

Welcome to the CBA SE Events and News,

Dear Member,

CBA SOUTH EAST CONFERENCE

Saturday 24th January 2026 (10.00-15.30)

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

The Medieval Studies Forum and CBA-SE are pleased to come together for this joint conference which brings together new research and insights on moated sites in the south-east of England, while considering themes and approaches which can be applied to older excavations.

Ticket prices are £10 for SyAS and CBA-SE members (and students); £15 for non-members. Space is limited so please so book in advance. Email medforum@hotmail.co.uk with queries or to reserve a place with cash payment on the day

There are limited lunchtime options in East Horsley and the audience is advised to bring their own supplies.

The programme and booking details are available from:

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



CBA SE News

The AGM of CBA SE will be held during the week commencing the 4th May 2026 and will be held online.

There will be a talk (speaker tbc) first and the AGM will follow. The date will be confirmed in the March issue.

CBA News

The Council for British Archaeology has introduced a number of initiatives and resources during 2025 including those in the links below.

<https://www.archaeologyuk.org/our-work/trowel-and-error.html>

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

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



Lectures

Monday 5th January 2026 (19.15)

Dorking Local History Group – **The Surrey farmland girls 1939-1950**

A talk by Neil Mach

Venue: Crossways Community Baptist Church, Junction Road, Dorking

Fee: Tba

Details from: programme@dhl.org.uk

Wednesday 7th January 2026 (20.00)

Orpington & District Archaeological Society – **Spitalfields Medieval Charnel House**

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

Details from: orparchsoc@yahoo.co.uk

Thursday 8th January 2026 (19.15)

Surrey Industrial History Group – **Wind Tunnels and Slide Rules:**

Women Engineers of the Royal Aircraft Establishment Farnborough

An **online** talk by Dr Nina Baker

Details and booking from: <https://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/content/sihg-talk-wind-tunnels-and-slide-rules-women-engineers-of-the-royal-aircraft-establishment>

Thursday 15th January 2026 (19.30)

Battle & District Historical Society – **The La Mora Project**

A talk by Christina Greene updating details of this project to commemorate the 1000th anniversary of the birth of William the Conqueror.

Venue: Battle Memorial Hall, Battle

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

Friday 16th January 2026 (19.30)

Lewes Archaeological Group – **Beowulf and the lost history of the Ouse Valley**

Venue: Lecture Room, Lewes Town Hall, Fisher Street

Fee: non-members £4 (in cash)

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

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

Wednesday 21st January 2026 (19.30)

University of Sussex Archaeological Society – **Roman Baths in Roman Britain: A Colonisation of the Senses**

This **online** lecture by Dr Giacomo Savani (University of Leeds) will explore the potential of a sensory approach to the study of Roman baths in South East Britain.

FOC: Donations welcome

Booking via: <https://tixoom.app/sussexarchaeology/ra22utfp>

Wednesday 21st January 2026 (17.30)

Surrey History Centre – **Swing Riots – Stories from Hampshire**

This **online** talk by Jane Harris (Hampshire Record Office) will discuss what led to the Swing Riots, how it swept across Hampshire, and the aftermath.

Fee: £6

Booking from: <https://customer.surreycc.gov.uk/surrey-heritage-upcoming-events>

Thursday 22nd January 2026 (19.00)

Friends of Canterbury Archaeological Trust – **Facing the Cliff: An Update on the Archaeology of East Wear Bay**

A talk by Andy Macintosh (CAT)

Venue: TBD

Booking from: <https://www.canterburytrust.co.uk/events/facing-the-cliff-an-update-on-the-archaeology-of-east-wear-bay>

Friday 23rd January 2026 (19.30)

Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society – **Hormuzd Rassam and the eastern question: The adventures of Brighton's most famous unknown archaeologist**

An **online** lecture by Oliver Gilkes

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

Wednesday 28th January 2026 (19.30)

Chichester & District Archaeological Society – **Highdown Big Dig**

A talk by James Sainsbury (Worthing Museum)

Venue: New Park Centre, New Park Road, Chichester

Fee: non members £5

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

Thursday 29th January 2026 (19.00)

Kent Archaeological Society – **Knives and the City: Violence, Regulation and Resistance in Medieval Urban Life**

An **online** talk by Jason Hulott (Canterbury Medieval Combat)

Booking details from: <https://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk/events/knives-and-the-city>

Wednesday 4th February 2026 (20.00)

Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society – **The English Civil War in Surrey**

A talk by Tim Richardson

Venue: Ewell Hall, London Road, Ewell

Fee: non members £4

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

Wednesday 4th February 2026 (20.00)

Orpington & District Archaeological Society – **What's the 'moat-ivation'**

A talk by Alexis Haslam (Fulham Palace)

Venue: Christs Church URC, Tudor Way, Petts Wood

Fee: non members £3

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

Friday 6th February 2026 (19.30)

Rottingdean Whiteway Centre - **Brighton & Hove's basement beneath the city.**

A talk by Dr Geoffrey Mead looking at the landscape that the city is built upon.

Venue: Rottingdean Whiteway Centre, Rottingdean

Fee: £10

Details and booking from

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

Thursday 12th February 2026 (19.30)

Tonbridge Historical Society – The Commonwealth Wargraves Commission

Speaker tbc: The presentation will discuss the history of the Commission and on local graves and stories.

Venue: Riverside Room, Angel Centre, Tonbridge

Details from: secretary@tonbridgehistory.org.uk

Wednesday 11th February 2026 (19.00)

Hastings Area Archaeological Research Group – Sussex Military Research: Excavations and findings. Part 2

Stewart Angell will continue his story with recent research.

Venue: Isobel Blackman Centre, Winding Street, Hastings Old Town

Fee: non members £3

Details from: <https://www.haarg.org.uk/events-calendar>

Friday 13th February 2026 (19.30)

Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society – The Burpham Big Dig

A talk by James Sainsbury. (Worthing Museum)

Venue: Unitarian Church, New Road, Brighton

Fee: non members £5 (cash only)

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

Friday 20th February 2026 (19.30)

Lewes Archaeological Group – The Preservation and Study of Bridge Cottage, Uckfield

A talk by Andrew Ledward on the restoration of this Wealden hall house by the Uckfield Preservation Society.

Venue: Lecture Room, Lewes Town Hall, Fisher Street, Lewes

Fee: non members £4

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

Wednesday 25th February 2026 (19.30)

Chichester & District Archaeology Society – The Mary Rose Trust

A talk by David Pearson (Conservation Manager) on the conservation of wood.

Venue: New Park Centre, New Park Road, Chichester

Fee: non members £5

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

Monday 2nd March 2026 (19.15)

Dorking Local History Group – “Trig Point Charlie”

A talk by Alastair Clark on the history of these landscape markers.

Venue: Crossways Community Baptist Church, Junction Road, Dorking

Details from: programme@dlhg.org.uk

Wednesday 4th March 2026 (20.00)

Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society – People of the Two Rivers

This talk by Jon Cotton (President) follows the AGM

Venue: Ewell Hall, London Road, Ewell

Fee: £4

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

Wednesday 4th March 2026 (20.00)

Orpington & District Archaeological Society – Landscapes, monuments and visibility in early Neolithic Kent

A talk by Dr Alastair Oswald (English Heritage)

Venue: Christ Church URC, Tudor Way, Petts Wood

Fee: non members £3

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

Events

Friday 16th January – Friday 27th March 2026 (10.00-12.00)

Rottingdean Whiteway Centre – **Hearth and Home: Aspects of British Housing History**

Led by Dr Geoffrey Mead this 10 week course will study how vernacular styles change across the landscape, issues of land ownership and social changes.

Venue: Rottingdean Whiteway Centre, Rottingdean

Fee: £110

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

Rottingdean runs a number of courses and talks throughout the year.

Friday 16th January 2026 (19.00)

Butser Ancient Farm – **Wassailing the Orchard**

Gather after sundown and follow a torchlight procession through time.

Venue: Butser Ancient Farm, Chalton Lane

Fee: £20.50

Details and booking from: <https://butserancientfarm.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173651818>

Butser Ancient Farm will be developing a new programme for Spring and the events book up quickly. Take a look as soon as you can.

Saturday 14th March 2026 (10.00-16.30)

Surrey Archaeological Society – **Annual Symposium**

This Annual Conference is always dedicated to talks by Society members and commercial units of **Recent Work in Surrey**

Venue: East Horsley Village Hall, East Horsley

Fee: Early Bird - £10

Details and booking from: <https://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/content/annual-symposium-7>

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

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