

October 8th 2024

Worthing Library Lecture Theatre – 7.30pm

**James Sainsbury**

Archaeologist and Curator of Archaeology at  
Worthing Museum and Art Gallery

### The Story of Highdown Hill



James will deliver a lecture on the fascinating history of Highdown Hill. From Bronze Age enclosure and Iron Age fort through to Roman residence and Anglo-Saxon cemetery, this talk will take an in-depth look at one of Worthing's most famous hills. New and exciting research will be discussed, including future plans for further study that could challenge the established history of the site forever.

November 12th 2024

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Con Ainsworth Memorial Lecture

**Dr Geoffrey Mead**

Associate Tutor Sussex University and Sussex  
Landscape expert.

### Coast at Work; continuity and change.

Geoffrey is passionate about the Sussex landscape, with a fantastic local knowledge of its geography and evolution over millions of years.



Worthing Pier 1939

The coast at work! looks at the variety and connectivity of many aspects of coastal employment along the Sussex shoreline from fishing and boat building, to hotels and holiday camps; the talk looks at aspects of the working coast past and present.

December 10th 2024

Worthing Library Lecture Theatre – 7.30pm

**Dr Lawrence Shaw**

Archaeologist, Lead Historic Environment  
Advisor Forestry England



The nation's forests are home to some of the best archaeological sites, historic buildings and designed landscapes found in England. Evidence of how humans have shaped these places can be found frozen in time, hidden beneath the tree canopy. The unique nature of forestry, when compared to other land uses, means that our historic record has the potential to be preserved to a much higher degree, with tens of thousands of known sites, and more than 850 protected monuments, buildings and parks and gardens found throughout our forests. How the Forestry Commission developed, how we acquired land and how this has been managed over the last one hundred years, means that Forestry England now oversees a palimpsest of landscape histories, ranging from the Palaeolithic through to the Second World War, as well as our own histories. This lecture will touch on just some of the incredible archaeological and historical narratives that can be found within the Nation's Forest and how Forestry England has influenced these.



**Chairman and Field Unit Director**  
Keith Bolton

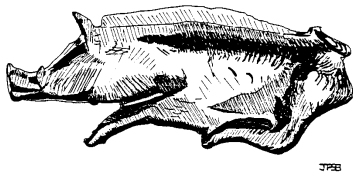
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Lectures take place on the second  
Tuesday of the month 7.30pm

**Worthing Library Lecture Theatre**  
Worthing Library, Richmond Road BN11 1HD  
Entrance to the front right of the building –  
down a ramp.

Nearest Car Park NCP Union Place BN11 1LG

Venue open for set up 7pm - lectures start at  
7.30pm and 'prompt' finish at 9.00pm  
Members have free entry and visitors are  
asked to make a donation of £4 to the  
society

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## Lecture Programme 2024

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