

Welcome to the CBA SE Events and News,

Dear Member,

On the 25th March we held our Annual General Meeting. Many thanks to those of you who attended and voted in the Trustee elections. We said a fond farewell to Judie English, who has retired from the committee after many years' service and are glad that both David Rudling and Rosemary Hooker have agreed to be co-opted as members of the committee now that their terms of office as Trustees have completed. As mentioned at the meeting and in Steve's frontispiece to the last e-letter, we are always open to new faces joining the committee. If you feel that you are interested in helping us to improve our offering and would like to know more, please do contact us.

- One of our most important functions is the funding of archaeological projects through our grant-giving scheme. We have supported the award-winning* Stances Archaeological Project since its inception and before the AGM we were fortunate to be given a most enlightening and entertaining talk by its director, Simon Stevens.

Located in a field in the middle of Sussex, the project started with the hunt for the home of one of the 55 young men of Newark who never returned from the First World War. From there it morphed into an archaeological fieldwork project, but one with a difference. It is an excavation of the remains of that home dug by primary school children aged between four and eleven under the supervision of professional archaeologists and aided, abetted (and sometime hindered) by teachers, parents and grandparents. The excavation has taken place for one week every three years, starting in 2010, with the children being introduced to excavation, survey methods, map-reading and finds processing amongst other skills. The longevity of the project and the school's active involvement speak for themselves. It is a privilege to be able to facilitate activities like these which foster an active interest in the past in the children of today.

On the subject of talks, I hope that many of you are aware of our YouTube Channel, where you can catch up with some of our previous online talks: www.youtube.com/@cbasouth-east9845

With best wishes to all,

Elizabeth

CBA-SE Secretary.

- *The Marsh Award for Community Archaeology in 2022

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<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.

Friday 6th June 2025 (10.30 – 16.30)

Seaside Heritage Network and Historic Buildings & Places –
Recognising Seaside Heritage

Venue: The Charterhouse, London

Fee: £20

Booking and details from: <https://www.archaeologyuk.org/get-involved/events-and-activities/event-calendar/recognising-seaside-heritage-symposium.html>

Lectures

Wednesday 7th 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/>

Wednesday 7th May 2025 (20.00)

Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society – **The Harpole Treasure**

A talk by Gillian King on one of the most significant early medieval female burials in Britain.

Venue: Ewell Hall, London Road, Ewell

Fee: non-members £4

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

Monday 12th May 2025 (19.15)

Dorking Local History Group – **Cast –iron Firebacks: more interesting than you'd think**

A talk by Jeremy Hodgkinson on how these can tell you something about the house and its owners.

Venue: Crossways Community Baptist Church, Junction Road, Dorking

Details from: <https://dlhg.org.uk/current-programme/>

Thursday 15th May 2025 ((19.30)

Battle History Society – **Napoleon's Obsession – Invasion of England**

The Springfield Memorial Lecture given by Brig. Hugh Willing on the effect of this threat on the defences of Britain.

Venue: Battle Memorial Hall, Battle

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

Monday 19th May 2025 (19.30)

Dorking Local History Group – ‘Why is Dorking called Dorking?’

A **zoom** talk by Robert Briggs on how the probable derivation of the name illuminate the history and archaeology of the area.

Details from: : <https://dlhg.org.uk/current-programme/>

Thursday 22nd May 2025 (19.30)

Nutley Historical Society – Hadrian’s Wall

A talk by Dr David Rudling

Venue: Nutley Church Hall, High Street, Nutley

Fee: non-members £4 – refreshments included

Friday 30th May 2025 (18.00)

**The Novium Museum – Excavations at Land West of Tangmere:
Romano-British remains from ongoing investigations**

Archaeologists Tom Munnery and Garrett Sheehan of ASE reveal the latest findings from the ongoing excavations of this site.

Venue: The Novium Museum, Chichester

Fee: £8

Details and booking from:

<https://chichesterboxoffice.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/873653534>

Wednesday 4th June 2025 (20.00)

**Orpington & District Archaeological Society – Community Archaeology
Update from Greenwich Park**

A talk by Andrew Mayfield, Community Archaeologist, Greenwich Park

Venue: Christs Church URC. Tudor Way, Petts Wood

Fee: £2

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

Wednesday 4th June 2025 (20.00)

Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society – **Archaeological sites of Turkey**

A talk by Richard Baker

Venue: Ewell Hall, London Road, Ewell

Fee: non-members £4

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

Monday 9th June 2025 (19.30)

Lewes History Group – **The Piltdown Men**

A talk by Antony Dicks

Venue: King's Church, Brooks Road, Lewes

Fee: non-members £4 (apply for tickets from [Ticketsource.co.uk/lhg](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/lhg))

Further details from: <https://leweshistory.org.uk/meetings>

Thursday 12th June 2025 (18.30)

Historic Buildings Research Group, Badlesmere – **Historic Building Mythbusting – Uncovering Folklore, History & Archaeology**

A talk by James Wright inviting you to discover the truth behind the myths and legends of ancient vernacular architecture.

Venue: Badlesmere Village Hall, Badlesmere

Fee: £11.55 Tickets from: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/historic-building-mythbusting-uncovering-folklore-history-archaeology-tickets-1203112725549>

Thursday 19th June 2025 (19.30)

Battle History Society – **James Burton – a zealous investigator in Egypt of its antiquities**

A lecture by Stephen Howard Gray on the adventurous history of this interesting figure

Venue: Battle Memorial Hall, Battle

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

Thursday 26th June 2025 (19.00)

Kent Archaeological Society – **Trapped in time: a closer look at Otzi, Star Carr and the not so primitive ‘early people’**

An **online** talk by Giselle Kiraly of PCAS.D#

Details from: <https://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk/events/trapped-in-time-a-closer-look-at-tzi-star-carr-and-the-not-so-primitive-early-people>

Friday 27th June 2025 (19.30)

Ringmer History Group – **Ivan Donald Margary (1896-1976): An Officer, Gentleman, Scholar and Philanthropist**

A talk by Dr David Rudling

Venue: Ringmer Village Hall, Ringmer

Free – all welcome

Wednesday 2nd July 2025 (20.00)

Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society – **Landmarks in the history and archaeology of Algeria**

A talk by Hugh Ricketts

Venue: Ewell Hall, London Road, Ewell

Fee: non-members £4

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

Wednesday 2nd July 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: £2

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

Events

Sunday 4th May – Monday 5th May 2025 (10.00-17.00)

Weald & Downland Museum – **Try a Trade**

Help to keep our heritage trades alive during two days of activities especially for children (8+)

Venue: Weald & Downland Museum, Singleton

Fee: Entrance fees

Details and booking from: <https://www.wealddown.co.uk/events/try-a-trade/>

Monday 5th May 2025 – Saturday 28th June 2025 (10.00-17.00)

Kent Archaeological Society – **Lees Court Estate: Save the Date**

The Kent Archaeological Society will be returning to Lees Court Estate to investigate a possible Neolithic long barrow.

Details will be available from: <https://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk/events>

Saturday 24th May – Sunday 1st June 2025 (10.00-17.00)

Weald & Downland Museum – **Saxon Week**

Discover the Saxon period this May half-term

Venue: Weald & Downland Museum, Singleton

Fee: Normal entrance fee

Details from: <https://www.wealddown.co.uk/events/may-half-term/>

Saturday 24th May – Sunday 25th May 2025 (10.00 – 16.00)

Butser Ancient Farm – **Festival of Metals – Historical Metallurgy Society**

A weekend of metal-working in action with demonstrations and talks.

Venue: Butser Ancient Farm, Chalton Lane, Chalton

Fee: Normal entry fees apply

Details from: <https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/whats-on/festival-of-metals-historical-metallurgy-society>

Monday 26th May – 4th 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

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

Monday 26th May 2025

The Novium Museum – **Chichester Roman Week: Discover Roman Chichester Walk**

A guided walk from the Novium Museum to Fishbourne Roman Palace

Venue: Meet at the Museum

Fee: Adults £18, Children £9.50 (includes entrance to Fishbourne Roman Palace)

Details and booking from: <https://www.thenovium.org.uk/article/37406/Discover-Roman-Chichester>

The Novium Museum is running daily events during Chichester Roman Week. These are listed here:
<https://www.thenovium.org.uk/whatson>

Saturday 31st May – Sunday 1st June 2025 (10.00-16.00)

Butser Ancient Farm – **Roman Reenactment Weekend**

Discover life in Roman Britain with the Butser IX Legion

Venue: Butser Ancient Farm, Chalton Lane, Chalton

Fee: Normal entrance fees

Details from: <https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/whats-on/roman-reenactment-living-history-1>

Friday 6th June 2025 (18.30-20.00)

Butser Ancient Farm – **Canterbury Tales Reshod**

An afternoon of culture and comedy from the annals of Chaucer's Tales brought up to date for modern audiences

Venue: Butser Ancient Farm, Chalton Lane

Fee: £19.50

Details and booking from: <https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/whats-on/storytelling-canterbury-tales-jason-buck-dave-tonge-afternoon>

Saturday 21st June – Sunday 22nd June 2025 (10.00-17.00)

Weald & Downland Museum – **Tudor Law and Order**

During your visit this weekend the History Reenactment Work will be performing at 11am and 14pm. They will reenact a court session based on historical cases.

Venue: Weald & Downland Museum, Singleton

Fee: Normal entrance fee

Details from: <https://www.wealddown.co.uk/events/elizabethan-law-order/>

Saturday 21st June – Sunday 22nd June 2025 (10.00-16.00)

Butser Ancient Farm – **Summer Solstice 25**

Mark Midsummer with music, merriment and mead

Venue: Butser Ancient Farm, Chalton Lane

Fee: Normal entrance fee

Details from: <https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/summer-solstice-midsummer-2025>

Saturday 21st June 2025 (10.00)

Chichester & District Archaeology Society – **Walking tour of Roman (and Medieval) Chichester**

Led by James Kenny, Archaeology Officer, Chichester District Council

Meet in front of the Council Chamber, North Street

Fee: Non-members £12.50

Booking essential from: activities@cdas.info.

Saturday 5th July 2025 (10.00 – 12.30)

Butser Ancient Farm – **Language of the Ancient Britons Workshop**

This workshop will trace the roots of modern English and other European languages.

Venue: Butser Ancient Farm, Chalton Lane

Fee: £35

Details and booking from: <https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/whats-on/language-of-the-ancient-britons-workshop-2>

Conference

Saturday 7th June 2025 (9.15-17.00)

Surrey Archaeological Society: Roman Studies Conference – **Shining a Light on Roman Roadside Settlements in South East England and Beyond**

This conference is held in association with the Sussex School of History & Archaeology and will be a hybrid event.

Venue: King's Church, Brook Road, Lewes

Fee (includes refreshments): £20 or £15 online (Early Bird prices available until the end of May)

Details and booking from: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/shining-a-light-on-roman-roadside-settlements-in-se-england-and-beyond-tickets-1308492308719>

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 **July 1st** - please send any July, August or September items by **June 25th**

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