

Worthing Archaeological Society



Newsletter

August & September 2023

WAS Field Unit

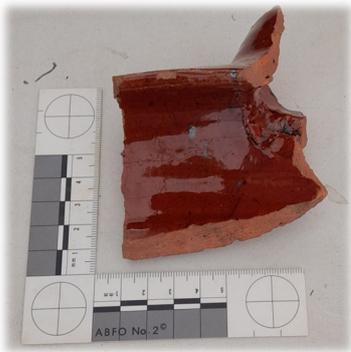
Lancing Prep

WAS assisted with a week-long dig at Lancing Prep. The most popular feature uncovered was a large water cistern where a select few were able to lie head down and excavate part of the interior.



Malthouse

From the topsoil being taken off on July 4th, to packing up on July 28th, it's been a great dig. Many thanks to Connie for her Leadership and Organisation. There will be a report, but here's a taste.



Mystery Object
(Answer at the end *)



Week 1



Retrieving the pot



Possible Building



Hard at work



Chris saving the tent from the wind



Martin, Henri & the "pit"

* part of a bedpan – probably mid 17th C



Climping

Next visit TBC

Finds Processing

We will be returning to the Slindon Finds Shed in August on Thursdays 3rd and 17th meeting at 9.30 am to about 12.15 pm. On the 3rd, there will be some sorting of equipment from our Sompting dig, which is due to finish at the end of this month. Then we will start sorting and processing this year's finds and this will continue on the 17th and on September 7th and 21st. Bob, of course, will also be looking at any flint from the site.

Hopefully, meetings will be held outside but please let me know if you are coming to any of the meetings, as numbers are still limited.

Remember to bring your own drinks and if we are outside, also sunhats and sunscreen or hats and coats!

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[The Flint Sessions](#) in Worthing Museum will now start in January. Details to follow.

Autumn 2023 Lecture dates

All being held at the Worthing Library Lecture Theatre:

October 10th Dr Judie English

Early European Jewellery: from the Palaeolithic to the end of the Roman period.

November 14th Dr Mike Allen

Cerne Abbas – playing with giant ideas.

December 12th John Mills

Old Atherington and the washed-away coastal villages of West Sussex.

Theresa has produced our Lecture Programme in full, and in full colour.

Look for it on our website: worthingarchaeological.org

Field Unit Forum

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

Worthing Heritage Festival

WAS had a stall in the Museum, publicising what we do. Thanks to those who came along to help.





Study Days

A Series of Drawing Day Schools for Worthing Archaeological Society (WAS)

Presented by Bob Turner

This series of Day Schools will focus on three main elements of Archaeological drawing:

- On-Site Plan and Section Drawing
- Post-Excavation Plans and Section Drawing
- Artefact Drawing

An excavation is a destructive process so it is important that we record all detail as a dig progresses. As with other disciplines, drawing must conform to certain standards ensuring that any archaeologist can understand the site.

Training will be split into three sessions and will aim to prepare you to follow these archaeological standards and ensure that you feel confident to carry out recording on any future dig.

You are free to join any or all sessions but it would be preferable if anyone attending Session 1 could also attend Session 2 to finalise the process of Plan and Section drawing.

Session 1: 16th September 2023. On-Site Plan and Section Drawing. Full day. Finds Processing Shed, Slindon

This session will cover the methods and standards used to record on-site and will then take us outside to put our new found knowledge into practice recording a plan and section with a pencil on Permatrace.

Session 2: 24th February 2024. Post-Excavation Plans and Sections. Half Day, Slindon Finds Processing Shed, Slindon

This session will take the on-site plans and section drawings created in Session 1 to a stage where they can be included in the final site report. This will include inking-in and the production of notes.

Session 3: 13th April 2024. Artefact Drawing. Full Day, Worthing Museum

This session will cover the recording and illustration of pottery, metal, wood, glass, stone, flint, leather, textiles and bone. Illustration recording is drawing 'what you see', so you do not need to be an artistic person to enjoy this discipline. These illustrations will form part of the final site report.

Cost for Members £20.00 and Non-Members £25.00 for all three sessions

18th November In Worthing Museum, Desktop research by John Mills.

13th January Day School: Medieval Towns of Sussex, Worthing Museum, Simon Stevens

WAS has a Bursary which is available to help Members attend events which they may find difficult to pay for. Please ask a Committee Member for more details.

Please contact Donna Wiltshire if you would like to join any or all of these sessions donna.wiltshire@sky.com



WAS on Tour 2023

Priory Park

On Tuesday 30th May a group of 12 WAS members visited Priory Park in Chichester for a tour of the new two-week dig being led by James Kenny, Chichester's Archaeologist, in partnership with the Chichester and District Archaeology Society (CDAS). We were very lucky with the weather as it was a bright, shiny day with the added bonus of a café & toilets right by the dig!



James explained the history of Priory Park & the previous year's digs. This year he was digging close to last year's dig site.

Subsequent to our visit, the remains of a ditch that surrounded Chichester's Norman castle, together with a masonry structure associated with it, have been revealed for the first time in hundreds of years. Other discoveries include the foundations of the walls associated with a building that was part of a medieval Franciscan Friary that stood on the site, including a buttress on the south-east corner of the building.

The friary existed between the late-13th to the mid-16th centuries and would have comprised a series of buildings including the Friary church, a dormitory, refectory, library, a cloister with wash house, a guest house and even a brewery! Following the dissolution of the monasteries, in the late 1530s, the Friary church became a council house and the rest of the buildings were converted to a mansion house. This was demolished in the mid-19th century when the area was transformed into Priory Park.





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Culver Project

On Monday 3rd July a group of 11 WAS members visited the Culver Project just to the North of Lewes. We were given a thorough & very interesting tour of the area of the defended riverside Romano-British settlement at Bridge Farm by Rob Wallace, one of the dig sites directors, who was the one who found it whilst investigating the presence of a substantial Roman road running down the western side of the River Ouse.



Geophysical survey of the site dated 2011



This exciting archaeological dig has been going since 2013 & runs from the end of May until mid-July annually. A group of students from Canterbury University attend every year & anyone can volunteer to dig there for a fee by contacting the Culver Project team directly.

Having uncovered only around 5% of the potential site to date, around 150,000 finds have been processed & includes complete items of pottery, numerous tesserae along with fabulous items of jewellery.





Dates for your Diary:

Friends of Fishbourne Roman Palace 19th August Rudkin Room 2pm

Ancient metalworking: experiments and anecdotes by Fergus Milton (Butser Ancient Farm). Fergus Milton has been involved in demonstrating, teaching, and generally playing around with ancient metalworking techniques for 20 years at Butser Ancient Farm, with a special interest in the early Bronze Age period. This talk has been arranged by the Palace but Friends will get a discount and tickets will be £5.00 or £10.00 for non members. To reserve your place(s) please contact me, Mary Haskins, fishbornefriends@gmail.com or write to me at 15 Amberley Road, Rustington, LITTLEHAMPTON BN16 2EF) Full price tickets will also be available through the SAS Website

16th September Rudkin Room at 2pm (The Friends Autumn Talk)

Up close and personal with archaeological objects By Jacqui Watson, conservator. You may have seen Jacqui showing Michael Portillo some brooches on his visit to Fishbourne (Coastal Railway Journeys 15 th June 2023). She will talk about these and much, much more. Jacqui has worked for many years for Historic England and its previous incarnations. She is an expert on metallic objects and the traces of other materials found with them such as textiles and wood. To reserve your place (s) please contact me by email or post (as above). Full price tickets will also be available through the SAS website from late August.

Sussex School of Archaeology ‘The Sussex Landscape transformed, an overview’ Saturday 14th October, 10am-5pm

A Sussex School of Archaeology & History hybrid conference Venue: Kings Church, Brooks Road, LEWES, BN7 2BY
Speakers: Dr Sue Berry, Dr Jon Baczkowski, Dr Judie English, Dr David Rudling, Dr Marc Morris, Dr Caroline Adams, Dr Geoffrey Mead

Topics and periods:

- Two millennia of change: Sussex through the Neolithic
- Development of Field Systems during the Later Bronze Age and The Iron Age
- The Impact of Rome
- The Impact of the Norman Conquest on Anglo-Saxon England
- Changing Manorial Landscape in the Early Modern Period
- Transformation by the Georgians and Victorians of the Urban and Rural Landscape
- The 20th century as a time of societal change

Tickets: £30 (£20 student concessions); £15 online by zoom

Further details (Programme, abstracts, speaker details, etc): <https://www.sussexarchaeology.org/>

Eventbrite bookings: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/656143431667>

Wealden Geological Assembly

11th November.

See flyer on page 9

CBA South East – Annual conference

Saturday 18th November 2023 (10.00-17.00)

This is an in-person event with a programme being developed for circulation in due course.

Venue: King’s Church, Lewes



Other Societies / Groups



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



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



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



Sussex Archaeological Society
<https://sussexpast.co.uk>



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

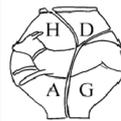
Back in the Unitarian Church New Road, Brighton- Start time 7-30 pm. The BHAS lectures will be **live** and not on Zoom.



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

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Horsham and District Archaeology Group
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Wealden Buildings Study Group
www.wealdenbuildings.org.uk



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UK GDPR: UK General Data Protection Regulation

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 2023 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

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SHARE YOUR STORY

Saturday 16 September 2023

Lancing Prep Worthing

10:00am-3.00pm

Their Finest Hour is a University of Oxford project that aims to collect and digitally archive the everyday stories and objects of the Second World War that have been passed down from generation to generation.

Do you have any Second World War-related stories and objects passed down to you from your parents, grandparents, or other family members?

Bring your diaries, letters, photos, memories, objects, or stories about your family's wartime experience to our Digital Collection Day, where they will be recorded and added to Their Finest Hour's online archive.

For more information on the project, visit
theirfinesthour.org



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