

# Worthing Archaeological Society

## News sheet

### Anne Induni

We recently heard that Anne has passed away. We would like to pay our condolences to her family and her many friends.

Anne was a very busy WAS Life Member. She served on the Committee as Secretary, President and Vice-President at various times from 1979 until the mid-2000s. She also served on the CBA SE Committee, and represented WAS on the Sussex Arch Soc's Archaeological Committee (now the Sussex Archaeological Forum). She was a regular contributor to the WAS Journal.

And she moved in elevated circles.....



When she joined, Membership was £2 per year, with Life Membership at £20.

She maintained a keen interest in WAS after she moved to Bournemouth to be near her family. She often came back from Bournemouth to support Fishbourne's activities for Young Archaeologists.

The last WAS event she attended – in her late 80s – was our 2015 AGM, when she travelled from Bournemouth to support us.

### GDPR

If any of your details – address, post code, telephone number(s), email address, or Gift Aid option - have changed since you filled in the form last April/May, please would you let us know.

Many thanks.

### WAS Field Unit

We will be returning to the Malthouse Field, Sompington, in June 2019.

## February – March 2019

### Finds Processing

Throughout the year Finds are processed at 9.30am, twice-monthly, at our Slindon base (see below), led by Gill Turner.

Next meetings will be the 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February and 21<sup>st</sup> March.

(The extra February session is to try to catch up with all the post-excavation work needing doing, and 7<sup>th</sup> March is cancelled as we'll be in the Museum on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.)

### Slindon shed

Thanks to the very many Members who have helped re-organise the Shed, and our 'new' tool store, and so give much more space for Finds Processing.



### Surveying

The focus of Friday activities is on keeping our skills going and enjoying being out in the open air.

If you would like to take part, email Connie on [connieshirley1@aol.com](mailto:connieshirley1@aol.com)

### Lecture Programme

All Lectures are held in the Worthing Library Lecture Theatre at 7.30pm., except for the AGM, which is at 7pm.

### February 12<sup>th</sup>

John Skelton 'BHAS investigations of medieval remains in Hog Croft, Ovingdean'

### **John Pull Lecture**

### March 12<sup>th</sup>

AGM at 7.00pm (see flyer at end of Newsletter) followed by Lecture at 7.30pm

Tom Dommett - The Clandon Park Project

This talk will consider the challenges of archaeological salvage, restoration and the rebuilding of The National Trust property Clandon House in Surrey after the devastating fire of 2015.

### April 9th

Roger Cordiner and Anthony Brook

Medieval Building Stones in Parish Churches of the Worthing Area

### WAS Study Days 10am – 4pm

4<sup>th</sup> May 'Roman Pottery', Gordon Hayden, in the Museum Education Room.

8<sup>th</sup> June Judie English 'Food and Feasting' Day School in the Barn, Lambley's Lane.

23<sup>rd</sup> November Simon Stevens 'The Archaeology of Death and Commemoration' – Museum Education Room.

Please contact Patricia Leming

[p.leming@btinternet.com](mailto:p.leming@btinternet.com)

if you wish to attend any of these days.

£25 for WAS Members. £30 for non-Members.

### December Lecture

The Prehistoric Archaeology of Orkney.

Jane Russell started by giving us the Geological background, which explains why Orkney's predominant stone is old red sandstone. 400million years ago it was the site of a freshwater lake, in which were laid down silts, sands and clays. The sandstone cleaves well, so is easy to split into sheets. On our visit in July with Jane we could see the layers of stone on the coast, and how easy it would be, when the tide was out, to put in a wooden wedge and wait for the sea to do the splitting as the tide came in. The Ring of Brodgar's stones are good examples of this.

Orkney's Mainland is not mountainous, the highest hill, Wand Hill, being only 480m. It has rolling countryside.

There are very few known Mesolithic sites, but then the sea was 20m lower than today, so lots

of sites must have been lost. Or maybe Mesolithic folk went to Orkney seasonally – there would have been an easier passage then. There is currently a Research programme to investigate the Mesolithic to Neolithic period in Orkney.

Jane talked about settlements from the Knap of Howar, (dating from 3700 – 2800BC), to Barnhouse (3400 – 3100BC), Scara Brae (2910 – 2880BC) and several others. There are more questions than answers – why were so many built on middens? Why were middens curated? Why were the settlements abandoned? For what reason are burial kists often found under hearths? Was grooved ware first made in Orkney, then the skills travelled south? Jane talked about the Tomb of the Eagle, Maes Howe, Midhowe Broch, the Links of Notland, the Stones of Stenness, Ring of Brodgar.



Midhowe broch – see the layers of sandstone.

There is currently an archaeological 'dig' at Swandro on Rousay – it is mostly on the beach, and at risk of removal by the sea.



Swandro

Jane looked at the amazing 'dig' at the Ness of Brodgar. In 1925 a decorated stone was found and kept until about 2003 when another was found. It turns out to be a massive area, covered in monuments, probably dating from 3300BC onwards. Buildings were built, rebuilt, demolished, rebuilt, making it very complicated

to dig. 800+ engravings have been found to date, mostly geometric patterns.

Liz L

### [New Year's Walk, Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup>.](#)

The weather was very kind to us, cold but almost bright. 17 folk gathered in St Andrew's Churchyard to look at the oldest burial in Worthing – that of a young boy, buried in 1633.



We used the Tarring Heritage Trail leaflet, which is full of history, and John Lonergan kindly brought along copies of the WSGS leaflet on the Geology of Tarring.

We were a very well-informed bunch.



There are 12 Heritage Trails leaflets – available online, or from the Reference Library in Worthing – 50p each, and a bargain! (photos from Alex Vincent.)

### [January Lecture](#)

Roman Army in Sussex by Edwin Wood BA MA, (Former Sussex FLO).

Edwin described the traditional views of the Roman Invasion of Britain by showing the usual published maps. These indicate the concentration of Roman Army along Hadrian's Wall with no major military structures in South East.

The army consisted of usually 4, but could be up to 20, legions of 5500 citizen men, auxiliaries of 500-1000 non-citizen men, so possibly 40,000 men altogether.

The timeline he presented showed that there was never a peaceful time in the Roman period but many revolts.

There is also a debate about where the invasion took place - Richborough or Chichester? Both of these provide good reasons for attack.

Edwin then explained his PhD project which is looking at the placement of military objects found in the south east and asking why they are there.

What makes us think a find is military?



Spears could be used in a non - military way as could a sword, but a belt would be a true symbol of a warrior and it would be considered a dishonour to lose it.



Hobnails are frequently found but could be worn in an everyday situation as well as a military. However, pieces of harness are a symbol of cavalry as were copper alloy armlets which were war medals.

The scattering of all these militaria across the area suggests that the soldiers might be based in towns and just returned home with the pieces when leaving the army. An example of a town in Syria shows that Romans just took over the Northern part of a town as a base for the army.

There are no contemporaneous literary sources so more questions arose.

Did the Army have a wider presence in UK than is commonly thought?

Did the martial traditions from Iron Age persist into the Roman period?

The chariots of Iron Age could have been removed and the horses mounted by soldiers.

Helena Lewis

### [WAS Archive.](#)

Connie is currently Curator of our Archive. Thanks to Roy Plummer and Jackie Phippard (widow of Norman), we have a good collection of Sussex Archaeological Collections, starting from the very first. Please feel free to use them for your research.

### [South Downs Cross-Ridge-Dyke Project](#)

Judie English, David Lea and Richard Tapper have been involved in this huge project for some time. They have sent the section between the Arun and Adur to us, and it's on our website. Makes very good reading.

### [Archaeological Roundup](#)

If you are interested in what has been happening in Archaeology in all of Sussex, there is a Round-up on the SAS website. Follow this link:  
<https://sussexpast.co.uk/research/sussex-archaeology>

### [Annual Journal](#)

You should have had a copy of this excellent Journal, either in the post, or by email. Thanks to Cheryl for Editing, and to all our Contributors. If you didn't get your copy, please contact Liz.

This photo was found too late for inclusion – 'Doc' Roper in action – Harrow Hill 1936.



[Archaeology South East](#) have some volunteer opportunities which WAS members may be interested in over the winter months.

Please contact ASE on the email below for more information.

Nicola Elphick [n.bettley@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:n.bettley@ucl.ac.uk)

### [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](http://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](mailto: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.

### [The Keep Talk: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February](#)

Matt Pope will be talking on 'Brighton in the Ice Age.'

5.30 – 6.30. £5 advance booking and payment essential, please call 01273 482349 to reserve a place.

Further details: [www.thekeep.info/events](http://www.thekeep.info/events)

### [Beedings and Bramber LHS](#)

Meetings are held at 7.45pm in Beeding & Bramber Village Hall, High Street, Upper Beeding, BN44 3WN and visitors are always welcome, entry for them £2.

Wed. 6 Feb. Geoffrey Mead: The Adur from Source to Sea

Wed. 6 March AGM followed by Philip Paulo: The Truleigh Hill Landscape Project

Wed. 3 April Matt Pope and Garrett Sheehan: An Anglo-Saxon execution burial and other discoveries from the Rampion Cable Route.

### Brighton and Hove Archaeological Society

Lecture programme: held at the Unitarian Church, New Road, Brighton at 7.30. Free entry for members, £3 to non-members.

#### Friday Feb 8<sup>th</sup>

Dr. Matt Pope - A Persistent Place: Excavating Ice Age Archaeology on the Channel Island of Jersey.

#### Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>

Bridge Farm 2018 –Into the Dark Centre Talk by David Millumand Rob Wallace (Site Directors) and concentrating on the newest results from the 2018 excavations.

Sunday 3rd February – A Dr Geoffrey Mead Walk – Shoreham Town, riverside and beach. Sea level walking! Streets and shingle shoreline Meet at St Mary de Haura church at 10-00am (TQ215052) Pay and Display nearby.

### BHAS Day schools 2019

February 9<sup>th</sup> – Lisa Fisher: This day school will look at a variety of pottery styles spanning the Neolithic to the Iron-Age periods.

March 9<sup>th</sup> - Simon Stevens, a senior archaeologist in Archaeology South East, will start by giving us a introduction to human anatomy and the ways that different types of burial can affect preservation, moving on to look at the physical evidence for disease and trauma.

Cost of each school is £25 for BHAS members: £30 for non-members. Please state which school/s you wish to attend and send cheques to: Margaret Carey, 27 Quebec Street, Brighton, BN2 9UZ. Please ensure you also enclose your name and contact details.

[www.brightonarch.org.uk](http://www.brightonarch.org.uk)

### U.S.A.S.

At the Fulton Building, University of Sussex, 7pm

#### Thursday 21 February

*Palaeolithic cannibalism: calories or culture?*

Speaker: Dr James Cole (University of Brighton)

#### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Neolithic Rock Art in Britain and Ireland Talk by Jane Russell looking for similarities across areas and sites and whether there is any connection to astronomy or is it simply decorative art

USAS Members and US Staff: £3

Non-Members: £4

### Horsham and District Archaeology Group

Sat February 16<sup>th</sup>, 10am-4pm. Day school with Simon Stevens. The Medieval towns of Sussex.

Brighton Road, Baptist Church, Horsham RH13 5BD. Members £16, non-members £25. For further information and to book please contact

[horshamarch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:horshamarch@hotmail.co.uk) or 01903 872309

### Sussex Archaeological Society

<https://sussexpast.co.uk>

### Liss Archaeology

February – Mapping at Ludshott, recording WWI, WWII and older archaeology

February – Finds identification (ongoing)

February/March/April – Short Notice

Geophysics

March/April – Short Notice due to weather windows – Test Pits at Stroud

March/April – Trench Supervisor/Assistant Supervisor Training.

March 31<sup>st</sup> – Membership Renewal Date!

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tuesday, 7.15 for 7.30 start – AGM – Short! Followed by a talk on what is known about the heritage of Alton (all welcome, non-members £2)

April 6<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – Pottery Identification Day School

April 25<sup>th</sup> to May 21<sup>st</sup> – Spring Excavation at Colemore

[www.lissarchaeology.uk](http://www.lissarchaeology.uk)

Or email [lissarchaeology@gmail.com](mailto:lissarchaeology@gmail.com)

CBA Southeast runs lots of Archaeological events, workshops, etc.

[www.cbasmouth-east.org](http://www.cbasmouth-east.org)

### Chichester District Archaeology Society

Lectures, in the New Park Cinema Centre, start at 7.30 pm and usually finish about 9 pm. An entry fee of £5 is payable by non-members at the door.

27<sup>th</sup> February ASE Finds from the Chichester Sewer Expansion Scheme.

27<sup>th</sup> March Judie English on the South Downs Cross-Ridge dyke Project.

24<sup>th</sup> April Daryl Holter on his work as a Police Heritage Crime Advisor.

[www.cdas.info](http://www.cdas.info)

### [Lewes Archaeological Group](#)

All talks take place at 7.30pm in the Lecture Room, Lewes Town Hall (Fisher St. entrance) Entrance (including tea/coffee) for members is £3 (£2 for concessions) Non-Members welcome at £4/£3.

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Lewes Archaeological Group – Prehistoric Art in the Prehistoric Landscape

Talk by Prof Richard Bradley (University of Reading) who will discuss the fascinating topic of rock art

Details from: [www.lewesarchaeology.org.uk](http://www.lewesarchaeology.org.uk)

### [Hampshire Field Club and Archaeological Society](#)

Has a variety of events

See [landscape-events@hantsfieldclub.org.uk](mailto:landscape-events@hantsfieldclub.org.uk)

### [Wealden Buildings Study Group](#)

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 11.00am-2.30pm

Wivelsfield Church Hall

Peter Varlow - "In an Old House".

Dr Janet Pennington - "Witches, Warlocks and Wellingtons - the ritual protection of the home".

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 12:30pm-2pm

David Martin - "We the Better Sort: Houses of the emerging parish middle class in the landscape 1350-1550"

The Winter Talks are free for members, the optional refreshments are £2.

The Winter Talks are also open to the Public, at a cost of £5 which includes coffee, tea and biscuits.

Please bring a packed lunch.

[www.wealdenbuildings.org.uk](http://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](mailto:enquiries@southdownssociety.org.uk)

### [And finally a reminder](#)

Subs for 2019 were due on January 1<sup>st</sup> - £25 for ordinary members, £10 for full-time students. Many thanks to those who have paid already.

See Liz at Lectures or:

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](http://www.worthingarchaeological.org)

Items for next News sheet please to

Liz, as above,

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## Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday 12th March 2019 at 7pm in the Lecture Theatre at Worthing Library, Richmond Road, Worthing.

### A g e n d a

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the last AGM
3. Chairman's Annual Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Election of the Independent Examiner
6. Field Unit Report
7. GDPR
8. Election of Officer and Committee listed below
9. Any other business

The current Officers and Committee members are standing for re-election.

President	Mr John Mills
Chairman	Mr Keith Bolton
Secretary	Mrs Cheryl Hutchins
Treasurer	Mrs Connie Shirley

Committee members:

Mr Roy Plummer (Life Vice President), Mrs Josephine Thornton (Life Vice President), Mrs Liz Lane (Membership Secretary), Mrs Gill Turner (Finds Officer), Dr Jacqueline Lake and Mrs Patricia Leming (Day Schools organisers), Mrs Theresa Griffiths (Lecture organise with non-Committee member Mr Andrew Bell), Ms Amie Friend, Mr Brendan Wyatt and Mr Nigel Rumble .

Nominations for Committee Membership should be submitted to Cheryl Hutchins – [hutchincheryl@hotmail.com](mailto:hutchincheryl@hotmail.com) or by post to 15 Queen Street, Littlehampton BN17 6EP before the date of the AGM.

A full set of finance accounts will be made available on the night of the meeting.

The meeting will be followed by a lecture by Tom Dommatt of the National Trust on the Clandon Park Project.