

Worthing Archaeological Society

News sheet

August - September 2021

WAS Field Unit Malthouse

Despite the heat, a lot has been achieved on site. Work continues: see below.

Activity	Day	Date
Excavation	ongoing	
End of Main Excavation	Saturday	31 July
Toilets from Site	Monday	02 August
Friday Works	Friday	06 August
Friday Works	Friday	13 August
Friday Works	Friday	20 August
Close trenches	Friday	27 August
Return remaining equipment	Saturday	28 August
Digger to fill trenches	Wednesday	01 September

Email Connie : connieshirley1@aol.com
or Liz: liz.13lane@gmail.com
Follow us on WAS Facebook.



Slindon Stableyard

A small group of folk will be continuing the work in the Stableyard at the end of August/beginning of September.

Keith is your contact:
keithbolton14@gmail.com

Field Unit Forum

Keep the date: 7pm on Tuesday October 5th.
Venue (hopefully not Zoom) will be announced nearer the time.

Site visit to Steyning

There will be field-walking here in September.
Watch this space.....

Climping WAS site visit

On Saturday 26th June, Dr Matt Pope led a group of WAS members looking at the ongoing erosion of Climping beach and the geological features that as a result are being exposed.

These included Ice Age deposits on the foreshore and Prehistoric colluvium appearing in the beach cliff. In addition, John Mills showed the group the remains of a well (see below) probably associated with part of Atherington village, which has been lost to the sea.



Further field activity including monitoring the profile of the beach and recording of features and finds will be scheduled for later this year.

Keith

[Finds Processing](#) – when we resume is under discussion. We will let you know what is decided.

[EPIC](#)

Interesting Exhibition in August, and news of tours of the site – see Flyer at the end of the Newsletter.

Also, for events connected with Sompting Church, see

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/stmaryscelebrationweek>

[Brenda memorial Walk at Slindon](#)

Led by Keith, on Saturday September 4th. Meet by our Slindon shed at 10am. Bring food and drink.

[Lecture Programme](#) [Tuesday October 12th](#)

Our October Lecture is the Con Ainsworth memorial Lecture, and will be given by Mark Roberts

Venue to be confirmed.

‘Our’ Archaeologist [James Sainsbury](#) gave a talk on [John Pull & Worthing's Stone Age Revolution](#) in the Worthing Pavilion Theatre on Tuesday 15 June at 7:30pm

This was about John Pull and his excavations at the Neolithic flint mines on the Sussex Downs north of Worthing. He began the lecture by mentioning the flint mine complexes and then spoke about those at Blackpatch, which Pull had started in 1922. Pull excavated the shaft and interconnecting galleries. There were about 100 flint mine shafts here, but they have since been ploughed out.

He next spoke about the flint mines at Church Hill, Findon where Pull underwent excavations between 1932 and 1952. These mines being the oldest flint mines in the country dating to about 4600 BC. There were about 36 flint mine shafts on the hill and possibly more. These have also been ploughed out.



James then spoke about those at Cissbury where Pull excavated between 1952 and 1955. There are some 270 flint mine shafts on Cissbury, which are visible today as depressions and spoil heaps. John Pull never excavated those at Harrow Hill. Other excavators were also mentioned such as General Pitt Rivers in the 19th century and the excavation carried out by the Channel 4's Time Team crew at Blackpatch with the help of the Worthing Archaeological Society in 2005.

Many artefacts were found in the flint mines from axes, scrapers, pottery, deer antlers, shoulder blades of deer and pigs, some skeletons and other objects. James showed a number of photographs of the excavations, finds, people who were involved plus sketches, which Pull had done of the sites. Some Bronze Age pottery was found in the flint mines at Church Hill, which suggests that they were also used in this period.

It was a most interesting and enjoyable evening, attended by a goodly number of WAS Members. Thank you James.

Alex Vincent

[Worthing Museum](#)

Is open again.

Thursdays 10am-8pm

Fridays 10am- 5pm

Saturdays 10am-5pm

Sundays 11am-3pm

The excellent [John Pull Exhibition](#) in the Norwood Gallery goes on until September.

There is a series of Archaeological Walks and some interesting talks coming up.

See: worthingtheatresandmuseum.co.uk

[Rampion 2](#)

The first consultation is now over and is being considered. If you would like the latest information, go to [Rampion2.com](#)

Chapter 26, on the Historical Environment, would be of special interest to WAS Members. WAS has a place on their Environmental Project Liaison Group, so if you have any comments, please pass them on to Liz.

2022 Centenary of the establishment of WAS

Alex Vincent is kindly preparing a Commemorative booklet.

From Alex: "I am doing a booklet to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Worthing Archaeological Society, which takes place in 2022. The booklet will be A5 and I plan to have 24 to 36 pages. I am editing it and have already made a start. I would like articles from WAS members to include in the booklet such as someone writing about WAS excavations over the past 100 years, events over the period, past lectures at meetings etc.

The articles need only be between 2 to 3 A5 pages (600 to 1000 words approx) and also photographs of excavations, people etc. James is doing a piece about John Pull's excavations at Blackpatch as this will also be 100 years since he dug there in 1922. Could photographs be sent to me on jpg. I hope to get the book printed by January 2022 to be given out to members at the John Pull Memorial Lecture on February 8th 2022."

Please send to alexeclipsing@gmail.com

UKGDPR

If any of your details eg: address, post code, telephone number(s), email address or Gift Aid option - have changed since you last completed your WAS Membership Application Form, please let me know.

All members have the right at any time to withdraw consent for WAS using personal data for communication purposes, please contact the Membership Secretary to do so.

Please refer to our updated Privacy Notice on the Society's website

www.worthingarchaeological.org

Thank you Patricia

Walking into History

Alex Vincent's Archaeology walks for 2021.

August 2nd Patching Church & possible shrunken Medieval village S

August 9th Muntham, Findon. Old Manor House. M

August 16th Salvington. Hamlet & site of John Selden's house. M

August 23rd Worthing. Romano-British village site. S

As this is the last walk, if it is raining we will go to a pub for a final gathering.

S = short walk, M = medium walk and L = long walk.

We meet at the Civic Centre car park at 6.45 for 7.

Route maps on how to get there will be given on the day. A fee of £2 or £3 for petrol money to the

drivers from the passengers is recommended. All are welcome. After the walks, we go to a pub for refreshment.

Any enquires my telephone number is 07753282714 or email me via Worthing Library alexeclipsing@gmail.com

Saturday 9th October - SUSSEX ARCHAEOLOGY SYMPOSIUM 2021 –

9.45am-5pm at Kings Church , Brooks Road , Lewes , BN7 2BY . The Sussex Archaeology Symposium is an annual event, organised by the Sussex School of Archaeology, which showcases recent archaeological research in Sussex . The speakers this year will be Stewart Angell, Jane Clark, Lynn Cornwell, Tessa Machling, Steve Patton, Mark Roberts, David Rudling, Jo Seaman, Simon Stevens, Richard Toms, Teresa Vieira and Roland Williamson. Periods to be covered range from the Lower Palaeolithic to World War 1 (ie something for most people!). There will also be various stands and bookstalls. The Symposium fee (to include refreshments and a packet [Covid friendly] lunch) is £35. For further details and to make bookings please see:

www.sussexarchaeology.org – or contact info@sussexarchaeology.co.uk

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.

A team of volunteers runs the club and all our leaders are DBS checked. We charge a joining fee of £10 then £1 per session. Due to a limited number of spaces you must be a member before you are able to join a session. If you'd like to get involved please get in touch with the team using the details below.

contact: Odile Rouard email:

brightonyac@gmail.com

August Ambles – A series of enjoyable and informative short woodland walks in Sussex

The [Lost Woods of the Low Weald and Downs](#) project funded by the Heritage Lottery is a partnership project working with The Woodland Trust, Sussex Wildlife Trust and the Small Woods Association.

Our main aim is connecting local community groups / people to their local woodland or even experiencing going to a woodland for the first time. With the hope to inspire more people to love and protect their local natural places.

As part of the project, we are putting on a series of guided 'walk and talk' in the woods. Most of the walks are free, unless otherwise stated.

There should be something for everyone.

To book on please click on the link to our website – <https://www.ruralsussex.org.uk/lost-woods-august-ambles/> You can see what's on and book via Eventbrite.

Some walks are led by knowledgeable people from the local community, others focus on mental health, forest-bathing, storytelling and conservation. Some are led by our team from environmental charities such as AirS, the Woodland Trust, Sussex Wildlife Trust, or the Small Woods Association.

[CBA SE](#)

We are releasing a series of blogs from those involved with community archaeology that reflect on 2020 and how groups have found ways to adapt in the most challenging of circumstances. There are five blogs currently up, with more on the way. Get in touch if you have a story to tell or a problem to solve -our members have told us that the chance to connect and share has been more important than ever in 2020.

Find them here: <https://blog.archaeologyuk.org/>

[WAS Archive.](#)

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

Please feel free to use them for your research.

[South East England Regional Conference](#)

27th November

See Flyer at end.

[ButserAncient Farm](#) has launched ButserPlus: a way to enter the world of ButserAncient Farm online with professional video content. Details here:

<https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/butser-plus>

There is also a blog about the completion of the Horton Neolithic House just in time for visiting:

<https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/blog/2021/4/18/neolithic-house-project-the-completion-of-the-horton-house>

[Worthing Heritage Alliance](#)

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

[Easy Fundraising](#)

If you shop online, do consider using Easyfundraising to make donations to WAS.

<https://new.easyfundraising.org.uk>

Retailers give part of every amount spent to WAS, if you nominate us as your charity.

[Photo Archive](#)

WAS is hoping to develop an archive of photos, accessible via the website. Some of our past digs are already well covered, but if you have photos you are willing to share, please would you send them to Theresa and Richard on theresa_in_brighton@yahoo.co.uk

If they are not recent ones, we would be grateful if you 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.

[Brighton and Hove Archaeological Society](#)

[New Venue for BHAS Monthly Lectures](#)

Due to new traffic restrictions in Brighton city centre, BHAS are, unfortunately, no longer able to access the Unitarian Church for our monthly lectures. It is a pity we have to leave the place that has been home to us for such a long time but, I'm happy to say, we have identified another, very welcoming, venue to hold our meetings:

Brighton and Hove Girls' School

Montpelier Road

Brighton

BN1 3AT

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Brighton+Girls/@50.8284917,-0.1511599,15z>

Glynis

New Lecture Programme 2021/2022

October 8th - Simon Stevens: Iron Industry of the Weald

November 12th - Hedley Swain: Royal Pavilion and Museums

December 10th - Miles Russell: TBA

Details from www.brightonarch.org.uk

Sussex Archaeological Society

Properties open again, they need your support.
<https://sussexpast.co.uk>

The Association for Roman Archaeology is organising some talks. To register go to the events page on their website:

<https://www.associationromanarchaeology.org>

All speakers recommended. All talks are free but donations are welcomed.

Thursday 19th August at 18:30. Mike Stone will speak on 'Roman Trade and Industry in North Wiltshire'.

Thursday 16th September at 18:30. Professor Tony King will speak on 'Roman villas in Italy from Imperial palace to humble farm'.

Horsham and District Archaeology Group

horshamarch@hotmail.co.uk or 01903 872309

Liss Archaeology

www.lissarchaeology.uk

Or email lissarchaeology@gmail.com

Chichester District Archaeology Society

CDAS have made their talks available free on their YouTube channel.

Lots of details of their activities, see:
www.CDAS.info

Hampshire Field Club and Archaeological Society

Has a variety of events

See landscape-events@hantsfieldclub.org.uk

Wealden Buildings Study Group

www.wealdenbuildings.org.uk

South Downs Society

Based in Pulborough, the Society has a variety of walks and talks which might well be interesting.

Email them:

enquiries@southdownssociety.org.uk

And finally a reminder

Subs for 2021 were due on January 1st - £25 for ordinary members, £10 for full-time students.

Many thanks to those who have paid already, especially those who have paid by standing order, or by 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

Items for next News sheet please to

Liz, as above,

or liz.13lane@gmail.com

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Please note: our email address has changed. It is now: worthingarchaeological@gmail.com



Use this to access our website from your mobile phone.

An Invitation to attend the 4th Biennial
SOUTHEAST ENGLAND
REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Saturday 27 November 2021 in
Kings Church Centre, Lewes
County Town of East
Sussex, easily accessible by road and rail

**Conserving the Heritage of
Southeast England**

Programme Conference

Organiser: email
anthony.brook27@btinternet.com

8.40-9.40 Registration and Welcome

9.40-10.20 Thomas Hose
(Bristol University)
‘GeoConservation and
the RIGS of Southeast England’

10.20-11.00 Ellinor Michel and
Charlotte Wightwick (NHM)
‘Conserving the Victorian
Vision of Dinosaurs, at Crystal Palace’

11.00-11.30 Coffee and Biscuits

11.30-12.15 Matt Pope (Institute
of Archaeology at UCL)
‘New Discoveries from
the Archaeological Record

of
Palaeolithic People in Southeast
England’

12.15-1.00 Geoffrey Mead
‘Southeast England in the
early 18th century: Defoe’s Tour of 1722’

1.00-2.00 Buffet Lunch

2.00-2.45 Matthew Slocombe
(Society for the Protection of Ancient
Buildings)

‘The Work of SPAB in
Southeast England, and its ‘Old House’
Project’

2.45-3.30 Kathryn Ferry
‘Seafront Structures of
Southeast Seaside Resorts’

3.30-4.00 Tea and Biscuits

4.00-4.45 Chris Hare
‘Hilaire Belloc and the
South Country: landscape, people and
myth’

4.45-5.30 James Trollope
‘The Sussex
Landscapes of Eric Slater and Frank
Short’

Registration Form

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

**Conference Fee for the day is £30, which includes
coffee/tea, buffet lunch and Conference publication**

**Please make your cheque payable to Anthony Brook
and forward, with this Registration Form, to
Anthony Brook, 15, Cambourne Court, Shelley Road,
Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 4BQ**

Conference Fee for Full-time Students is only £25!



WE ARE PLEASED TO
ANNOUNCE THE



EPIC RIVER AND AGECRAFT EXHIBITION

**13TH & 14TH AUGUST
10AM - 4.30PM**

**BOOK A RIVER SITE WALKING TOUR
ON FRIDAY 13TH AT 11AM, 1PM OR 3PM**

COME AND DISCOVER WHAT WILL GO IN A TIME
CAPSULE - SEE MESSAGES BY CHILDREN FROM
DOWNSBROOK AND SOMPTING PRIMARY SCHOOLS
AND ADD YOUR OWN.

**FIND OUT ABOUT THE HISTORY OF
SOMPTING AND PLANT A SURPRISE
BULB TO TAKE HOME AND WATCH
GROW**

AT THE HARRIET JOHNSON CENTRE, LOOSE
LANE, SOMPTING BN15 0BG
TO BOOK A PLACE ON A WALKING TOUR OR
FOR FURTHER INFO PLEASE EMAIL KATIE AT
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