

2026 Lecture Dates

January 13th 2026

Worthing Library Lecture Theatre – 7.30pm

Dr Mike Allen

Geoarchaeologist and environmental archaeologist specialising in land snails, soils and sediments and co-ordinating palaeo-environmental programmes.

The Land-use History of the Southern Chalklands



February 10th 2026

Worthing Library Lecture Theatre – 7.30pm

John Pull Memorial Lecture

James Sainsbury

Archaeologist and Archaeology Curator at Worthing Museum and Art Gallery

The Highdown Big Dig: an overview of the Big Dig and update on the post ex work



The Highdown Big Dig 2025 was a resounding success, both in terms of the archaeology and the levels of interest from the general public. Worthing Archaeological Society played a pivotal role in the excavation, some 80 years after Dr Wilson last led the Society to investigate this famous local landmark. Post-excavation results are beginning to come in, and this lecture will look at the Big Dig itself alongside exciting new narratives that are emerging around the history of Highdown Hill.

March 10th 2026

Worthing Library Lecture Theatre – AGM

7.00pm and Lecture 7.30pm

Robert Turner

Archaeologist and Astronomer

Vikings: The Story of the Vikings, their History, Social Interaction and Artifacts



The Viking era only lasted for a short period from the sacking of Lindisfarne to the defeat of Harald Hardrada in 1066, but in that time, History underwent many changes. This lecture tries to give a full account of how Britains fared as well as how the Viking lived and their beliefs.

April 14th 2026

Worthing Library Lecture Theatre – 7.30pm

Dr Sue Harrington FSA

Independent Researcher, Honorary Senior Research Associate, UCL Institute of Archaeology

Fifth and sixth century Sussex coastal burial grounds

The fifth and sixth century burials in West Sussex are noted for their important assemblages of glassware and Quoit Brooch Style material. For the first time illustrated grave catalogues from the nineteenth and twentieth century excavations have been assembled and are now published..

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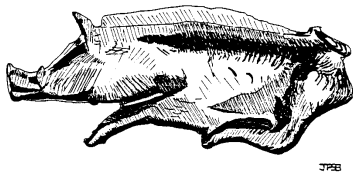
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Lectures take place on the second
Tuesday of the month 7.30pm

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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information on Lectures and Events**

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Lecture Programme

Winter/Spring 2026

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