2024 Lecture Dates

January 9th 2024

Worthing Library Lecture Theatre – 7.30pm

David Millum and Rob Wallace

Recent Discoveries at the Bridge Farm Roman Settlement





Rob Wallace and David Millum, the directors of the Culver Archaeological Project, will give a summary of the recent excavations of the Romano-British settlement at Bridge Farm, near Barcombe Mills. Whilst the main theme of the talk will be the features and artefacts found in Trench 7 during 2018-23, they will also include a brief background to the site as well as their current thoughts about how this 1st to 4th century settlement evolved and how it fitted into the wider Roman landscape of southeast Britain. Anyone who missed their previous talk to WAS in 2018 and who would like to catch up on the features and finds revealed in the six previous trenches excavated between 2013-18 will find earlier PowerPoint presentations and written summaries on the project's website:

www.culverproject.co.uk

February 13th 2024

Worthing Library Lecture Theatre – 7.30pm John Pull Memorial Lecture

Dr Richard Nevell

Honorary Research Fellow University of Exeter Department of Archaeology

Investigating Knepp Castle: geophysical surveys at a 'slighted' site



All that survives of the medieval Knepp Castle is the west wall of the keep. The rest has been lost to time and road 18th-century building. Founded by the Braose family, it was confiscated by King John who used it as a hunting lodge and stayed there several times. In 1215 and 1216, when he was at war with the barons, John twice ordered the destruction of Knepp Castle. Recent geophysical work at the castle has aimed to find out more about its layout, establish whether there are archaeological remains, and find out whether John's orders to destroy the castle were followed. The fieldwork took place in 2021 and 2022 and suggests there is more to Knepp than meets the eye.

March 12th 2024

Worthing Library Lecture Theatre – AGM 7.00pm and Lecture 7.30pm

Connie Shirley and Robert Turner

The EPIC Project at Sompting Brooks

W are researching the late Mesolithic/early Neolithic on the EPIC site. Connie will describe the changing coastline there. Bob will describe the finds and what they say about family life in this ancient time.

April 9th 2024

Worthing Library Lecture Theatre – 7.30pm-Mark Phillips

Local Historian and Councillor Arundel
The Men, The Mission, The Recovery: The
search for the B24 and its MIA's



On Thursday 22 June 1944, an American B24 Consolidated Liberator of the USSAF 489 Bomber Group - nicknamed 'Johnny Reb' - crashed upon its return to the UK, following severe battle damage to the plane during its mission to bomb the airfield at St-Cyr, SW of Paris. I plan to tell the story of the plane, the men, the mission, the crash, the research and the project to find its two missing in action (MIA's) and repatriate them to them to the USA.

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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

President Mr John Mills, Archaeologist

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