

Welcome to the CBA SE Events and News,

Dear Member,

Each year, the CBA (Council for British Archaeology) work with a regional group to organise a 'members weekend' that all national and regional members are welcome to attend. This year CBA East organised a Saxon themed weekend in Suffolk, which I attended. We sent out their invitation in the summer.

First, we met on the morning of Saturday 20th September for a behind the scenes tour of the work being undertaken by the Sutton Hoo Ship's Company constructing a replica Sutton Hoo Anglo-Saxon ship at Woodbridge. The efforts of the professionals and volunteers involved was very impressive and they are hopefully on target to launch the ship next year. To see more on the project, please visit <https://saxonship.org/the-project/>



In the afternoon the National Trust organised a guided walk around the Sutton Hoo burial ground and talked about the recent Time Team excavations there. Having family in the area, this is a site I have visited before, but receiving a first hand account of the recent work was beneficial.

In the early evening, we retreated to a pub in Woodbridge and enjoyed an informative talk from Dr Helen Gittos (University of Oxford), who put forward links between the Saxon burials in the region and Syria in the late sixth century.

Finally on Sunday morning we met up at West Stow, the site of an early Anglo-Saxon village (occupied from AD 420-650) now hosting an impressive recreation of an Anglo-Saxon village comprising eight buildings. The history and ongoing work of the West Stow Anglo-Saxon Trust was explained and a guided tour given by their archaeologist - <https://www.weststow.org/Anglo-Saxon-Village/>



The weekend was well organised, enjoyable and informative with opportunities to meet with other members from across the country. It is yet to be decided which region will hold next years 'groups weekend', but we will extend their invite when it develops.

Steve Cleverly, Chair

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Our AGM will be held in the Spring of 2026 and the final date will be confirmed early next year. The Committee would like to recruit two new members to fill gaps in the committee structure. Volunteers to join us and to take on the roles of Conference co-Ordinator and Events management are asked to contact the Chair, Steve Cleverly (s.cleverly@icloud.com) for details.

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<https://www.archaeologyuk.org/get-involved/volunteering.html>



CBA SOUTH EAST CONFERENCE

Saturday 24th January 2026 (10.00-15.30)

Moated sites in south-east England: 21st century research and insights

Save the date for this conference where CBA-SE and the Medieval Studies Forum (SyAS) have come together to bring new research and insights on moated sites in the south-east of England, while considering themes and approaches which may be applied to older excavations.

Confirmed speakers include Natalie Cohan (National Trust), Diccon Hart (HB Archaeology and Conservation Ltd), Alastair Oswald (English Heritage), Janet Clayton (Orpington & District Archaeological Society), Anne Sassin (Kent Downs National Landscape) and Rob Briggs (SyAS).

Details from: <https://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/moated-sites-in-the-south-east-conference>

Booking will be made available shortly from the above link.

It should be noted that there are limited lunchtime facilities in East Horsley so the audience are advised to make their own arrangements.

Lectures

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/>

Wednesday 5th November 2025 (20.00)

Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society – Snuff and the Wandle Mills

A talk by Mick Taylor (Wandle Industrial Museum)

Venue: Ewell Hall, London Road, Ewell

Fee: non-members £4

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

Saturday 8th November 2025 (14.30)

Tonbridge Local History – Wren’s City Churches; Historic Greenwich Village

Two talks by Ian Bevan MA, a City of London guide and lecturer.

Venue: Medway Hall, Angel Centre, Tonbridge

Booking necessary from: secretary@tonbridgehistory.org.uk

Tuesday 11th November 2025 (19.30)

Worthing Archaeological Society – ‘Fall in Ghosts’: Archaeological Investigations at the site of the World War Training Camp at Cooden, East Sussex

A talk by Simon Stevens for the Con Ainsworth Memorial Lecture

Venue: Worthing Library Lecture Theatre, Richmond Road

Fee: non-members £4

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

Tuesday 11th November 2025 (20.00)

Plaxtol Local History Group – **Pocahontas & Gravesend**

A talk by Jenny Watson-Bore

Venue: Plaxtol Memorial Hall, School Lane, Plaxtol

Fee: non-members £4

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

Tuesday 11th November 2025 (19.30)

Sussex Archaeology & History – **The West Sussex Fascists**

An **online** talk by Chris Hare exploring an aspect of the local history of Sussex.

Fee: £5

Booking from: <https://tixoom.app/sussexarchaeology>

Wednesday 12th November 2025 (19.30)

Otford and District Historical Society – **350 years of mud and cow dung**

A presentation by ASE and Kent Downs sharing the results of investigations at Otford Palace.

Venue: Otford Village Memorial Hall

Thursday 13th November 2025 (14.30)

The North Sussex Centre Branch of the National Trust – **Roman Sussex**

Dr David Rudling will be talking about this crucial period of Sussex history.

Venue: Wesley Hall, London Road, Horsham

Fee: non-members £5

Thursday 13th November 2025 (19.00)

Medieval Studies Forum (SyAS) – **St Johns Jerusalem**

This free **online** talk will follow the Surrey MSF AGM when Natalie Cohen (National Trust) and Anne Sassin (Kent Downs) will discuss the results of recent research and the potential for further investigation..

Details and booking from: <https://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/msf-agm-and-lecture>

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

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

Monday 17th November 2025 (19.30)

Dorking Local History Group – **Clandon and the Onslows**

An **online** talk by Martin Ellis (Surrey National Trust) on this important family and the history of Clandon Park House

Details from: programme@dlhg.co.uk

Wednesday 19th November 2025 (19.30)

Sussex Archaeology and History – **The Sally Christian Archaeology Lecture 2025: The Medway Megaliths**

An **online** lecture by Paul Garwood

Details and booking from: admin@sussexarchaeology.co.uk

Thursday 20th November 2025 (20.00)

Bexley Archaeological Group – **Stonehenge, the sun and the moon**

A talk by Prof. Clive Ruggles

Venue: St Lawrence’s Catholic Church Hall, Hamilton Road, Sidcup

Fee: non-members £8

Details from: <https://www.bag.org.uk/events/prof-clive-ruggles-stonehenge-the-sun-and-the-moon/>

Thursday 20th November 2025 (19.30)

Battle History Society – Klein Hollandia

A talk by Mark Beattie-Edwards (Nautical Archaeology Society) on this wreck off the Sussex coast and its importance to Anglo-Dutch history.

Venue: Battle Memorial Hall, Battle

Fee: tbc

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

Friday 21st November 2025 (19.30)

Lewes Archaeological Group – Relocating the Battle of Hastings

A talk by Simon Coleman and Rebecca Welshman using new sources to locate the site beyond Battle.

Venue: Lewes Town Hall, Fisher Street

Fee: non-members £4

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

Wednesday 26th November 2025 (19.30)

Chichester & District Archaeological Society – Forestry England and Archaeology

A talk by Dr Lawrence Shaw on what Forestry England does for archaeology in our forests.

Venue: New Park Centre, New Park Road, Chichester

Fee: non-members £5

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

Wednesday 26th November 2025 (19.30)

Horsham & District Archaeology Group – “Fall in Ghosts”-

Archaeological investigations at the site of a First World War Training Camp, Cooden, East Sussex

A talk by Simon Stevens, ASE

Venue: Copsale Village Hall, Bar Lane, Horsham

Fee: non-members £5

Details from: horshamarch@hotmail.co.uk

Thursday 27th November 2025 (19.00)

Friends of Canterbury Archaeological Trust – **The Archaeology of Westgate Square, Canterbury**

A talk by Andy Linklater, Canterbury Archaeological Trust

Venue: LG 16, Laud Building, Ground Floor, N Holmes Road, Canterbury

Fee: non-members £2

Details and booking from: <https://www.canterburytrust.co.uk/events/the-archaeology-of-westgate-square-canterbury>

Wednesday 3rd December 2025 (20.00)

Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society – **Polesden Lacey**

A talk by Martin Olney on this National Trust property

Venue: Ewell Hall, London Road, Ewell

Fee: non-members £4

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

Thursday 4th December 2025 (19.30)

Sussex Archaeology & History – **Hilaire Belloc**

An **online** talk by Chris Hare exploring an aspect of the local history of Sussex.

Fee: £5

Booking from: <https://tixoom.app/sussexarchaeology>

Tuesday 9th December 2025 (19.30)

Worthing Archaeological Society – **Sompting Malthouse Fields**

A talk by Connie Shirley and John Mills reviewing the excavation findings of this Society dig.

Venue: Worthing Library Lecture Theatre, Richmond Road, Worthing

Fee: non-members £4

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

Tuesday 9th December 2025 (20.00)

Plaxtol Local History Group – **Discover the Secrets Behind Your Front Door**

A talk by Melanie Becke-Hansen, house historian

Venue: Plaxtol Memorial Hall, School Lane, Plaxtol

Fee: :non-members £4

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

Wednesday 10th December 2025 (17.30)

Surrey History Centre – **At Home in History – reflections on writing the history of domestic life**

An **online** talk by Prof. Jane Hamlett exploring how the home has become an important category for understanding the past.

Fee: £6

Booking from: <https://customer.surreycc.gov.uk/article/2170?eventid=1848-7367-5752-2133&bookingformid=602>

Thursday 11th December 2025 (19.00)

Kent Archaeological Society – **Food at Rochester Priory: what was baked, brewed, butchered and cooked in the 13th century?**

An **online** talk by Dr Christopher Monk, shedding light on the food production and consumption of the monks and lay servants at St. Andrew's Priory, Rochester

Details and booking from: <https://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk/events/food-at-rochester-priory>

Friday 12th December 2025 (19.30)

Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society – **Travel in the Past: The Problems and Pleasures of the Journey**

This talk by Dr Janet Pennington follows the Society AGM (19.00) and looks at horses, coaches and Sussex mud.

Venue: Unitarian Church, New Road, Brighton

Fee: non-members £5

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

Events

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/>

Saturday 15th November 2025 (10.00-16.00)

Worthing Archaeological Society – **Study Day: A Practical Introduction to Animal Bones in Archaeology**

This study day will be led by Sarah Green (Sussex Archaeology & History) and with handling material will introduce the methods of identification of animal bones from archaeological sites.

Venue: Worthing College, Sanditon Way, Worthing

Fee: non-members £30

Booking essential from: donna.wiltshire@sky.com

Saturday 29th November 2025 (9.00-17.00)

Wealden Geological Assembly

Venue: Kings Church. Lewes

Fee: £35

Details and booking from: anthony.brook27@btinternet.com

Friday 16th January 2026 (19.30)

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

This talk by Dr David Rudling will examine two types of border control in Britain in Roman times. The first involved the construction of fortified walls of stone or turf; later, in the 3rd century, a series of coastal forts along the coasts of South East England were gradually created.

Venue: Rottingdean whiteway Centre, Rottingdean

Fee: £10

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

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 **January 1st** - please send any January, February and March items by **December 21st**

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