

Dear Members,

Summer, it seems, is finally here and at last, having journeyed together out of the pandemic, we can once again go about our normal activities in a relatively unrestricted way with groups once more out in the field and socially distanced-digging a fading memory. Yet, as is the way with journeys, we have not ended up quite where we started. We had to learn new ways of doing things during the restrictions, new ways of working. Perhaps we have gained a new appreciation of our families and colleagues, of what separation, our dependence on each other and the need for co-operation really mean. The pandemic forced us to become independent and resourceful, and while the NHS and keyworkers strove to save lives, and teachers and parents valiantly struggled to educate our children, those of us who had idleness thrust upon us sought new ways of filling our time.

Many heritage organisations came to our aid with a plethora of online content. Lectures abounded. Conferences went digital. Many of us attended events that we would never have contemplated physically travelling to. Here at CBA-SE we joined that trend and learned that there was a strong appetite for such online content. While there is nothing like meeting in person, our region is large, so additionally streaming a live conference enables a much wider audience. Online talks proved popular, and we are planning a new programme to commence once the nights start drawing in again. We also learned that online meetings saved our committee, naturally drawn from all over our three counties, a great deal in terms of time, money and carbon emissions and we continue to meet virtually, as much as a conscious environmental policy as for convenience. Sometimes journeys are best avoided.

One definite casualty of the restrictions was our programme of visits. We are in the process of organising events for later in the year, so please keep your eye on the newsletters, website and social media for details of these when they are available. We are always very happy to receive suggestions for such outings, so if you are going to be involved in a project or event or know of a good heritage walk (or ideally a walk and a project that can be combined), please let us know. This year's CBA Festival of Archaeology is itself on the theme of Journeys. You will find some related events within this newsletter's content. If there is nothing near you, why not make a journey of your own? Simply take a walk and notice what is around you, what has changed, what is constant and what it tells you about the people who have lived there over the years. Archaeology is, after all, about people and the stories that their lives have inscribed on our environment.

Elizabeth Blanning, Group Secretary

CBA Events

CBA Festival of Archaeology

Saturday 16th July – Sunday 31st July 2022

The **CBA Festival of Archaeology** is based on the theme of **Journeys**

Full details from: <https://www.archaeologyuk.org/festival.html>

A selection of mainly online events are listed on pages 3 and 4



CBA Southeast News

The CBA-SE conference and AGM will take place on 12th November in Kent.

This year the theme is ‘Agriculture, Industry and Trade in the Roman Southeast’ with an emphasis on new discoveries. Topics include recent work at Lullingstone and Grange Farm, Gillingham, iron working in the Weald, new research on mills and quernstones, and trading links at Richborough. The full programme will be announced in the next newsletter.

CBA-SE now has a [Youtube channel](#) where all the Spring lectures from 2022 are available to view.

Festival of Archaeology

A large number of events around Britain can be found on the website with contact details

<https://www.archaeologyuk.org/festival.html>

This page lists some of the online events available to all and ‘on the ground’ events in or near the Southeast. Please check the Festival website for further details.

July 1st Archaeology and Journeys photo exhibition

This online exhibition continues throughout the Festival. It has been organised by UCL’s Institute of Archaeology and the Centre for Applied Archaeology – Archaeology South East. The photos will give an insight on the life journeys, career paths and events that are part of the lives of students and staff and will be found on: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/archaeology-south-east/festival-archaeology-2022> and social media pages.

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July 9th Sorcery and Superstition Escape Quest

This interactive game is available online. Try to solve a mixture of puzzles that will guide you through the ancient manor house of Donington le Heath.

July 16th Archaeology Taster Weekends

Three ‘on the ground’ weekends for absolute beginners (or a return to the site) in Epping, Essex.

July 16th Festival of Archaeology, British Museum (10.30-16.00)

Explore different archaeology related activities positioned at various locations around the museum.

July 16th – 31st Butt’s Brow Community Excavation – Changing Chalk

Visit this ‘on the ground’ excavation where archaeologists are exploring a Neolithic causewayed enclosure.

July 16th Mudlarking Day

An ‘on the ground’ event hosted by Southwark Cathedral. Meet mudlarks, archaeologists and those who live and work on the Thames.

July 17th Shaw House Summer Fair

An ‘on the ground’ event hosted by West Berkshire Museum. Family activity packs, a garden trail and handling archaeological objects, as well as stalls, music and a dog show.

July 18th Pilgrim’s Way Walk

A walk from the Archbishop’s Palace in Chairing to Boxley Abbey near Maidstone. Organised by SPAB. Details from: <https://www.spab.org.uk/whats-on/events/pilgrims-way-walk>

July 19th **What drives national identity?** (19.00)

An online talk by Mike Pitts. New sciences are revealing unimagined ancient journeys made by individuals and group. How does that affect our concept of national identity?

July 20th **Twitter Conference** (12.30)

This online conference is hosted by the Museum of Liverpool on the theme of women and archaeology – their journeys and stories of women in the past.

July 21st **An evening with National Trust archaeologists** (19.00)

An opportunity to hear about the rich and diverse archaeological sites cared for by the National Trust and the work of its archaeologists. There will be a discussion of some fascinating case studies.

July 22nd **Disability in the world of archaeology** (19.00)

This online talk discusses accessibility, disability in the archaeological record and what can be done to make archaeology more accessible.

July 22nd **Ask an Archaeologist Day**

This online event is held via Twitter and is the time when you can ask a question and an archaeologist (or two) should be able to answer.

July 25th **Family Monday at Knole** (11.00)

An ‘on the ground’ family friendly day when you can see some of the artefacts found during the major conservation project by the archaeology volunteer team.

July 26th **Made in Migration** (19.00)

An online talk by the Made in Migration Collective which is a fluid group of displaced and non-displaced individuals from different countries. This presentation explains their activities and purpose.

July 27th **Early Careers Conference** (15.00)

This digital conference aims to platform students and early career archaeologists, and to give them the opportunity to gain presentation experience.

July 29th **A Day in Archaeology** (9.00)

Throughout the day archaeologists, heritage professionals, students and volunteers will share blogs talking about a day in their life and also the paths they took to get to where they are now.

Lectures

Many of these lectures are now being held ‘in person’ so do check with the organisers for any Covid protocols still in place.

Wednesday 6th July 2022 (20.00)

Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society – Nonsuch Park

A talk by John Philips, Honeywood Museum

Venue: Ewell Hall, London Road, Ewell

Fee: non-members £4

Details from: <https://www.epsomewellhistory.org.uk/EEHASTalks>

Wednesday 6th July 2022 (20.00)

Orpington & District Archaeological Society – Recent Excavations at Roman Ewell

A talk by Rebecca Haslam, Senior Archaeologist, AOC

Venue: Christ Church URC, Tudor Way, Petts Wood

Fee: non-members by donation

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

Monday 11th July 2022 (19.30)

Lewes History Group – Sir John Gage of Firle and the Tudor Court

A talk by Helen Poole on the survival and prosperity of Sir John Gage (1479-1556) in spite of the problems of dealing with the Tudor Court.

Venue: King's Church, Brook Road, Lewes

Fee: non-members £4

Details from: <https://leweshistory.org.uk/meetings/lewes-history-group-talk-sir-john-gage-of-firle-and-the-tudor-court-monday-11-july-2022-720-for-730pm-start/>

Thursday 21st July 2022 (20.00-22.00)

Bexley Archaeological Group – The Faestendic of Joydens Wood

A face to face talk by Ethan Doyle-White on medieval earthworks

Venue: Bexley and Sidcup Conservative Club

Fee: Non-members £5

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

Thursday 21st July 2022 (19.00 -20.30)

National Trust, Smallhythe Place – Archaeology on the Border

A lecture by Nathalie Cohen on recent and future work at Smallhythe

Venue: Barn Theatre, Smallhythe Place

Fee: £5, booking essential from: 0344 249 1895

Wednesday 3rd August 2022 (20.00)

Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society – The Calico People of the Wandle

A talk by Mick Taylor of the Wandle Industrial Museum

Venue: Ewell Hall, London Road, Ewell

Fee: non –members £4

Details from: <https://www.epsomewellhistory.org.uk/EEHASTalks>

Wednesday 7th September 2022 (20.00)

Orpington & District Archaeological Society – Archaeological human remains from the London reaches of the Thames

A talk by Nicola Arthur of the Institute of Archaeology – UCL

Venue: Christ Church URC, Tudor Way, Petts Wood

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

Wednesday 7th September 2022 (20.00)

Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society – The Portable Antiquities Scheme, role of the Finds Liaison Officer and the Treasure Act

A talk by Dr Simon Maslin, Surrey Finds Liaison Officer

Venue: Ewell Hall, London Road, Ewell

Fee: non-members £4

Details from: <https://www.epsomewellhistory.org.uk/EEHASTalks>

Friday 9th September 2022 (20.00)

Richmond Archaeological Society – Fulham Palace, the significance of the bishops and development of the Palace as a residence from 1150

An **online** talk by Alexis Haslam, community archaeologist, Fulham Palace

Details from: <http://www.richmondarchaeology.org.uk/>

Conferences

Saturday 12th November 2022 (10.00-17.30)

Southeast England Regional Conference – Conserving the Heritage of Southeast England

Venue: King's Church, Lewes

Fee: £30 which includes refreshments and conference publication

Details and booking from: antony.brook27@btinternet.com

Saturday 26th November 2022

Surrey Archaeological Society: Historic Environment Research Framework – Defensive Structures: Symbols of Power?

This will be an online conference and further details will be available in the September issue

Saturday 26th November 2022

Sussex School of Archaeology and History – Local History Symposium

Venue: King's Church, Lewes

Further details will be available in the September issue

Excavations

Saturday 16th July – Sunday 31st July 2022 (10.00-16.00)

Heritage Eastbourne – Butts Brow Excavation

This is the first event of the Big Dig Project, part of the Changing Chalk Project.

Visits to the site are being arranged and a weekend of activities.

Details from: <https://www.visiteastbourne.com/whats-on/butts-brow-archaeological-excavation-p1658841>

Saturday 16th July 2022 and monthly thereafter

Wealden Iron Research Group – Great Park Wood Excavation

Great Park Wood excavations have resumed at Udimore, East Sussex

For further details e-mail: bobturgoose@yahoo.co.uk

Events

Sunday 10th July 2022 (11.00)

SPAB – Open day at Boxley Abbey and the Old House Project

A public open day welcoming visitors behind the scenes of the annual Summer Working Party.

Details from: <https://www.spab.org.uk/whats-on/events/public-open-day>

Friday 15th July 2022 (9.30)

Thames Discovery – Wapping Foreshore Walk

A guided walk along the foreshore. A walk along Bankside is available on 16th July and one along the foreshore at Isleworth on 17th July at different times of day.

Details from: <http://www.thamesdiscovery.org/>

Saturday 23rd July – Sunday 4th September 2022 (10.00-16.00)

Summer Holidays at Butser Ancient Farm

Join the farm to explore the ancient past and get hands on with history this summer. Each day of the summer holidays there will be guided hands-on activities for all the family to learn an ancient skill, plus on selected days there will be re-enactors bringing the past to life.

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

Butser will be celebrating the Festival of Archaeology from 25th-29th July.

Friday 29th July 2022 (19.00)

Butser Ancient Farm – Lughnasa Celtic Harvest Celebration

An evening event of story telling by Jonathon Huet to celebrate the harvest and height of summer.

Venue: Butser Ancient Farm

Fee: £16

Details from: <https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/whats-on/2022/7/29/lughnasa>

Friday 29th July at 19.00 there will be a celebration of the Celtic festival of Lughnasa. Booking is necessary and there is a fee of £16

Saturday 30th July – Sunday 31st July 2022 (10.30-18.00)

Weald and Downland Museum – Working the Land – Feast of the First Fruits.

A Historic Life Weekend exploring the life of agricultural labourers. There will also be family friendly events throughout the summer.

Details from: <https://www.wealddown.co.uk/events/working-the-land-feast-of-the-first-fruits/>

Sunday 7th August 2022 (10.00-12.00)

50 years of Butser Ancient Farm – guided walk from Butser Hill to Butser Ancient Farm

Reflecting on the past 50 years of this project to explore our ancient past.

Booking necessary (£6 for walk only, £16 includes access to the farm)

Details from: <https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/whats-on/2022/8/7/butser-hill-walk>

Saturday 20th August – Sunday 21st August 2022 (10.00-16.00)

Butser Ancient Farm – Flint Knapping Weekend

Members of the Lithics Society will be at the farm for a weekend of flint-knapping and prehistoric tool-making. Watch them in action. Normal admission fee applies.

Details from: <https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/whats-on/2022/20/8/flintknapping-weekend>

Saturday 3rd September – Sunday 4th September 2022 (10.30-18.00)

Weald and Downland Museum – Woven Through Time – The Mastery of Basketry

A Historic Life Weekend demonstration of basketry skills and opportunities to buy or commission a basketry item.

Booking necessary and details from: <https://www.wealddown.co.uk/events/woven-through-time/>

Tuesday 20th - Saturday 24th September 2022

The West Horsley Place Trust and Surrey County Archaeological Unit

are pleased to invite volunteers to join professional archaeologists to uncover the secrets of West Horsley Place, during excavations from Tues 20th to Sat 24th September.

Booking for the excavations is essential, but no previous archaeological experience is necessary. All are welcome to volunteer, but the project particularly welcomes those age 16-25. Free, organised visits and workshops for community groups for 16-25 year olds are also available; please email for details.

If you would like to book your place, please email education.scau@surreycc.gov.uk with your preferred dates, age (if between 16-25), any previous experience, and a contact number. Places will initially be limited up to 3 days per volunteer, but there may be the opportunity to extend.

Free, but booking is essential as places are limited

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 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.

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 CBA-SE 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 are available to support students and early career heritage professionals conducting archaeological research or study related to Sussex. Grants are awarded in March and September and the next deadline for applications is August 12th 2022, followed by February 17th 2023.

Full details of what can be funded and how to apply are at: <https://sussexpast.co.uk/research/the-sally-Christian-fund/>

Fundraising Accounts

CBA Southeast has set up multiple fundraising accounts that supporters may use to help to fund our charitable aims, and hopefully align 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 **September 1st** – please send any September, October and November items by **August 25th**.

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

 www.facebook.com/CBASouthEast and  [@CBASouthEast](https://twitter.com/CBASouthEast).