

Welcome to the CBA SE Events and News,

Dear Member,

JOHN FUNNELL (1946-2025)

It is with great sadness that we report the death on August 6th of CBA SE Committee Member John Funnell following health problems. John was a founder member and a former trustee of the Council for British Archaeology South-East and was its Treasurer from 1994-2016, and Grants Officer from 2016-2025.

John was also a very active field archaeologist in Sussex, especially in the Brighton area where he was a member, trustee, and a former President (1994-1996; 2004-2006), of the Brighton and Hove Archaeological Society. On behalf of BHAS John directed excavations at Downsview, Coldean, at Rocky Clump, Stanmer and at several other sites, assisted at other BHAS excavations such as at Ovingdean, undertook the task of checking planning applications in the Brighton area for any potential archaeological implications, and was an important member of both the Events Committee and the Outreach Team. A much appreciated initiative that John introduced in 2003 was the production each week of the popular BHAS Email 'Updates'. John's wider involvement in Sussex archaeology was reflected in his regular attendances at the Sussex Archaeology Forum, and he was its Chairman from 1996 to 1999. In 2011 John was chosen as the Sussex Heritage Person of the Year.

John was an exceptionally friendly, kind, amusing and helpful individual, a true gentleman, who made people who were new to archaeology very welcome. His enthusiasm for archaeology was infectious, and he will be much missed. A longer and more detailed obituary will be published in the next CBA South-East newsletter. Our thoughts are with John's wife Rene and their family.

John's funeral has been arranged for Wednesday, 3 September, at 12 Noon, in the Main Chapel, Down's Crematorium, Brighton. After the funeral there will be a reception at the Ladies Mile Pub, Mackie Avenue, Patcham, BN1 8RA. Any donations in memory of John should be made via SE Skinner and Sons Funeral Directors of Brighton for Martlets Hospice. John's wife Irene has requested that mourners should wear bright colours.

Dr David Rudling

With John having been ill for some time and our Grant's application process which he managed being an important aspect of our organisations offering, the committee co-opted Hugh Fiske into this role as a stand-in. Hugh has been our independent financial examiner for many years now and knows something of the organisations structure and has been able to see how grant applications are funded in the past, so it seemed like a natural progression to offer that role. I thank Hugh for stepping forward and will, hopefully, see Hugh become an elected member come our next Annual General Meeting. If this does come to being, then I will be seeking a new independent examiner for our accounts to replace Hugh.

Unfortunately, due to various issues, our previously announced 2025 conference will not now take place this year. Please pencil into your diaries the 24th of January 2026 instead. Further details will be announced throughout the year. We are likely to hold two conferences next year, the second scheduled for October 2026. Again, more details will be provided.

Finally, I hope that you all had the opportunity to partake in at least one event during the CBA's 2025 Festival of Archaeology, held throughout July/August. As a co-leader of the CBA's Chichester Young Archaeologist Club, I was delighted that our young archaeologists along with the Brighton YAC branch, were invited to excavate for a few hours at Highdown Hill, west of Worthing. This was a collaborative dig organised by the National Trust, Worthing Museum and Worthing Archaeological Society. It was great to see so many trenches open, talks arranged and especially to learn just how many visitors this excavation attracted. The festival's theme this year was Archaeology and Wellbeing.

Steven Cleverly, Chair CBA SE

CONFERENCES

Saturday 6th September 2025 (9.00-17.00)

Changing Chalk – **Heritage on the Downs**

Venue: King's Church, Lewes,

Speakers include: Dr D Rudling, Jo Seaman and Simon Cooper

Free of charge:: sign up via: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx>

Saturday 11th October 2025 (10.00-17.15)

Sussex School of Archaeology & History – **Change in Victorian and Edwardian Sussex, 1840 – 1914**

Venue: King's Church, Lewes

Early Bird Fee: £24 (in person), £14 (online) available to 7th September

From 8th September: £28 /£18 (student concessions available)

Booking from: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/change-in-victorian-edwardian-sussex-1840-1914-study-day-tickets-1260935565219>

Saturday 8th November 2025 (9.00 – 17.45)

Sussex Archaeological Society – **Subseaxna: New Research from the Early Medieval Record**

Venue: Conference Space, Bramber House, University of Sussex, Falmer

Fee: Non-members £35, Students £20

Booking necessary from: <https://sussexpast.co.uk/event/the-sussex-archaeological-society-conference-suthseaxna-new-research-from-the-early-medieval-record/>

Lectures

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 (20.00)

Orpington & District Archaeological Society – **MoLA excavations at 50 Fenchurch Street: An overview of the archaeological work to date**

A talk by Jess Bryan, MoLA

Venue: Christ Church URC, Tudor Way, Petts Wood

Fee: non-members £3

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

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 (20.00)

Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society – **A Life in Museums**

A talk by Susan Dalloe, Curator Bourne Hall Museum

Venue: Ewell Hall, London Road, Ewell

Fee: non-members £4

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

Monday 8th September 2025 (19.30)

Lewes History Group – **Lost Churches in the Lewes Area**

A talk by John Bleach

Venue: King's Church, Brooks Road, Lewes

Fee: non-members £4 ticket purchase

Details from: <https://leweshistory.org.uk/meetings/>

Thursday 11th September 2025 (14.00)

Surrey Industrial History Group – **Thomas Sopwith – Aviation**

Pioneer

A talk by David Hassard

Venue: Oddfellows Hall, Bridge Street, Leatherhead

Visitors: £3

Details from: <https://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/content/sihg-talk-thomas-sopwith-aviation-pioneer-by-david-hassard-leatherhead>

Thursday 11th September 2025 (19.45)

**Tonbridge Historical Society – ‘Carve Their Names with Pride:
Female Secret Agents in the Second World War**

A talk by Juliette Pattison

Venue: Medway Hall, Angel Centre, Tonbridge

Fee: TBC

Details from: secretary@tonbridgehistory.org.uk

Friday 12th September 2025 (20.00)

**Richmond Archaeological Society – Roman Roads in Southwark: an
alternative model**

A talk by Becky Haslam of AOC discussing recent work and new interpretations.

Venue: Richmond Library Annex, Quadrant Road, Richmond

Visitors by donation

Details from: https://www.richmondarchaeology.org.uk/lecture_future/lecture_future.html

Friday 12th September 2025 (19.15)

Friends of Anne of Cleves House – The Ghost Stories of M R James

A talk by Anthony Hope

Venue: Anne of Cleves House, Lewes

Tickets £10 from mcannacrabtree@gmail.com

Wednesday 17th September 2025 (19.30)

**Horsham & District Archaeology Group – River Mole: its History and
Archaeology**

A talk by Nigel Bond

Venue: Copshale Village Hall, Bar Lane, Horsham

Fee: non-members £5 (refreshments included)

Details from: horshamarch@hotmail.co.uk

Thursday 18th September 2025 (19.00)

Kent Archaeological Society – **Pitt-Rivers in Kent: musketry and excavations**

An **online** talk by Prof. Dan Hicks, University of Oxford, outlining the importance of Kent to the work and thinking of Augustus Pitt-Rivers.

Details from: <https://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk/events/pitt-rivers-in-kent-musketry-and-excavations>

Tuesday 23rd September 2025 (19.30)

Dorking Local History Group – **An Introduction to Medieval Buildings Myths**

A **Zoom** talk by James Wright

Details from: <https://dlhg.org.uk/committee-and-contacts/>

Wednesday 24th September 2025 (19.30)

Chichester & District Archaeology Society – **Priory Park**

A talk by James Kenny on recent work.

Venue: New Park Centre, New Park Road, Chichester

Fee: non-members £5

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

Wednesday 24th September 2025 (19.30)

University of Sussex Archaeological Society – **Was Pevensey the Saxon Burh of Haestingceastre, and the site of the Norman base in 1066?**

An **online** talk by Dr Rebecca Welshman and Simon Coleman

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

Thursday 25th September 2025 (19.00)

Friends of Canterbury Archaeological Trust – **From Roman Forts to Viking Mints: Treasures that Changed the Rules**

A talk by Isabel Diggle, Kent Finds Liaison Officer,

Venue: LG16, Laud Building, Ground Floor, Canterbury Christ Church University, Canterbury

Details and booking from: <https://www.canterburytrust.co.uk/events/from-roman-forts-to-viking-mints-treasures-that-changed-the-rules>

Wednesday 1st October 2025 (20.00)

Orpington & District Archaeological Society – Excavations in Kent

A talk by Rebecca Haslam of AOC

Venue: Christ Church URC, Tudor Way, Petts Wood

Non-members £3

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

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Thursday 9th October 2025 (19.00)

Surrey Archaeological Society Prehistoric Group – Rooted in History

A **Zoom** talk by Dr Lawrence Shaw,, Lead Historic Environment Advisor, Forestry England

This lecture will touch on the incredible archaeology and history within our forests.

Details from: <https://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/content/rooted-in-history>

Thursday 9th October 2025 (19.45)

Tonbridge Historical Society – The Discovery of Thomas Cromwell’s Book of Hours

A talk by Dr Owen Emmerson charting the role he played in this discovery.

Venue: Medway Hall, Angel Centre, Tonbridge

Details from: secretary@tonbridgehistory.org.uk

Friday 10th October 2025 (20.00)

Richmond Archaeological Society – The Oxfordshire Field Systems

A talk by Becky Haslam (AOC)

Venue: Richmond Library Annex, Quadrant Road, Richmond

Visitors by donation

Details from: https://www.richmondarchaeology.org.uk/lecture_future/lecture_future.html

Friday 10th October 2025 (19.30)

Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society – The Rise and Decline of Druse Farm Roman Villa (AD 60-650) – a multi period site in Dorset

A talk by Lilian Ladle, Visiting Fellow at Bournemouth University

Venue Unitarian Church, New Road, Brighton

Fee: non-members £5

Details from: <https://brightonarch.org.uk/4.htm>

Tuesday 14th October 2025 (19.30)

Worthing Archaeological Society – **Threats to our Archaeological Heritage**

A talk by Dr David Rudling examining some of the main threats involved

Venue: Worthing Library Lecture Theatre, Richmond Road, Worthing

Non-members: £4

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

Tuesday 14th October 2025 (20.00)

Plaxtol Local History Group – **Founders' Lecture: Exploring Kentish Castles**

A talk by David Carder

Venue: Plaxtol Memorial Hall, School Lane, Plaxtol

Fee: non-members £4

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

Wednesday 15th October 2025 (19.30)

University of Sussex Archaeological Society – **Selsey, Lewes, and the Early Medieval Kingdoms of Sussex**

An **online** talk by Dr Michael Shapland (ASE)

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

Saturday 18th October 2025 (11.45)

Wealden Buildings Study Group – **Autumn meeting**

Dr Janet Pennington will be talking on *Cakes and Ale*, followed by Christopher Reynolds on *The Secrets of Surrey's Pubs*

Venue: Wivelsfield Church Hall, Church Lane

Fee: non-members £5

Details from: <https://www.wealdenbuildings.org.uk/events/meetings-and-workshops>

Friday 17th October 2025 (19.00)

Kent Archaeological Society – **The History of Vikings in Kent**

A talk by Andy Ward, KAS Curator, delving into this period of Kent's heritage.

Venue: Maidstone Museum, Maidstone

Fee £5, booking necessary and details from: <https://museum.maidstone.gov.uk/whats-on/events/history-of-vikings-talk-kas/>

Wednesday 22nd October 2025 (19.30)

Chichester & District Archaeology Society – **“Of George and Allectus” – writing an archaeological novel**

A talk by William Foot

Venue: New Park Centre, New Park Road, Chichester

Non-members £5

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

Wednesday 22nd October 2025 (20.00)

Horsham District Archaeology Group – **2000 years of archaeology at Smallhythe in Kent**

A talk by Natalie Cohen

Venue: Copsale Village Hall, Bar Lane, Horsham

Fee: non-members £5

Details from: horshamarch@hotmail.co.uk

Wednesday 5th November 2025 (20.00)

Orpington & District Archaeological Society – **The Cheapside Hoard**

A talk by Hazel Forsyth, Curator of Post Medieval Collections at the London Museum

Venue: Christ Church URC, Tudor Way, Petts Wood

Non-members £3

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

Friday 14th November 2025 (19.30)

Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society – **Monuments in Action: the ‘Medway Megaliths of Kent’ and the making of new worlds**

A talk by Paul Garwood, Associate Professor of Archaeology, University of Birmingham

Venue: Unitarian Church, New Road, Brighton

Fee: non-members £5

Details from: https://brightonarch.org.uk/6_1.htm

Events

Saturday 6th September 2025 (10.00)

Chichester & District Archaeological Society – **Walking Tour of Roman (and Medieval) Chichester**

This tour will be led by James Kenny, Archaeology Officer, Chichester District Council

Meet: Council Chamber, North Street, Chichester

Cost: £7,50 Members; £12.50 non- members

Booking from: activities@cdas.info.

Saturday 13th September – Sunday 14th September 2025 (14.00-16.30)

Orpington & District Archaeological Society – **Scadbury Manor: Open Weekend**

Visit the foundations of the Tudor manor house; nature trail, self guided walk, bookstall and displays.

Venue: Scadbury Park, Chislehurst

Free, donations welcome

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

Sunday 14th September 2025 (15.00)

Tonbridge Historical Society – **Walk Tonbridge Festival 2025 – Walking the Fosse**

Mark Ansdell will be leading this walk explaining the history of the Fosse and its relevance to the medieval history of Tonbridge.

Booking available from: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/walk-tonbridge-festival-2025-walking-the-fosse-tickets-1342228695159>

Tuesday 16th September 2025 (9.30-17.00)

Weald & Downland Living Museum – **How to date Timber -framed houses in the Weald and Downland region**

This course will be led by Joe Thompson and limited to 12 participants. It will cover some of the most commonly surviving plan forms and types of timber-frame encountered in the region.

Venue: Weald & Downland Museum, Singleton

Fee: £135

Booking and details from: <https://www.wealddown.co.uk/events/how-to-date-timber-framed-houses-in-the-weald-and-downland-region/>

Saturday – Sunday 21st September 2025 (10.00 – 16.00)

Butser Ancient Farm – **Equinox Viking Festival**

Celebrate the equinox with an immersive two-day Viking themed festival. Lots to do and see.

Venue: Butser Ancient Farm, Chalton Lane

Fee: Adult £20.50, Child £11.50

Full details and booking from: <https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/equinox-viking-festival>

Wednesday 24th September 2025 (14.00-16.00)

Rottingdean Whiteway Centre – **Roman Britain**

A 10 week course led by Dr David Rudling who will start by reviewing the state of Britain prior to the two invasions of 55/54BC and AD43 and finish by considering the End of Roman Sussex.

Venue: Rottingdean Whiteway Centre, Rottingdean.

Fee: £110

Details and booking from: <https://www.rwc.org.uk>

Thursday 9th October 2025 (14.15 – 16.45)

Roman Sussex – a 5 week course

Dr David Rudling will be exploring aspects of life in Sussex during the Roman period and considering this period from the perspectives of both the Romans and the native populations.

Venue: The Henfield Hall, Coopers Way, Henfield

Fee details and booking from: nigel.colgate@btinternet.com or call Maureen Lucas on 01273 493966

Friday 31st October 2025 (18.30)

Butser Ancient Farm – **Samhain Celtic Celebration**

Celebrate Samhain with an evening of story telling and crafting in the Great Roundhouse.

Venue: Butser Ancient Farm, Chalton Lane

Fee: £19.50

Details and booking from: <https://butserancientfarm.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173667327>

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 trustees@cbasouth-east.org 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/>

Note that the current application deadlines are: Wednesday 12th November 2025 and Wednesday 11th March 2026.

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 **November 1st** - please send any September, October or November items by **October 25th**

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