Worthing Archaeological Society

Newsletter October & November 2024

WAS Field Unit











Burpham Big Dig

This was an amazing 2 weeks of archaeology, sunshine, cake, Finds and generosity. Finds varied from fossils to a coin of Emperor Constantine to Saxo-Norman pottery to Medieval pottery, and evidence of the defensive ditch of the Burh. This may now become a 10-year Project.

Pippa Bell gave WAS all of Andy's Archaeological Books. We had them out in the Village Hall throughout the dig, and took donations of £170, which was split between the Aortic Trust and the Museum's dig expenses.

Many thanks to Pippa.

There will be a full Report and an Exhibition in Worthing Museum in due course.



Malthouse / Whitehouse

Connie is preparing the Report, but in the meantime, a small group of folk spent 2 days recently investigating a burnt area which Sarah found in the summer, and have found evidence of a well.

Flint Sessions in the Museum

Wednesday October 23rd from 10.30 to 1.30pm, then alternate Wednesday mornings.

Sullington Warren – From Keith:

Currently, I'm drafting the Interim report for the recent excavation at Sullington Warren and I'm looking for some help with the desktop research.

This will involve looking at records at WSRO, Arundel Castle, Petworth House and Shelley Family archives. WAS will contribute to travelling expenses if required.

If you are interested, then please get in touch with me directly - keithbolton14@gmail.com

WAS Social with flint knapping and BBQ

On Saturday 31st August we had such an enjoyable social event at Slindon sheds and thankfully, the weather was just perfect!

The day began with Bob kindly showing the group some knapping techniques, giving everyone the kit for the job and then leaving them to create their own masterpieces!



The BBQ was ready for everyone to cook their own food when they had finished their creations and not surprisingly several people used their newly formed tools to slice and dice their food so showed us exactly how these tools may have been created and used back in the day!

We agreed that this was definitely a social event that we should run again.

Donna



WAS Walks



- 7th September at 5.30pm—Sadly postponed due to heavy rain!
- 21st September: Simon Stevens led a most interesting guided tour of Lewes
- 19th October Petworth Park
  - Please come along and join Henry Wakeford of WAS for a guided walk around Petworth Park. We are meeting at 10.00 am in Petworth Town Car Park (parking costs around £3.00). The walk will last around three hours and dogs are welcome
  - Please can you let me know if you are planning on joining this walk and we will be sure to wait for you - **donna.wiltshire@sky.com** Thank you.

Autumn 2024 Lectures—In the Worthing Library Lecture Theatre, 7.30 to 9pm.

- Tuesday October 8th—James Sainsbury on '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. New and exciting research will be discussed, including plans for further study that could challenge the established history of the site for ever
- Tuesday November 12th—Dr Geoffrey Mead on 'Coast at Work: continuity & change.'
  - Geoffrey is passionate about the Sussex landscape, with a fantastic local knowledge of its geography and evolution over millions of years. The talk looks as aspects of the working coast past and present.
- Tuesday December 10th—Dr Lawrence Shaw – Lead Historic Environment Advisor, Forestry England
  - 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.

Theresa has produced our Lecture Programme in full – look for it at Lectures and on our website.

Field Unit Forum

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday October 15th, from 7.30 – 9pm in St Botolph's Church rooms, in Heene. BN11 4LY. On the North side of the Church, entrance from Manor Road.

Day Schools

- 26th October: 10.00-4.00 - Medieval Pottery presented by Luke Barber. Worthing Museum—(See advert at end of N'letter.
- 23rd November: 10.00-4.00 - Post Medieval Sussex presented by Simon Stevens. A follow-up to his Day on Medieval Sussex. Worthing Museum.

Bursary – WAS has a Bursary which is set up to help Members attend events which they might find difficult to pay for. Please ask a Committee Member about this if it would help you.

Chichester District Archaeology Society

- Wednesday 2nd October (10.00)
  - Tour of St Andrew's,Tangmere which 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



WAS Autumn Social

Come and enjoy an evening of quizzing and skittling in Skittle Alley



The Black Horse

High Street

Findon

BN14 0SX

Friday 8th November, from 6.30 pm - 10.00 pm

Buffet menu

Selection of homemade sandwiches

Cocktail sausages in a honey and mustard glaze

Fish goujons with homemade tartare sauce

Selection of quiches

Parma ham, salami selection, chutney and crusty bread

Crudities with hummus

Selection of cheese and biscuits

Selection of homemade cakes

Tea & Coffee

Any dietary requirements will be arranged

Car parking is either in the pub car park on-street

Tickets £20.00 per person

This covers the buffet, room hire and a raffle ticket for the Grand Draw. Other tickets can be bought on the night.

Please let **donna.wiltshire@sky.com** know if you will be joining us.

She will arrange to receive payment from you and check on any dietary requirements

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Events at Arundel Museum

Civil War Lecture Series

At 6.30pm., 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd October. Join Chris Hare for a series of four talks uncovering the history of the Civil War in Sussex. Tickets are £20 for all four, or £6 per individual talk.
Book via email: office@arundelmuseum.org

Songs from the Civil War Era

At 6.30pm, 6th November, concert and evening with the Duck Pond Sailors featuring songs that were sung during the Civil War. This event will take place in the historic setting of St Nicholas Church. Eventbrite admin fee applies.

A-Z of the South Downs

An afternoon talk by Ian Everest will cover unusual tales from the South Downs. Refreshments served at 2pm then the talk starts 2.30pm, Wednesday 27 November. Book via email office@arundelmuseum.org



Sussex School of Archaeology and History

- Saturday 12th October 2024 at Kings Church Hall, Lewes—Living in Tudor and Stuart Sussex—c.1500 – 1700
    - An exploration of how people in the Tudor and Stuart periods made a living, what they wore, where they lived and worshipped, and how they were helped if they became very poor. The associated handbook will include a brief overview of key events such as the closure of the monasteries by Henry VIII, and the emergence of England as a Protestant nation, the attempt by Spain to invade England and the failure of the Spanish Armada, the English Civil War and Commonwealth, and the restoration of the Stuarts as monarchs. **admin@sussexarchaeology.co.uk**

Council for British Archaeology

- Thursday 17th October 2024 (19.00) - 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

CBA

- Saturday 16th November—Annual Conference in Memory of Malcolm Lyne—Details at end of Newsletter

South East Regional Conference

- People and Places' on Saturday 30 November in Kings Church, Brooks Road, Lewes—Details at end of Newsletter.

Sussex Archaeological Society

- Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024 (10.00-16.00)
    - Roman Army Week, a half-term event for trainee soldiers of all ages at Fishbourne Roman Palace, Fishbourne
    - Fee: Admission + £1. Details and booking : https://sussexpast.co.uk/event/roman-army-week/
    - https://sussexpast.co.uk

Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society

- Friday 11th October (19.30) - 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
- 19th October : Trevor Povey "An introduction to Portslade Old Village.
- Friday 8th November – 'Tide Mills Excavations' by Luke Barber.
    - Venue: Unitarian Church, New Road
- 16th November: Chris Horlock "The Lost Theatres of Brighton"
    - Details from: http://www.brightonarch.org.uk/6.htm

USAS

- Wednesday 16th October, 7.30pm : USAS ONLINE LECTURE Plumpton Place: Research Survey and Excavation 2019 - 2023. Speaker: Diccon Hart—(HB Archaeology and Conservation Ltd)
- Wednesday 27th November: USAS ONLINE LECTURE THE SALLY CHRISTIAN ARCHAEOLOGY LECTURE 2024 'Down these viae sordidae Speaker: Lindsey Davis (Author & Historical Novelist)

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Other Societies / Groups

Friends of the SOUTH DOWNS SOUTH DOWNS SOCIETY

Based in Pulborough, the Society has a variety of walks and talks which might well be interesting.
Email: **enquiries@southdownssociety.org.uk**

Chichester District Archaeology Society (CDAS) have made their talks available free on their YouTube channel see: **www.CDAS.info**

LISS ARCHAEOLOGY East Hampshire Community Archaeology

www.lissarchaeology.uk

Or email **lissarchaeology@gmail.com**

Worthing Heritage Alliance of which WAS is part of this group which has a very useful Calendar of all events in the area of an Historic nature.
www.worthingheritagealliance.org.uk

Hampshire Field Club and Archaeological Society has a variety of events
see landscape-events@hantsfieldclub.org.uk

young archaeologists' club

Brighton Young Archaeologists' Club (YAC) is open to everyone aged 8-16 years. We get involved in all sorts of activities, including visiting and investigating archaeological sites and historic places, trying out traditional crafts, taking part in excavations, experimental archaeology and lots more. Brighton YAC is based at Brighton Museum , where we have access to the wonderful Elaine Evans Archaeology Gallery. Occasionally our sessions may be held at other venues depending on planned activities. The club usually meets once, a month on the last Saturday, from 10.30 am-12.30 pm.

If you'd like to get involved please get in touch with the team: contact: Odile Rouard

email: **brightonyac@gmail.com**

BUTSER ANCIENT FARM

Butser Ancient Farm has launched ButserPlus: a way to enter the world of ButserAncient Farm online with professional video content. Details here:
www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/butser-plus

Horsham and District Archaeology Group

horshamarch@hotmail.co.uk or 01903 872309

SUSSEX PAST

Sussex Archaeological Society

https://sussexpast.co.uk

WEALDEN BUILDINGS STUDY GROUP

Wealden Buildings Study Group

www.wealdenbuildings.org.uk

BHAS Founded 1906

Brighton and Hove Archaeological Society **http:/www.brightonarch.org.uk**

Back in the Unitarian Church New Road, Brighton- Start time 7-30 pm. The BHAS lectures will be **live** and not on Zoom.



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Please can you refresh your memories by reviewing this document, which can be found on the Society's website under Documents / Policy / Privacy Notice.

If any of your contact details have changed since you completed your WAS Membership Application Form, please advise the Membership Secretary, Liz Lane.

Many thanks Donna

If you are already on Facebook and would like to join our closed WAS Facebook group, just ask to join on the Worthing Archaeological Society page

Easy Fundraising

If you shop online, do consider using Easyfundraising to make donations to WAS. Retailers give part of every amount spent to WAS, if you nominate us as your charity **https://new.easyfundraising.org.uk**

Photo Archive

WAS is developing an archive of photos, accessible via the website. Past digs are already well covered, but if you have photos you can share, please send them to Theresa and Richard on **theresa_in_brighton@yahoo.co.uk**
If they are not recent ones, could give us names of people and sites included. There are some on our website which we haven't been able to identify – if you know when and where they were taken, please let us know.

WAS Archive

Connie is currently Curator of our Archive. We have a good collection of Sussex Archaeological Collections, starting from

And finally a reminder

Subs for 2024 were due on January 1st - £25 for ordinary members, £10 for full-time students. . Feel free to pay by standing order or BACs (details on request)

Please send to: Liz Lane, Membership Secretary. 5 Smugglers' Walk, Goring-by-Sea, West Sussex. BN12 4DP. Membership forms can also be downloaded from the WAS website: **www.worthingarchaeological.org**

Please note that at the AGM it was agreed to increase subs to £30 from January 1st 2025. Please update your standing orders / direct debits if you pay that way.

The Worthing Archaeological Society is a registered Charity (291431)
Please note: our email address is: **worthingarchaeological@gmail.com**

Items for next News sheet please to
Liz, as above, or
liz.13lane@gmail.com

Saxon and Medieval Pottery in Sussex

Presented by Luke Barber

Saturday 26th October, 2024

10.00 am - 4.30 pm

Worthing Museum

Please come and join us for this Day School on 26th October at Worthing Museum.

Luke Barber will be looking at the pottery likely to be found in Sussex in the Saxon and Medieval periods. We will be covering the period 1350 to 1500/50. The day will be split into sessions of Early, Mid, Late Saxon, Saxo-Norman, High Medieval and Late Medieval. Local wares/fabrics will always be the most common finds on excavations but non-local English and imported types that may be discovered in different periods will also be reviewed.

There will be sample sherds for us to look at and some practical sorting sessions to practise grouping and dating fabrics.

Tea and coffee will be available from 9.45 am and the day will start at 10.00 am. We will finish around 4.30 pm.

Parking can be found in the NCP Car Park next to the Connaught Theatre or in the multi-storey car park in Worthing High Street.

Costs for the day will be :

Members : £25.00

Non-Members : £30.00

Please let me know if you would like to join us for this fascinating day of discovery ---- donna.wiltshire@sky.com

SOUTHEAST ENGLAND REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Saturday 30 November 2024 in Kings Church, Brooks Road, Lewes, BN7 2BY

Conference Organiser: anthony.brook27@btinternet.com

'People and Places'

9.00	**Doors open and Registration**
10.10	**Welcome and Announcements**
Programme	
10.15-11.00	Lynn Cornwell (Hastings Archaeological Research Group)
	'In Pursuit of the Classis Britannica: New Sites in the High Weald'
11.00-11.30	**Coffee and Biscuits**
11.30-12.15	Brian Short (University of Sussex)
	'Walking and Writing on the Sussex Weald and Downs: the Legacy of Dr Peter Brandon'
12.15-1.00	Geoffrey Mead (University of Sussex)
	'Viscounts and Chicken Stubbers: Community Variation between the Downs and the High Weald'
1.00-2.00	**Lunch**
2.00-2.45	Mike Benton (University of Bristol)
	'Changing Ideas of Dinosaurs since William Buckland (1824) and Gideon Mantell (1825)'
2.45-3.30	Ken Brooks (Hastings and District Geological Society)
	'Teilhard de Chardin: Priest, Philosopher and Fossil-Hunter in the Hastings Area in the early 20th Century'
3.30-4.00	**Tea and Biscuits**
4.00-4.45	Darren Clarke (The Charleston Trust)
	'The Highly-influential Bloomsbury Group at Charleston Farmhouse in the Sussex Downs'

To Register for SERC24, please forward your Name, Address, Tel. No. and email to the Conference Organiser (anthony.brook27@btinternet.com); and also forward the Conference Fee of £35 per person, by Direct Bank Transfer, including your name as the reference, to Anthony Brook

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Conference Fee for Full-time students is still only £25!

The Conference Fee includes the Conference publication, coffee/tea, and packed lunch. Please indicate any dietary requirements.

Thank you for registering for SERC24 Anthony Brook (Conference Organiser)

CBA SE Annual conference

Saturday 16 November, 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'
- Kevin Trott (Wessex Archaeology): 'Excavating Malcolm's Archives'