

Welcome to the CBA SE Events and News,

Dear Member,

Our annual conference, in partnership with the Sussex School of Archaeology and History, was held in person and online on Saturday the 16th of November. I am indebted to all the speakers and those behind the scenes that made the day possible and congratulate each on making this an informative and enjoyable event. A summary of the papers will be made available for you all to read in our spring Newsletter.

The committee are finalising the date for our 2025 Annual General Meeting. This will again be held online in order to attract as many members as possible when every vote counts. The format for the AGM will be to hold a talk followed by the more formal business. As soon as the speaker, time and date are confirmed in the new year, I will let you know the details. The working assumption is that the AGM will take place in the second half of March 2025.

With the AGM in mind, I make the following plea. We are always looking for new volunteers to join the committee and make an important contribution. There are some options to consider (and revive post Covid), and I would be more than pleased to discuss these with anybody who is interested. We meet as a team four times a year, predominantly via Zoom. Hopefully you will find the opportunity rewarding and have the chance to make a difference. If you would consider volunteering or wish to know more, please make the contact here – <https://www.cbasmouth-east.org/contact-us/>

Best wishes to you and yours,
Steve
CBA-SE Chair

CBA NEWS

<https://www.archaeologyuk.org/discover/events-and-activities/event-calendar/this-is-archaeology-reconnecting-archaeology-looking-to-the-future-of-the-council-for-british-archaeology-and-its-network.html>

THIS IS ARCHAEOLOGY: Reconnecting Archaeology - Looking to the future of the Council for British Archaeology and its network

With Katrina Gargett and Tejsaswi Mehta

7PM – 8PM GMT

23 JANUARY 2025 + ADD TO CALENDAR

ONLINE VIA ZOOM WEBINAR

ZOOM

THIS EVENT IS FREE TO ATTEND

<https://www.archaeologyuk.org/festival/2025-festival-of-archaeology.html>



Lectures

Wednesday 8th January 2025 (20.00)

Orpington & District Archaeological Society – **Death on the Thames**

An **online** talk by Dr Jane Siddell (Historic England)

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

Friday 10th January 2025 (19.30)

Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society – **Orkney**

An **online** talk about this fascinating island by Martin Carruthers

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

Tuesday 14th January 2025 (19.30)

Henfield History Group – **Roman Villas in Sussex**

A talk by Dr David Rudling (SSA) reviewing the results of recent research.

Venue: Henfield Hall, Coopers Way, Henfield

Fee: non-members £3

Wednesday 15th January 2025 (17.30)

Surrey History Centre – **Oliver house: the story of a 16th century cottage**

An **online** talk by Sarah Pettyfer about this house built in the winter of 1559/60 in Cranleigh, tracing its history through time using documents.

Fee: £6

Booking from: <https://customer.surreycc.gov.uk/article/1958?eventid=5252-3846-2935-9399&bookingformid=602>

Thursday 16th January 2025 (19.30-21.30)

Rottingdean Whiteway Centre – **Border Controls in Roman Britain; The Walls of Hadrian and Antoninus Pius, and the Forts of the Saxon Shore**

A lecture by Dr David Rudling examining two types of border control used in Britain in Roman times.

Venue: Rottingdean Whiteway Centre, Rottingdean

Fee: £12

Details and booking from:

https://www.rwc.org.uk/border_controls_in_roman_britain_the_walls_of_hadrian_and_antoninus_pius_and_the_forts_of_the_saxo

Friday 17th January 2025 (19.30)

Lewes Archaeological Group – **Selsey, Lewes and the Early Medieval Kingdoms of Sussex.**

This talk by Dr Michael Shapland will discuss the possibilities of a Western Sussex kingdom centred on Selsey and of an Eastern kingdom around Lewes and Pevensey.

Venue: Lecture Room, Lewes Town Hall

Fee: non-members £4

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

Friday 17th January 2025 (19.30)

The Steyning Society – **Roman Sussex**

A talk by Dr David Rudling exploring aspects of life in Sussex during the Roman period.

Venue: The Main Hall, Steyning Centre, Fletchers Croft, Steyning

Fee: non-members £5

Monday 20th January 2025 (19.30)

Dorking Local History Group – **William de Warenne – the first Earl of Surrey**

An **online** talk by Sharon Bennett Connelly (author) about the man given an Earldom and lands by William the Conqueror after 1066, including Reigate Castle.

Details from: <https://dlhg.org.uk/>

Wednesday 22nd January 2025 (19.30)

Chichester & District Archaeology Society – **HMS Hazardous wreck in Bracklesham Bay, Chichester**

A talk by Dave Johnson, licensee of the wreck

Venue: New Park Community Centre, New Park Road, Chichester

Fee: non-members £5

Details from: lecture@cdas.info

Wednesday 22nd January 2025 (19.30)

University of Sussex Archaeological Society – **Heathfield Down: an alternative location for the Battle of Hastings, 1066**

An **online** talk by Dr Rebecca Welshman (University of Liverpool) and Sean Coleman (West Dean College) presenting evidence supporting this alternative location.

Fee: non-subscribers £4 (Subscribers £15pa)

Details from: www.sussexarchaeology.oeg

Thursday 23rd January 2025 (19.00)

Kent Archaeological Society – **Animals and Humans in the Late Iron Age art of England and Wales, with special reference to Kent**

An **online** talk by Dr Reb Ellis-Haken, University of York on the use of figurative depictions

Details from: <https://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk/events/animals-humans-late-iron-age-art>

Saturday 25th January 2025

Wealden Iron Research Group – **The Lossenham Project: Settlement and ironworking in the Rother Valley**

A talk by Dr Andrew Richardson (Isle Heritage)

Venue: Nutley Village Hall

Details from: <https://www.wealdeniron.org.uk/2024/09/18/winter-meeting-2025-advanced-notice>

Saturday 31st January 2025 (19.30-21.30)

Rottingdean White Centre – **Brighton's 'Lost' Neighbourhood: The Chalk Pit Furlong**

A talk by Dr Geoffrey Mead about an area hidden in plain sight in the heart of commercial Brighton which is a 'lost' past community of cottages, workplaces, smithies and taverns

Venue: Rottingdean Whiteway Centre, Rottingdean

Fee: £12

Booking and details from:

https://www.rwc.org.uk/brightons_lost_neighbourhood_the_chalk_pit_furlong

Wednesday 5th February 2025 (20.00)

Orpington & District Archaeological Society – **St John’s Jerusalem: a preceptory of the Knights Hospitaller.**

A talk by Dr Anne Sassin (Community Archaeologist, Darent Valley) and Nathalie Cohen (National Trust, SE)

Venue: Christ Church URC, Tudor Way, Petts Wood

Fee: non-members £2

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

Thursday 13th February 2025 (19.45)

Tonbridge Historical Society – **The Powers behind the Thrones: Women of the First Millenium**

A talk by Imogen Corrigan

Venue: Riverside Room, Angel Centre, Tonbridge

Details from: <https://www.tonbridgehistory.org.uk/thshome>

Friday 14th February 2025 (19.30)

Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society – **Smallhythe Excavations**

A talk by Natalie Cohen (National Trust)

Venue: Unitarian Church, New Road, Brighton

Fee: non-members £5

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

Wednesday 19th February 2025 (19.30)

University of Sussex Archaeological Society – **The bio-cultural history of the rabbit, brown hare, and domestic cat**

An **online** talk by Dr Sean Doherty (University of Exeter) presenting new research overturning the received wisdom on the domestication and European dispersal of these animals.

Fee: non-subscribers £4 (USAS subscribers £15pa)

Details from: www.sussexarchaeology.org

Friday 21st February 2025 (19.30)

Lewes Archaeological Group – **A Tale of Two Cities: Roman Pompeii and Herculaneum**

A talk by Dr David Rudling concentrating on the form and function of these cities and the lives of their inhabitants.

Venue: Lecture Room, Lewes Town Hall

Fee: non-members £4

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

Saturday 22nd February 2025 (14.15)

Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society: Local History Forum – **What the 60's did to/for Brighton**

A talk by David Fisher

Venue: Fellowship Room, Central United Reformed Church, Blatchington Road, Hove

Fee: non-members £5

Details from: http://www.brightonarch.org.uk/6_2.html

Wednesday 26th February 2025 (19.30)

Chichester & District Archaeology Society – **Recent finds in Westhampnett**

A talk by Elke Raemen, Finds Officer, Archaeology South East

Venue: New Park Community Centre, New Park Road, Chichester

Fee: non-members £5

Details from: lecture@cdas.info

Wednesday 26th February 2025 (19.30 for 20.00)

Mayfield Local History Society – **Ivan Donald Margary (1896-1976): An Officer, Gentleman, Scholar & Philanthropist**

A talk by Dr David Rudling considering the life of Margary and his contributions to archaeology.

Venue: The Scout and Guide Hall, Tunbridge Wells Road, Mayfield

Fee: non-members £3.50

Wednesday 5th March 2025 (20.00)

Orpington & District Archaeological Society – **Whitechapel Central:
The discovery of a prehistoric settlement and landscape**

A talk by Stephen White, ASE

Venue: Christs Church URC, Tudor Way, Petts Wood

Fee: non-member £2

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

Wednesday 5th March 2025 (20.00)

Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society – **AGM: and The
Hogsmill People**

A talk by Jon Cotton, EEHAS President

Venue: Ewell Hall, London Road, Ewell

Fee: non-members £4

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

Save the date: ASE Anniversary Conference on Saturday 5th April
Booking details on the poster



The poster features a circular logo at the top left with the text 'Celebrating 50 years' around the top edge, a large yellow '50' in the center, and 'ASE 1974-2024' below it. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'Anniversary Conference' in bold, followed by 'Saturday 5th April 2025'. Below this, it says 'Join us for a journey through time and be part of our 50th anniversary finale!'. A row of five small images shows various archaeological activities: a person in a high-visibility vest, a person in a hard hat, a person in a hard hat, a person in a hard hat, and a person in a high-visibility vest. Below the images, the text reads 'Celebrate 50 years of archaeological discovery and innovation at the Archaeology South-East 50th Anniversary Conference!'. A list of bullet points follows: '• Open to anyone interested in the archaeology of south-east England', '• Our story from Sussex Archaeological Field Unit to ASE', '• Keynote talks from ASE staff and external guest speakers showcasing our research and projects past and present', '• Networking opportunities for professional and local community archaeologists', '• Displays highlighting recent finds and innovative techniques', and '• Bookstall and much more....'. To the right of the list is a QR code. Below the QR code, the text reads 'To book tickets scan the QR code or visit: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/archaeology-south-east/ase-50>'. At the bottom of the poster is a row of five small images showing various archaeological activities: a person in a high-visibility vest, and a person in a high-visibility vest.

Study Days

Saturday 18th January 2025 (10.00-16.00)

Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society – **The Archaeology of Glass**

This will be led by John Shepherd and cover Egyptian and Roman artefacts.

Venue: Patcham Community Centre

Fee: non-members £30

Details from: john.funnell@brightonarch.org.uk

Saturday 18th January 2025 (10.00-16.30)

Worthing Archaeological Society – **Early and Late Post-Medieval Pottery**

This will be led by Luke Barber who will discuss pottery from the Tudor period to the early 20th Century. There will be time to explore handling material.

Venue: Worthing Museum & Gallery, Chapel Road, Worthing

Fee: non-members £30

Details and booking from: donna.Wiltshire@sky.com

Saturday 15th February 2025 (10.00-16.00)

Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society – **Archaeological Techniques**

This will be led by Simon Stevens

Venue: Patcham Community Centre

Fee: non-members £30

Details from: john.funnell@brightonarch.org.uk

Saturday 15th March 2025 (10.00-16.00)

Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society – **Iron Age and Roman Coins**

This will be led by Dr David Rudling

Venue: Patcham Community Centre

Fee: non-members £30

Details from: john.funnell@brightonarch.org.uk

If all three BHAS study days are booked the fee for non-members will be reduced to £75

Events

Sunday 19th January 2025 (10.00-14.00)

Weald & Downland Museum – **Wassailing Day**

Watch traditional Wassailing activities to bless the orchard. Bring something to make a noise for the procession.

Venue: Weald & Downland Museum, Singleton

Booking from (fees variable): <https://wealddownland.digitickets.co.uk/event-tickets/28475>

Saturday 1st February 2025 (14.00-16.00)

Butser Ancient Farm – **Imbolc: Celtic Spring Celebration**

Fireside storytelling and music.

Venue: Butser Ancient Farm, Chalton lane

Fee: £19.50

Booking from: <https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/whats-on/imbolc-celtic-spring-celebration>

Please note that both the Weald & Downland and Butser have many bookable events through the year.

Saturday 8th March 2025 (10.00-16.00)

Surrey Archaeological Society – **Annual Symposium**

The annual symposium is dedicated to news of recent work in Surrey and this year speakers will discuss the Albury Park project, Bronze Age finds from Painshill, Iron Age settlement at Dunsfold and the Wandle Industrial Museum.

Venue: East Horsley Village Hall, Surrey

Details from: <https://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/events/all/list>

Saturday 22nd March 2025 (10.00-16.00)

Sussex School of Archaeology – **Thames Mudlarking, Searching for London's Lost Treasures**

Run in association with Thames Mudlarking this event will showcase the range of historical finds from the Thames foreshore.

Venue: King's Church, Lewes

Details from: <https://www.sussexarchaeology.org/>

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 **1st April** and **1st 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 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. 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 **March 1st** - please send any March, April and May items by **February 21st**

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