archaeological Group – **Examining late prehistoric equestrian connections between South East Britain and Ireland**

This **online** talk by Dr Rena Maguire tackles an intriguing topic which could influence our understanding of late prehistoric trade.

Non members £5

Details and booking from: <https://www.bag.org.uk/events-and-education/>

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 CBA-SE 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.

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.

There is also a ring-fenced Young Archaeologists 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.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.

CBA YAC Grants

In addition to CBA-SE's own Young Archaeologists grant funding, YAC have launched 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 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.

This grant fund has been put on hold while Sussex Archaeological Society considers the way forward for Society funds and activities.

Fundraising Accounts

CBA Southeast has set up multiple fundraising accounts that supporters may use to help to fund our charitable aims, and hopefully aligned with your preferences.

These are:

1. Give as you live (www.giveasyoulive.com), our charity name being Council for British Archaeology South-East (short name: CBASE)
2. Easyfundraising (www.easyfundraising.co.uk), our charity name being Council for British Archaeology South-East
3. Amazon (through your Amazon account www.amazon.co.uk) by selecting our charity (Council for British Archaeology South East) under your account settings 'Programs and Features' (desktop) or 'Settings' (smart devices) and selecting 'AmazonSmile')

Supporters having difficulties in setting up such a service are welcome to contact us at cbasoutheast@hotmail.com.

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

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

Keep up-to-date on the website www.cbasouth-east.org/ and follow us on

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