

Dear Members,

**Introduction:
Ann Russell and Ann Isenberg**

We are both enthusiastic members of the community archaeology project in the Darent Valley and first met at one of the digs during COVID. We are members of ODAS, KAS and try and join where we can the DROP dig. Ann R is also a member of Surrey Archaeological Society. Whilst juggling a number of other commitments including Ann I's degree studies, we have both taken on oversight of the CBM from a number of sites. Far from being experts we have certainly enjoyed learning on the job in what is a vastly under researched area of archaeological study. Having been introduced to CBA South-East by Dr Anne Sassin we are now looking forward to hearing all about the work that individual groups are undertaking as we compile future newsletters. Please do send through any ideas for future articles so that we can ensure that the great archaeological work being undertaken is given the right level of publication.

You can contact us at: newslettereditor@cbasouth-east.org

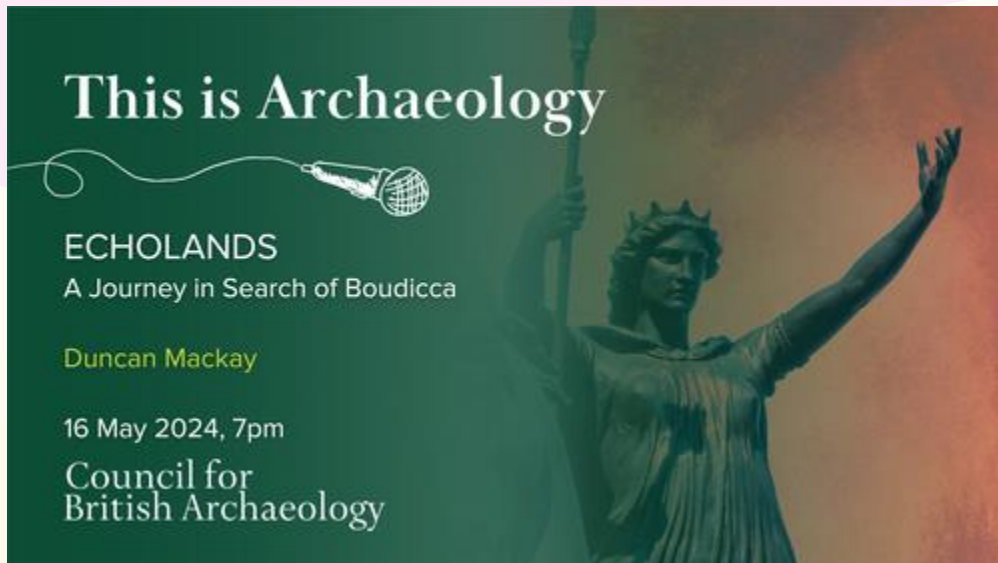


CBA News

The CBA has opened booking for the Festival of Archaeology being held between 13th and 28th July 2024. Details can be found here for events and organisers: <https://www.archaeologyuk.org/festival.html>



The next lecture of the 'This is Archaeology' series is on 16th May



Previous lectures are available on Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHw3dplyExCvHVwPlwDnFTQ>

Lectures

Monday 13th May 2024 (19.30)

Dorking Local History Group – **Barnes Wallis' Civilian Inventions**

A talk by Peter Hoar of the Barnes Wallis Foundation

Venue: Crossways Community Baptist Church, Junction Road, Dorking

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

Thursday 16th May 2024 (20.00)

Bexley Archaeological Group – **Witchcraft in Kent: The Archaeological Evidence**

A talk by Wayne Perkins

Venue: Bexley and Sidcup Conservative Club

Details from: <https://www.bag.org.uk/events-and-education/>

Monday 20th May 2024 (19.30)

Dorking Local History Group – **LiDAR in Surrey: its uses in archaeology.**

A **Zoom** talk by Dr Anne Sassin who will be explaining what LiDAR is and how it is used.

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

Friday 24th May 2024 (19.30)

Friends of Anne of Cleves House – **Children and the Poor Laws**

An illustrated talk by Dr Mary Rudling about the range of support for poor children in and out of the workhouse in the 19th century.

Venue: Anne of Cleves House, Southover High Street, Lewes

Fee: £5 for members of the Friends and £10 for non members

Details from: <https://sussexpast.co.uk/event/friends-of-anne-of-cleves-house-present-children-and-the-poor-laws-an-illustrated-talk-by-dr-mary-rudling/>

Tuesday 28th May 2024 (18.00)

The Novium Museum – **Fishbourne Roman Palace – The Gift That Keeps On Giving**

A talk by Rob Symmons, Fishbourne Curator, about new stories emerging from the collections.

Venue: The Novium Museum, Chichester

A free event, but booking necessary from:

<https://chichesterboxoffice.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/873644366>

Monday 3rd June 2024 (19.30)

Dorking Local History Group – **William Morris: artist, textile designer and more**

A talk by John Hawks about this man of many parts: poet, designer, socialist, preservationist and translator of Icelandic sagas.

Venue: Crossways Community Baptist Church, Junction Road, Dorking

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

Wednesday 5th June 2024 (20.00)

Orpington & District Archaeological Society – **Fine dining, quarrying and manufacturing at Whitechapel (medieval and later land use)**

A talk by Dougie Killock, Pre-Construct Archaeology

Venue: Christ Church URC, Tudor Way, Petts Wood

Fee: non-members £2

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

Thursday 20th June (19.30)

Battle & District Historical Society – **Women and Work in Tudor and Stuart Kent**

A talk by Prof. Jackie Eales

Venue: Battle Memorial Hall

Fee: non-members by donation

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

Monday 1st July 2024 (19.30)

Dorking Local History Group – **The Battle of Dorking: an influential book.**

A talk by Nick Cook on this 1871 novella credited with starting the genre of ‘invasion literature’.

Venue: Crossways Community Baptist Church, Junction Road, Dorking

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

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Wednesday 3rd July 2024 (20.00)

Orpington & District Archaeological Society – **Stamped Roman timbers from London and elsewhere. Tracing evidence of economy and emperors.**

A talk by Dr Sadie Watson, UKRI Future Leaders Fellow, MoLA

Venue: Christ Church URC, Tudor Way, Petts Wood

Fee: non-members £2

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

Conferences

Save the date for these forthcoming autumn conferences to be held by the Sussex School of Archaeology and History

(<https://www.sussexarchaeology.org/conferences>)

Saturday 12th October 2024

Living in Tudor and Stuart Sussex

c.1500 - 1700

The two hundred years when England was ruled by the Tudor and Stuart dynasties were a period of great changes. Between 1500 and 1700, England emerged from being a backwater state on the edge of Europe to begin a long period as an important and wealthy country

Saturday 16th November 2024

"Malcolm Lyne Memorial Conference"

Dr Malcolm Lyne (1943-2023) was an exceptional scholar who made many major contributions to the archaeology of South-East England. Malcolm, who was a prolific publisher, will be much missed. It is intended to hold a Memorial Conference for Malcolm at Kings Church, Lewes, on Saturday 16th November 2024. Offers of papers, especially on topics that were of interest to, or involved Malcolm, are very welcome.

Events

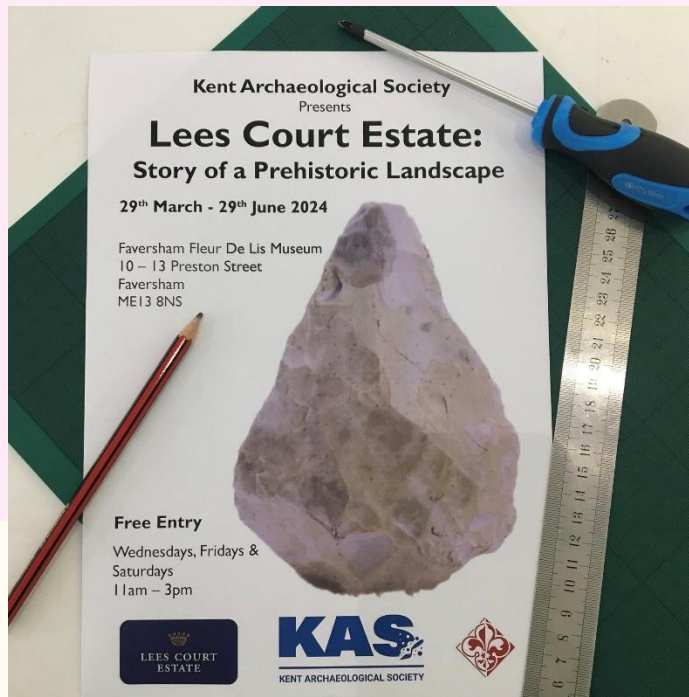
The events pages include a selection of family days and courses provided by Butser Ancient Farm and the Weald and Downland Museum. If you search their websites you will find many other events to choose from.

<https://www.wealddown.co.uk/>

<https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/>

Friday 29th March to Saturday 29th June 2024

Kent Archaeological Society – **Lees Court Estate Exhibition**



Saturday 11th May – Sunday 12th May (10.00-16.00)

Butser Ancient Farm – **Flint Knapping Weekend**

The Lithics Studies Society will be demonstrating flint knapping prehistoric tools.

Venue: Butser Ancient Farm, Chalton Lane, Chalton

Fee: normal entry fees

Details from: <https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/whats-on/flintknapping-demonstration-weekend>

Tuesday 14th May 2024 (19.00)

Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society – Hollingbury Hill-fort Walk

This will be led by Luci Hammond.

Details available about this and other organised walks from: john.funnell@brightonarch.org.uk

Saturday 18th May 2024 (10.00-16.00)

Railway Land Wildlife Trust (Lewes) – Flint Knapping Workshop

Led by Tristan Bareham this course will allow you time in the woods around the fire learning hands-on skills.

Venue: Railway Land, Lewes

Fee: £95 – Booking is essential due to limited places in order to enable individual guidance.

Details from: <https://buff.ly/49HK50g>



Saturday 25th May 2024 (10.00-16.00)

Weald & Downland Museum – Dowsing Day

A day of discussion, demonstration, guidance and hands on experience of this technique.

Venue: Weald & Downland Museum, Singleton

Fee: £65

Details and booking from: <https://www.wealddown.co.uk/events/dowsing-day/>

Sunday 26th May to Monday 27th May 2024 (10.00-16.00)

Butser Ancient Farm – Roman Reenactment

Discover Roman living history and combat reenactments with the Butser IX Roman Legion

Venue: Butser Ancient Farm, Chalton Lane, Chalton

Fee: normal entry fee

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

Monday 27th May to Friday 5th July 2024 (9.30-17.30)
Culver Project – **Archaeological Volunteering**

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**Archaeological Volunteering
at Bridge Farm 2024**
Barcombe Mills, Nr. Lewes, Sussex
May 27th to July 5th (Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30)



Excavation and/or Finds Processing
Participate in revealing the archaeology of this
important Romano-British settlement site

£40 for 7days: £60 for 14days: £120 for 6 weeks
or camping inclusive of dig fees at £60 per week
50% of above fees if finds processing only

Diggers must have a current tetanus vaccination, 4" WHS trowel, sturdy
footwear, hat, gloves, waterproofs, water bottle, lunch etc

See www.culverproject.co.uk for more details
or email join@culverproject.co.uk for application form

Sunday 9th June 2024

Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society - **Dr Janet Pennington Walk –
Botolphs to Coombes**

A walk along the River Adur to a pair of Saxon and Medieval churches.

Details from: john.funnel@brightonarch.org.uk

Saturday 15th June or Sunday 16th June 2024 (10.00-17.00)

Weald & Downland Museum – **How to shoot a traditional longbow**

An introduction to the art and craft of traditional archery. Suitable for beginners and the more experienced.

Venue: Weald & Downland Museum, Singleton

Fee: £80

Details and booking from: <https://www.wealddown.co.uk/events/how-to-shoot-a-traditional-longbow-2/>

Saturday 22nd June 2024 (10.00)

Chichester & District Archaeology Society – **Walking Tour of Roman
(and Medieval) Chichester – Part 1**

Led by James Kenny, Archaeology Officer, Chichester District Council

Meeting point: in front of the Council Chamber, North Street, Chichester

Fee: members £7.50; non-members £12.50

Details and booking from: activities@cdas.info

Tuesday 25th June 2024 (19.00)

Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society – **Midsummer Walk to Firle (celebration of summer).**

Led by John Funnell for a celebration of libations, poems and nibbles.

Details from john.funnel@brightonarch.org.uk

Saturday 29th June to Sunday 30th June 2024 (10.00-16.00)

Butser Ancient Farm – **Anglo-Saxon Reenactment Weekend**

Discover Anglo-Saxon life with re-enactment group Swords of Penda – Children of Loki

Venue: Butser Ancient Farm, Chalton Lane, Chalton

Fee: normal entry fees

Details from: <https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/whats-on/saxon-reenactment-living-history-penda-loki>

Saturday 6th July 2024 (9.30-17.00)

Weald & Downland Museum – **The Houses of the Weald from Medieval to Early Modern**

This course will look at houses in the Weald as homes in which families lived and worked. The tutors are Barbara and David Martin. Visits to some of the houses in the museum will be included.

Venue: Weald & Downland Museum, Singleton

Fee: £75

Details and booking from: <https://www.wealddown.co.uk/events/medieval-to-early-modern-houses/>



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. The next deadline for applications is noon on 15th May 2024.

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 and September items by **June 24th**

Keep up-to-date on the website www.cbasouth-east.org and follow us on  www.facebook.com/CBASouthEast and  twitter.com/CBASouthEast.