

From the Secretary

Welcome to the CBA-SE newsletter

Since our last edition, the CBA has held its annual Festival of Archaeology. To mark the occasion, CBA Executive Director Neil Redfern went on a whistlestop tour of the UK visiting events and projects which encompassed the incredible diversity of our archaeological heritage. These ranged chronologically from prehistoric henges and Iron Age crannogs, through Roman mines and villas to Richard II in Leicester, post-medieval canal heritage and WW2 defences. He visited museum projects, family fun days and excavations. A lot to celebrate, indeed.

I hope that some of you were able to participate in more local events. For our own part, here in Kent, CBA-SE vice-chair Andy Ward and I both participated in the Festival at Maidstone Museum. Andy was wearing his Kent Archaeological Society curatorial hat, while I was representing my local society (Maidstone Area Archaeological Society). The event proved extremely popular with about 700 people coming through the door. Andy had a table of interesting objects to handle and examine under the microscope including flint implements and samian pottery and helped to identify the “finds” that the children had dug up in the Museum’s sandpit. Our display highlighted current and past excavations with posters and artefacts and had a finds sorting activity for children (I think we only lost one piece of pottery!)

If you belong to a local group and have not yet taken the opportunity to participate in the Festival, I do urge you to have a go next year. Yes, it takes some thought and organisation in advance, but it is tremendously enjoyable to share your enthusiasm about our heritage with a willing audience and show that archaeology is something that happens locally and is something that anyone can get involved with. We saw some very enthusiastic children, perhaps the archaeologists of the future, and signed up several new adult members, two of whom have already come out to dig with us. I’m already looking forward to next year!

Dr Elizabeth Blanning
Secretary, CBA South East

Neil’s adventures can be found here: <https://www.archaeologyuk.org/resource/neil-s-journey-through-the-festival-of-archaeology-2024.html>

CBA SOUTH EAST NEWS

CBA SE Annual conference – Saturday 16 November 2024, 10am-5pm

This year's annual conference will be a memorial event in honour of Dr Malcolm Lyne who sadly died last November. Malcolm was a leading Roman pottery specialist, but also had other research interests and skills. He will be sadly missed.

The Memorial Conference, which will reflect Malcolm's research work and interests, will be run by the Sussex School of Archaeology and History in association with CBA SE.

The venue for the 'live' event will be Kings Church, Lewes, East Sussex. There will also be an online zoom option. Tickets are priced £25 for the in-person conference fee, £20 for CBA-SE members, Sussex School USAS lecture series subscribers, and full-time students; online viewing will be £15. The link for tickets is now available on Eventbrite -

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/931983336247>

Confirmed speakers and their lecture titles/topics include: Dr Steve Willis (University of Kent): 'Malcolm's Life and Contribution: a Vignette'; Anna Doherty (Archaeology South-East) who will speak about Malcolm's Roman pottery research work in the South-East; Chris Butler (CBAS): 'The Hassocks Roman and Saxon Cemetery and the Wickham Barn Roman Pottery Kilns'; Lilian Ladle (Bournemouth University): 'The South-East Dorset Black Burnished Ware Industry – Malcolm's Legacy'; Thomas Martin: 'Roman [pottery] forms in Saxon fabrics'; Dr Philip Smither (Portable Antiquities Scheme: PAS): 'Rutupine Reviver': Malcolm Lyne's impact on the Richborough Archive'; Professor Mike Fulford (University of Reading): 'Malcolm's Excavations at Pevensey Castle 1936 to 1964'; Dr Sam Moorhead (PAS): 'Finds of Carausian and Allectan coins from the Saxon Shore'; Dr Anthony Durham: 'Roman and Early Saxon Place Names around the Solent'; Arthur Franklin (Lewes Priory Trust): 'Malcolm and Lewes Priory'; and Kevin Trott (Wessex Archaeology): 'Excavating Malcolm's Archives'

CBA News

Thursday 17th October 2024 (19.00)

Council for British Archaeology – **This is Archaeology: Archaeology for Today and Tomorrow**

A free **online** talk by Rachel Crellin exploring archaeological thinking.

Booking and details from <https://www.archaeologyuk.org/get-involved/events-and-activities/event-calendar/archaeology-for-today-and-tomorrow.html>

Lectures

Monday 2nd September 2024 (19.30)

Dorking Local History Group – **The River Mole: it's history and its current state'**

A talk by Nigel Bond on his research.

Venue: Crossways Community Baptist Church, Junction Road, Dorking

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

Wednesday 4th September 2024 (20.00)

Orpington & District Archaeological Society – **The Archbishop's Palace, Otford**

A talk by Charles Shee, Trustee Archbishop's Palace Conservation Trust

Venue: Christ Church URC, Tudor Way, Petts Wood

Fee: £2 non members

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

Friday 6th September 2024 (19.30)

Friends of Anne of Cleves House – **The Geology of Anne of Cleves House**

A fundraiser talk by Chris Roach on the variety of stones used in this building with examples to handle.

Venue: Anne of Cleves House, Lewes

Fee: £10 non members

Tickets from: mcannacrabtree@gmail.com

Wednesday 25th September 2024 (19.30)

Chichester & District Archaeology Society – **Recent excavations at Petworth**

A talk (tbc) by James Brown, NT.

Venue: New Park Centre, New Park Road, Chichester

Fee: £5 non members

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

Wednesday 25th September 2024 (19.30)

University of Sussex Archaeological Society – **The South Downs explored from above**

An **online** talk by Gary Webster (NT)

Fee £3

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

Wednesday 2nd October 2024 (20.00)

Orpington & District Archaeological Society – **Excavations at Sevington, Kent**

A talk by Rebecca Haslam, AOC Archaeology.

Venue: Christ Church URC, Tudor Way, Petts Wood

Fee: £2 non-members

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

Friday 4th October 2024 (19.30)

St Thomas a Becket Church – **The Story of our Lewes Churches *and* St Thomas a Becket ‘Lewes Hidden Gem’**

Two illustrated talks by Sue Berry and Peter Varlow in aid of the work of the church

Venue: St Thomas a Becket Church, Cliffe, Lewes

Fee: £7 (includes interval drink)

Booking from: <https://LewesChurchesTalks.eventbrite.co.uk>

Tuesday 8th October 2024 (19.30)

Worthing Archaeological Society – **The Story of Highdown Hill**

A talk by James Sainsbury taking in in-depth look at one of Worthing's most famous hills and discussing new research

Venue: Worthing Library Lecture Theatre, Richmond Road, Worthing

Fee: £4 non-members

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

Thursday 10th October 2024 (18.30)

Worthing Museum Heritage Talks – **Neolithic Worthing**

A talk by James Sainsbury which will focus on Worthing with a nod to important sites nearby and an extensive handling session at the end.

Venue: Worthing Museum and Gallery

Fee; c£10

Booking necessary from: <https://wtm.uk/events/worthing-museum-heritage-talks-neolithic-worthing/>

Friday 11th October 2024 (19.30)

Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society – **Rise of the gladiator and Night of the Livy Dead**

Neil Cozzi will discuss what is known about the early beginnings of gladiators in Rome and some misconceptions. This will be followed by some scary stories from the Classical World.

Venue: Unitarian Church, New Road, Brighton.

Fee: Non-members £3

Details from: <http://www.brightonarch.org.uk/6.htm>

Wednesday 16th October 2024 (19.30)

University of Sussex Archaeological Society – **Plumpton Place**

An **online** talk by Diccon Hart

Fee: £3

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

Thursday 17th October 2024 (18.30)

Worthing Museum Heritage Talks – **Bronze Age Worthing**

A talk by James Sainsbury focussing on sites close to Worthing and with a handling session at the end.

Venue: Worthing Museum and Gallery

Fee:c£10

Booking necessary from <https://wtm.uk/events/worthing-museum-heritage-talks-bronze-age-worthing/>

Thursday 17th October 2024 (19.30)

Battle & District Historical Society – Odo of Bayeux

A talk by Prof. David Bates on the assumed commissioner of the Bayeux Tapestry.

Venue: Battle Memorial Hall, Battle

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

Friday 18th October 2024 (19.30)

Lewes Archaeological Group – The Landscape and Archaeology of the Cuckmere Valley

A talk by Prof. Martin Bell looking at the changing landscape and its future implications

Venue: Lecture Room, Lewes Town Hall, Lewes

Fee: Non-members £4

Details from: www.lewesarchaeology.org.uk

Wednesday 23rd October 2024 (17.30)

Surrey History Centre – Highclere Castle and its archive

An **online** talk by David Rymill who will share some of the stories about the castle and its inhabitants using the extensive archive still available.

Fee: £6

Details and booking from <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/culture-and-leisure/history-centre/events>

Thursday 24th October 2024 (18.30)

Worthing Museum Heritage Talks – The Story of Cissbury Ring

A talk by James Sainsbury will be looking at the archaeology of the site as well as the pioneering archaeologists who investigated the site.

Venue: Worthing Museum and Gallery

Fee c£10

Booking necessary from <https://wtm.uk/events/worthing-museum-heritage-talks-the-story-of-cissbury-ring/>

Wednesday 30th October 2024 (17.30)

Surrey History Centre – **Behind the Scenes in Conservation**

An **online** talk by the Conservator Rachel Marsh discussing the conservation of a Tithe map.

Fee: £6

Details and booking from <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/culture-and-leisure/history-centre/events>

Thursday 31st October 2024 (18.30)

Worthing Museum Heritage Talks – **A New Roman Landscape in Sussex**

A talk by David Millum and Rob Wallace on a multi-year project uncovering the Roman landscape in the Ouse Valley near Lewes

Venue: Worthing Museum and Gallery

Fee c£10

Booking necessary from <https://wtm.uk/events/worthing-museum-heritage-talks-a-new-roman-landscape-in-sussex/>

Friday 1st November 2024 (19.30 – 21.30)

Rottingdean Whiteway Centre – **The Post Medieval Iron Industry in the Weald 1490-1828**

A lecture by Jeremy Hodgkinson

Venue: Rottingdean Whiteway Centre, Rottingdean

Fee: £12

Booking and details from https://www.rwc.org.uk/sussex_iron_industry

Wednesday 5th November 2024 (20.00)

Orpington & District Archaeological Society – **The challenges facing Britain's historic churches**

A talk by Philip Rutman, National Churches Trust

Venue: Christ Church URC, Tudor Way, Petts Wood

Fee; £2 non-members

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

Events

Saturday 14th September 2024 (10.00)

Chichester & District Archaeology Society – **Walking tour of Roman (and Medieval) Chichester – Part 2**

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

Cost: £7.50 members, £12.50 non-members

Booking and details from: activities@cdas.info.

Saturday 14th September – 15th September 2024 (14.00-16.30)

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

Venue: Scadbury Park, Chislehurst

Free entry, donations welcome

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

Sunday 15th September 2024 (10.30 – 15.00)

Surrey Archaeological Society – **Heritage Open Day**

The Surrey Archaeological Society library will be open to the public on this day with a Lithics Group working party in the meeting room and other displays where possible.

No booking required though advance notice would be helpful due to the size of the building.

Details from: <https://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/content/heritage-open-day-3h>

Saturday 21st September 2024 - 12th January 2025

Worthing Museum and Gallery – **Exhibition: A New Roman Landscape in Sussex**

A free exhibition showcasing the incredible discoveries of the Culver Archaeological Project

Donations welcome: details from <https://wtm.uk/events/a-new-roman-landscape-in-sussex/>

Saturday 21st September 2024 (11.00 – 15.30)

Southwark Heritage Centre - **Southwark Roman Day**

Venue: Southwark Heritage Centre, Walworth Road

Details from: <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/events-culture-and-heritage>

Wednesday 2nd October 2024 (10.00)

Chichester & District Archaeology Society – **Tour of St Andrew’s,
Tangmere**

This will be led by Sarah Nathaniel, Commonwealth War Graves Commission,

Meeting point: St Andrew’s Church, Church Lane, Tangmere

Cost: £6 members, £11 non-members

Booking and details from: activities@cdas.info.

Saturday 19th October – Sunday 20th October 2024 (10.00-16.00)

Butser Ancient Farm – **Butser Book Festival**

Venue: Butser Ancient Farm, Chalton Lane, Hampshire

Fee: Normal entry charge

Details and booking from: <https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/butser-book-literary-writing-festival>

Saturday 26th October 2024

Worthing Archaeological Society – **Day School: Medieval Pottery**

This will be led by Luke Barber

Details to be confirmed – contact: <https://www.worthingarchaeological.org/contact.html>

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024 (10.00-16.00)

Sussex Archaeological Society – **Roman Army Week**

A half-term event for trainee soldiers of all ages.

Venue: Fishbourne Roman Palace, Fishbourne

Fee: Admission + £1

Details and booking : <https://sussexpast.co.uk/event/roman-army-week/>



Courses

Wednesday 25th September 2024 (10.30 – 12.30)

Rottingdean Whiteway Centre – **The Romans and their Emperors**

A 10 week course led by Dr David Rudling

Venue: Rottingdean Whiteway Centre, Rottingdean

Fee: £97

Booking and details from https://www.rwc.org.uk/page_33453

Friday 27th September 2024 (10.00 – 12.00)

Rottingdean Whiteway Centre – **Hearth and Home: Housing over Time**

A 10 week course led by Dr Geoffrey Mead

Venue: Rottingdean Whiteway Centre, Rottingdean

Fee: £97

Booking and details from

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

Conferences

Saturday 12th October 2024 (10.00-17.15)

Sussex School of Archaeology and History – **Living in Tudor and Stuart
Sussex c.1500 – 1700**

Join ‘in person’ or online.

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

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

Saturday 12th October 2024 (9.30-15.00)

Surrey Local History Committee – **Medieval Surrey**

This conference will study recent research in Medieval Surrey landscapes and topics.

Venue: Surrey History Centre, Woking

Fee: £15 (£18 on the day)

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

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 **November 1st**– please send any November, December and January items by **October 25th**.

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