

**Welcome to the CBA SE Events and News,**

Dear Member,

We are pleased to announce the date of our AGM and following presentation

CBA Southeast 2025 AGM Lecture - **Tuesday 25 March 2025** at 19:00 - The Stiances Archaeological Project

Although **free**, registration must be made in advance.



Simon Stevens (Archaeology South East) will present his ongoing Stiances Archaeological Project which provides pupils at Newick Primary School (Sussex) with an all-to-rare opportunity to become involved with an archaeological 'dig'. Since 2009, the project on a field called 'Little Stiances' has seen geophysical and topographic surveys and the targeting of hand-dug test-pits, revealing an assortment of post-medieval finds from the 15th to the 19th centuries alongside a thin scatter of Mesolithic flintwork.

This project has been funded in part by CBA Southeast and in 2022 was awarded the 'Marsh Award for Youth Archaeology Project' by the Council for British Archaeology.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/162C7x9KQ4qLvUcS15Xdxg>

## CBA NEWS



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

The Council for British Archaeology's Festival of Archaeology will take place between the 19th July to the 3rd August 2025. Archaeology is a wonderful way to make a positive impact on people's well-being. During this year's Festival, we will be incorporating the [five ways to wellbeing](#) into our events and activities, creating opportunities for people to give, be active, learn, take notice and connect.

There are many ways archaeology can benefit your wellbeing from spending some time in nature at an archaeological site, a mindful moment studying an object, participating in a skills day or field school to learn something new, or spending time with other people at events or volunteering with a local group.

## Lectures

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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/EEHAStalks>

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (19.15)

### Surrey Industrial History Group – **The Stations of the London-Brighton and South Coast Railway.**

A **zoom** talk by Benny O’Looney on the architecture and architects of this line.

Details and booking from: <https://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/content/sihg-talk-the-stations-of-the-london-brighton-and-south-coast-railway-by-benny-olooney-zoom>

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (20.00)

### Plaxtol Local History Group – **The Boleyns of Hever**

A talk by Dr Owen Emmarson

Venue: Plaxtol Memorial Hall, School Lane, Plaxtol, Sevenoaks

Fee: non-members £4

Details from: <https://plaxtollocalhistory.wordpress.com/talks-visits/>

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (19.00)

**Worthing Archaeological Society – AGM & Lecture: The Neanderthal People of the English Channel: Adaptations, Encounters and Extinctions**

A lecture by Dr Matt Pope exploring the records from the English Channel.

Venue: Worthing Library Lecture Theatre, Richmond Road, Worthing

Fee: non-members £4

Details from: <https://www.worthingarchaeological.org/upcoming-events.html>

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (19.45)

**Tonbridge Historical Society – Tonbridge Priory – History, Pictures, Maps and Bones**

A talk by George Buswell

Venue: Riverside Room, The Angel Centre, Tonbridge

Fee: tbc

Details from: <https://www.tonbridgehistory.org.uk/thsh/thshome.htm#thselectures>

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (19.30)

**Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society – The Anglo-Saxon cemetery at Bishopstone – a progress report and prospects for the future**

A talk by Professor Martin Bell.

Venue: Unitarian Church, New Road, Brighton

Fee: non-members £5

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

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (19.30)

**University of Sussex Archaeological Society – Maritime connections and shared beliefs across the North Sea in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> centuries: The iconography of gold bracteates**

A **Zoom** lecture by Dr Charlotte Behr (University of Roehampton) on how gold bracteates provide important evidence for political and religious connections among local elites along the North Sea coasts.

Fee: non-subscribers £5 (early bird £3)

Details and booking from: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/usas-online-lecture-iconography-of-gold-bracteates-tickets-1243610545619>

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (19.30)

**Battle & District Historical Society – Life and Legacy of the Sultan  
Saladin**

A talk by Professor Jonathan Phillips on what extensive new research has revealed about Saladin

Venue: Battle Memorial Hall, Battle

Fee: tbc

Details from: <https://battlehistorysociety.com/programme/>

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025 (19.30)

**Lewes Archaeological Group – The Neolithic in Sussex**

A talk by Dr Jon Baczkowski exploring recent research on this topic

Venue: Lecture Hall, Lewes Town Hall, Fisher Street

Fee: non-members £4

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

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (19.30)

**Horley Local History Group – The History of British Coinage c.100BC  
to AD1971**

A talk by Dr David Rudling (Sussex School of Archaeology)

Venue: Horley Community Centre, Regent Hall, Albert Road, Horley

Fee: non-members £2

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (19.30)

**Chichester & District Archaeology Society – Archaeology and planning  
on the great estates of West Dean and Goodwood**

A talk by Mark Roberts

Venue: New Park Centre, New Park Road, Chichester

Fee: non-members £5

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



Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 (20.00)

**Orpington and District Archaeological Society – Orpington Priory**

A talk by Dr Janet Clayton

Venue: Christ Church URC, Tudor Way, Petts Wood

Fee: non-members £2

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

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (19.30)

**Worthing Archaeological Society – Smugglers of the South East**

A talk by Amie Friend who will step 300 years to when Sussex was a haven for smuggling illicit goods.

Venue: Worthing Library Lecture Theatre, Richmond Road, Worthing

Fee: non-members £4

Details from: <https://www.worthingarchaeological.org/upcoming-events.html>

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (19.30)

**Sussex Archaeological Society – Neighbours Through Time – Local Lives, Infinite Visions**

This Long Man Lecture will be presented by Prof. Alexandra Harris

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

Fee: non-member £27

Details and booking from: <https://sussexpast.co.uk/event/the-long-man-lecture-2025/>

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (20.00)

**Plaxtol Local History Group – Women & Work in Tudor & Stuart Kent**

A talk by Prof. Jackie Eales

Venue: Plaxtol Memorial Hall, School Lane, Plaxtol

Fee: non-members £4

Details from: <https://plaxtollocalhistory.wordpress.com/talks-visits/>

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (19.30)

**Tonbridge Historical Society – AGM & Bark, Basketry & Bosses:  
Investigating the Enderby Shield**

A talk by Dr Sophia Adams

Venue: Riverside Room, Angel Centre, Tonbridge

Details from: <https://www.tonbridgehistory.org.uk/thsh/thshome.htm#thslectures>

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (19.30)

**Battle & District History Society – Henry VII and the Tudor Pretenders**

A discussion of the shadowy conspiracies during his reign by Nathan Amin

Venue: Battle Memorial Hall, Battle

Details from: <https://battlehistorysociety.com/Programme/>

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (19.30)

**University of Sussex Archaeological Society – With this ring .... An  
exploration of the form and function of finger rings with finds from  
the Portable Antiquities Scheme**

A **Zoom** talk by Jane Clark (Sussex Finds Liaison Officer)

Fee: £5 non-subscribers (early bird £3)

Details and booking from: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/usas-online-lecture-with-this-ring-tickets-1242459512849>

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 (17.30)

**Surrey History Centre – Arsenic & Old Lace**

A **Zoom** talk by the Conservator, Rachel Marsh, on the challenges of conserving the archive and the many pigments and inks found there.

Fee: £6

Booking and details from: <https://customer.surreycc.gov.uk/article/2029?eventid=1773-3398-1982-3063&bookingformid=602>

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (19.30)

**Lewes Archaeological Group – Breweries, Iron Foundries & Other Aspects of the Industrial History of Lewes c.1700 to 1914**

A talk on the evidence for a rich industrial of Lewes by Sue Berry

Venue: Lecture Room, Lewes Town Hall, Fisher Street

Fee: non-members £4

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

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (19.30)

**Prehistoric Group: Surrey Archaeological Society – One thousand years of solitude? Social lives and transformation in the Middle and Late Neolithic of south-east England, 3500-2500**

A **Zoom** talk by Paul Garwood (Birmingham University)

Details and booking from: <https://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/content/one-thousand-years-of-solitude>

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (20.00)

**Orpington & District Archaeological Society – The Changing Interpretation of Roman Bath Houses in Kent**

A talk by Ann Isenberg

Venue: Christs Church URC, Tudor Way, Petts Wood

Fee: £2

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





## Events

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 project, Bronze Age finds from Painshill, Iron Age settlement at Dunsfold and the Wandle Industrial Museum.

Venue: East Horsley Village Hall, Surrey

Details and booking from: <https://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/content/annual-symposium-2025>



Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:john.funnell@brightonarch.org.uk)

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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/>

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 (10.45-17.15)

## Kent Archaeological Society – **Miracles in Glass: the Study and Conservation of Canterbury's Stained Glass Heritage**

This study day takes advantage of the removal of one of the windows from the Trinity Chapel with talks by experts, a display from the collections and a guided tour of the Chapel.

Venue: Canterbury Cathedral

Fee: £60

Details and Booking from: <https://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk/events/miracles-in-glass>

Saturday 5th April 2025 (9.00-17.00)

## ASE – **Anniversary Conference**

Details and booking from the poster



The poster for the ASE 50th Anniversary Conference features a large circular logo on the left with the text 'Celebrating 50 years', '50', 'ASE', and '1974-2024'. To the right, the text reads 'Anniversary Conference', 'Saturday 5th April 2025', and 'Join us for a journey through time and be part of our 50th anniversary finale!'. Below the logo is a row of five small images showing various archaeological activities. Further down, the text says 'Celebrate 50 years of archaeological discovery and innovation at the Archaeology South-East 50th Anniversary Conference!'. This is followed by a bulleted list of features: '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.....'. A QR code is positioned to the right of this list. Below the QR code, the text says '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 another row of five small images showing archaeological work.

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<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/archaeology-south-east/ase-50>

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (10.00-17.00)

## Weald & Downland Living Museum – **Easter Through The Ages**

Step back in time and experience Easter through the ages, from the Saxons to the Edwardians

Venue: Weald & Downland Living Museum, Town Lane, Singleton

Fee: Normal entry fee

Details and booking from: <https://www.wealddown.co.uk/events/easter-through-the-ages/>

(The museum also runs a number of popular courses which sell out quickly – do check their website for interesting opportunities)

## Save the Date:

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (11.00-15.00)

### The Historical Metallurgy Society – **Festival of Metals**

A weekend with renowned researchers and craftspeople sharing their skills and knowledge with demonstrations and in-depth talks.

Venue: Butser Ancient Farm, Chalton Lane

Fee: £8.50 - £27

Details and booking: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/festival-of-metals-tickets-1219053294219>



Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

### Culver Project – **Bridge Farm Excavations**

Trench 8 has been opened at the East Entrance. If interested in volunteering or the training school contact: [join@culverproject.co.uk](mailto:join@culverproject.co.uk)

More details available from: <https://www.culverproject.co.uk/>

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (9.30-17.00)

### Surrey Archaeological Society: Roman Studies Group – **Shining a light on Roman Roadside Settlement in South-East England**

This conference has been arranged in conjunction with the Sussex School of Archaeology and will be held ‘in person’ and online.

Venue: King’s Church. Lewes

Fee: Early Bird £18 (£10 online)

Details from: <https://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/content/rsg-conference-shining-a-light-on-roman-roadside-settlement-in-south-east-england>

## 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. 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 **May 1st** - please send any May, June or July items by **April 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  [cbasoutheast.bsky.social](https://cbasoutheast.bsky.social).