

Dear Members,

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of November, we held our annual conference in Lewes, East Sussex. This was both an online and in person event and a report will be in our Spring Newsletter. My appreciation must go to all the speakers who gave their time so generously, and those who worked behind the scenes to make it possible.

Our next opportunity to meet is scheduled for **13<sup>th</sup> February 2024**, when we will hold an online talk followed by our Annual General Meeting. The logon details for the **Zoom** meeting (**19:00 till 20:30**) are set out below.

We will start the proceedings with a presentation by Trevor Creighton, Project Archaeologist at Butser Ancient Farm, and Sue Webber, who has also worked on projects there. Butser Ancient Farm are Institutional Members of CBA South East, and we are delighted to give them the opportunity to talk on the installation of a mosaic floor at Butser Ancient Farm's Sparsholt Villa reconstruction. The mosaic is closely based upon the original Sparsholt reception room mosaic, now on display at the Winchester Museum. Sparsholt Villa, near Winchester, was excavated under the direction of David Johnston during 1965-72. The project had several experimental and educational objectives. Experimentally, the two key areas under investigation concerned methodology and materials. With the venture complete, they can now look back at the project and what has been learned from the process, and how that could be applied to future projects. An outside mosaic has recently been completed in the Butser Ancient Farm's villa garden, using tesserae from an excavation of a Roman villa. This project provides an interesting development of the knowledge from the Sparsholt mosaic project.

Following the talk, our AGM will take place, papers for which will be delivered early February 2024. When you receive them please make a note in your diaries.

Join Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84231234233?pwd=SlAxTkYvelhmeTFQaXdibDh4YkkwQT09>

Meeting ID: 842 3123 4233

Passcode: 560898

Best wishes to you and yours and please have a good festive break,  
Steve

## CBA News

The CBA is celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2024 starting with this free presentation.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (19.00)

<https://www.archaeologyuk.org/get-involved/events-and-activities/event-calendar/this-is-archaeology-the-cba-at-80-reflecting-on-our-past-and-our-role-today.html>

# This is Archaeology: The CBA at 80 - Reflecting on our past and our role today.

7PM – 8PM GMT

25 JANUARY 2024 + [ADD TO CALENDAR](#)

ONLINE

ONLINE EVENT

FREE EVENT

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (10.00-15.00)

## CBA Archaeology Day & AGM

A free event both ‘in person’ and bookable online.

Details and booking from: <https://www.archaeologyuk.org/get-involved/events-and-activities/event-calendar/cba-archaeology-day-agm.html>



## Conferences

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (9.00 – 17.00)

### Sussex Archaeological Society – **Sussex Archaeology: A 175 Year Heritage**

This ‘in person’ event will celebrate the history of archaeology in Sussex and some of the people who shaped the study, protection and explanation of the past in the county and more widely.

Venue: Bramber Building, University of Sussex, Falmer

Speakers include Sue Hamilton, Richard Bradley, Judie English, Miles Russell and Mike Pitts

Fee: £30 (includes lunch and refreshments)

Details and booking from: <https://sussexpast.co.uk/event/conference-2023>

## Save the date

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (10.00-17.00)

### Surrey Archaeological Society – **Annual Symposium: Recent work in Surrey**

This is an ‘in person’ event

Venue: East Horsley Village Hall, East Horsley

Fee: £12

Programme and booking from: [www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk](http://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk)

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 (10.00-17.00)

### Sussex School of Archaeology and History (in association with the Roman Studies Group of Surrey Archaeological Society – **Disposal of the dead in Iron Age and Roman South East England**

Venue: Kings Church, Lewes

A ‘live’ event with an ‘online’ option. It will be reviewing the evidence for burial practices in the South East (and beyond) in this period and will also consider the fate of the ‘missing millions’

Confirmed speakers include Professor Tim Champion, Professor Mike Fulford and Professor Tony King.

Details and booking from: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/781428502687>

## Lectures

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (19.00)

### Bridge Cottage Heritage Centre – **Religion and Disposal of the Dead in Roman Sussex**

A talk by Dr David Rudling (SSAH)

Venue: Bridge Cottage Heritage Centre, Uckfield

Fee: Non-members £8

Details and booking from: [www.bridgecottageuckfield.co.uk](http://www.bridgecottageuckfield.co.uk) OR 01825 760734

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (19.30-21.00)

### Worthing Archaeological Society – **Recent Discoveries at the Bridge Farm Roman Settlement**

A talk by David Millum and Rob Wallace (directors of the Culver Project) summarising the finds from the 2023 season in particular.

Venue: Worthing Library Lecture Theatre, Richmond Road, Worthing

Fee: non-members on application

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

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (19.30)

### University of Sussex Archaeological Society – **Flint Story**

This **online** talk by Diana Jones will discuss her self-published book 'Flint Story' which documents the crucial role of flint in prehistoric lives.

Fee: £3

Booking from: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/flint-story-how-silicon-dioxide-transformed-human-life-tickets-761120571117>

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (19.30)

### Lewes Archaeological Group – **The last Neanderthal and first Sapiens of the English Channel Region**

Dr Matt Pope of UCL will discuss what is now known on this topic.

Venue: Lecture Room, Lewes Town Hall

Fee: £4 non-members

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

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (19.30)

**Chichester & District Archaeological Society – Recent Results from the Historic England Geophysical Team**

A talk by Neil Linford (HE) on this wide ranging activity.

Venue: New Park Centre, New Park Road, Chichester

Fee: Non-members £5

Details from: [lecture@cdas.info](mailto:lecture@cdas.info)

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (10.30-12.45)

**Rottingdean Whiteway Centre – Migrants, Merchants and Military Men**

A talk by Dr Judie English looking at people who travelled for trade and their interactions with those who stayed at home.

Venue: Main Hall, Rottingdean Whiteway Centre

Fee: £12

Booking and details from: [https://www.rwc.org.uk/migrants\\_merchants\\_and\\_military\\_men](https://www.rwc.org.uk/migrants_merchants_and_military_men)

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (20.00)

**Orpington & District Archaeological Society – The Archbishop's Palace, Otford**

A talk by Charles Shee, Trustee of the Palace Conservation Trust

Venue: Christ Church URC, Tudor Way, Petts Wood

Fee: non-members £2

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

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (19.30)

**Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society – Saxon and Highdown Hill**

James Sainsbury will talk about this important Saxon cemetery and the potential for future investigations.

Venue: Unitarian Church, New Road, Brighton

Fee: £4 non-members

Details from: [http://www.brightonarch.org.uk/6\\_1.htm](http://www.brightonarch.org.uk/6_1.htm)

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (10.30-12.30)

**Rottingdean Whiteway Centre – A Tour of Southeast England in 1724 in the Company of Mr Daniel Defoe**

A talk by Dr Geoffrey Mead about Daniel Defoe as a great travel writer who toured Southeast England in 1724

Venue: Main Hall, Rottingdean Whiteway Centre

Fee: £12

Booking and details from:

[https://www.rwc.org.uk/a\\_tour\\_of\\_southeast\\_england\\_in\\_1724\\_in\\_the\\_company\\_of\\_mr\\_daniel\\_defoe](https://www.rwc.org.uk/a_tour_of_southeast_england_in_1724_in_the_company_of_mr_daniel_defoe)

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (19.30-21.00)

**Worthing Archaeological Society – Investigating Knepp Castle: geophysical surveys at a ‘slighted’ site**

A talk by Dr Richard Nevell on the aims of this work to discover the layout of the castle and whether there were any archaeological remains.

Venue: Worthing Library Lecture Theatre, Richmond Road, Worthing

Fee: non-members on application

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

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 (19.30)

**University of Sussex Archaeological Society – Early prehistoric occupation at Wogan Cavern**

This **online** talk by Dr Rob Dinnis discusses recent excavations at Wogan Cavern, Pembroke which have revealed evidence for several early prehistoric occupations.

Fee: £3

Details and booking from: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/781423868827>

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 (19.30)

**Lewes Archaeological Group – Excavations at the Romano British settlement at Bridge Farm, Barcombe**

A talk by David Mullum, co-director of this site. He will discuss the artefacts that have been found over the last 10 years and how they help with the interpretation of the site.

Venue: Lecture Room, Lewes Town Hall

Fee: £4 non-members

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



Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (19.30)

**Chichester & District Archaeological Society – Bronze Age Finds from Chichester and Sussex**

A talk by Jaime Kaminski on what Bronze Age finds from Sussex can tell us.

Venue: New Park Centre, New Park Road, Chichester

Fee: Non-members £5

Details from: [lecture@cdas.info](mailto:lecture@cdas.info)

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (19.30)

**Sussex Archaeological Society – The Inaugural Long Man Lecture**

This is the first of a new annual fundraising lecture series and the inaugural speaker will be Oxford University and BBC historian Dr Janina Ramirez.

Venue: Attenborough Centre for the Creative Arts, University of Sussex

Fee: £35 or £20 for students.

Details and booking from: <https://sussexpast.co.uk/event/the-inaugural-long-man-lecture-dr-janina-ramirez/>

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (20.00)

**Orpington & District Archaeological Society – Work at East Farley, East Malling and the Cistercian Abbey at Boxley**

A talk by Stephen Clifton, Chairman of Maidstone Area Archaeology Group

Venue: Christ Church URC, Tudor Way, Petts Wood

Fee: non-members £2

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

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (19.30)

**Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society – Life, Death and Times in the Bronze Age**

Prof. Parker Pearson (UCL) will talk about his excavations in the Western Isles of Scotland and how they have helped to transform our knowledge of the treatment of the dead and how people lived in roundhouses.

Venue: Unitarian Church, New Road, Brighton

Fee: £4 non-members

Details from: [http://www.brightonarch.org.uk/6\\_1.htm](http://www.brightonarch.org.uk/6_1.htm)

## Courses

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (10.30-12.30)

### Rottingdean Whiteway Centre – **Medieval Life in Sussex**

This 10 week course will be led by Dr Judie English looking at change and continuity in Sussex between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries CE.

Venue: Main Hall, Rottingdean Whiteway Centre

Fee: £90

Booking and details from: [https://www.rwc.org.uk/medieval\\_life\\_in\\_sussex](https://www.rwc.org.uk/medieval_life_in_sussex)

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (10.00-12.00)

### Rottingdean Whiteway Centre – **Landscapes of Sussex: town and country**

This 10 week course will be led by Dr Geoffrey Mead looking at a range of landscapes both physical and human to better understand the county.

Venue: GB Room, Rottingdean Whiteway Centre

Fee: £90

Booking and details from: <https://www.rwc.org.uk/sessextowncountry>

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society: **Winter Day School: Flintwork**

This course will be taught by Chris Butler

Venue: Patcham Community Centre, Patcham

Fee: £30 non-members

Details and booking from [john.funnell@brightonarch.org.uk](mailto:john.funnell@brightonarch.org.uk)

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (10.00-16.00)

### Horsham & District Archaeology Group – **Archaeological Techniques: an introduction**

A nuts and bolts session led by Simon Stevens (ASE) on how and why. No experience needed.

Venue: Colgate Village Hall, Colgate

Details from: [horshamarch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:horshamarch@hotmail.co.uk)



Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society – Winter Day School: An Introduction to Environmental Archaeology**

This course will be taught by Dr Mike Allen.

Venue: Patcham Community Centre, Patcham

Fee: £30 non-members

Details and booking from [john.funnell@brightonarch.org.uk](mailto:john.funnell@brightonarch.org.uk)

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (10.00-16.00)

**Horsham & District Archaeology Group – Archaeological Techniques: Digging a bit Deeper**

This is a follow-up session from the previous dayschool and will look at recording sites and finds.

Venue: Colgate Village Hall, Colgate

Details from: [horshamarch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:horshamarch@hotmail.co.uk)

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

**Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society – Winter Day School: Post Roman Pottery**

This course will be taught by Luke Barber

Venue: Patcham Community Centre, Patcham

Fee: £30 non-members

Details and booking from [john.funnell@brightonarch.org.uk](mailto:john.funnell@brightonarch.org.uk)

## Events

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (18.30)

**The Novium Museum – The Influence of the Knights Templar on the Jedi Knights of Star Wars**

This talk will explain how the medieval religious order of Knights Templar has inspired the creation of the Jedi Knights and how more prominent this inspiration has become.

Venue: Novium Museum, Chichester

Fee: £7.50

Booking and details via: <https://chichesterboxoffice.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/873640268>

## 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. Applications will be reviewed on 1<sup>st</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> October for consideration by the committee.

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. 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) 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 February 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.giveasyoulive.com)), our charity name being Council for British Archaeology South-East (short name: CBASE)
2. Easyfundraising ([www.easyfundraising.co.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.co.uk)), our charity name being Council for British Archaeology South-East
3. Amazon (through your Amazon account [www.amazon.co.uk](http://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](mailto:cbasoutheast@hotmail.com).

Please email any events, talks, recent publications relevant to the south-east, or fieldwork opportunities to [events@cbasouth-east.org](mailto:events@cbasouth-east.org).

Next e-letter will be issued approximately **March 1st**– please send any January, February and March items by **February 21st**

Keep up-to-date on the website [www.cbasouth-east.org](http://www.cbasouth-east.org) and follow us on  [www.facebook.com/CBASouthEast](https://www.facebook.com/CBASouthEast) and  [twitter.com/CBASouthEast](https://twitter.com/CBASouthEast).