

Worthing Archaeological Society

News sheet

Fieldwork - Provisional

Our Summer dig is planned for August 5th to August 17th inclusive. This time we are going to look at an area in Rough Copse, West of Goblestubbs.

Setting up/Surveying will take place on August 3rd & 4th, and Recording/Planning/closing the site on August 18th, 19th and 20th.

We will meet every morning near the Slindon shed, to combine transport.

These dates will be confirmed very soon, but if you are interested, please sign up now.

email Liz: liz.13lane@gmail.com

if possible, with dates you can be there and whether you would like to dig, process Finds, Survey.....

Further details will be sent round soon.

Field-walking at Warren Barn, Slindon is planned for later in the year, probably in September. Watch this space.

Finds Processing

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

The next dates are Thursdays 1st and 15th June and 6th and 20th July.

The sorting of the flint assemblage from Con's 1970s Hammerpot rescue dig is almost done – thanks, Bob and Gill, for your guidance. Next, the 2017 Slindon Field 20 finds.

If you are interested and not already involved, please contact Gill.

Ggmtturner@aol.com

Surveying

Friday surveying and recording works will be starting again with work on a flint building in Sompington village. Proposed dates are:

June 2, 16, 23, 30

July 14, 21, 28

August 25

September 01, 08, 22, 29.

June – July 2017

We will start at around 9:30 each Friday and finish mid afternoon and will initially be recording the flint structure, surveying the surrounding landscape. After that we will consider further excavation.

Anyone interested in taking part in these works even if you only want to come occasionally, let Connie know at connieshirley1@aol.com.

Lecture Programme

In the Worthing Library Lecture Theatre at 7.30pm.

October 10th

Gordon Hayden on “Iron Age Memory vs. Roman Metaphor; re-reading the archaeology of a Client Kingdom.”

What was the immediate impact of the Roman Conquest in Hampshire and West Sussex? The lecture will highlight some continuation of Iron Age traditions and how they interplayed with incoming ideas and practices. It will also propose an alternative hypothesis as to why Fishbourne Palace was built.

This is the Con Ainsworth Memorial Lecture. There will be wine and hot drinks afterwards..

November 14th

James Sainsbury on "Evidence for Saxons in Post-Roman Sussex"

Archaeology is the key driver in uncovering evidence for Germanic settlement in Sussex during the decline of the Western Roman Empire. The historical documents are few and unreliable, though arguably should not be dismissed outright. This talk will look at some key 5th and 6th century Saxon burial and settlement sites in the county, along with documents, chance finds and new genetic research in an attempt to piece together the birth of the kingdom of Sussex.

James will be bringing some finds from the Highdown Cemetery for handling after his talk.

December 12th

Nigel Rumble on "The life of an English Soldier in the English Civil War"

Nigel will talk about the clothes, weapons and accoutrements used by a soldier in England in the 1640's in his daily life. He will also briefly cover the make-up of the reproduction clothing and equipment and armies and talk a very small amount about battle tactics. The talk will be illustrated with (mostly) explanations of their use; there will be an opportunity at the end to examine these items more closely.

WAS Social – put the date in your diaries – Friday 24th November.
Further details to follow.

WAS Study Days Saturday June 17th

Flint-knapping at the Barn with Bob Turner.
See flyer at end – a few places still available.

Saturday September 30th

A Study Day on The Bronze Age led by David McOmish, at the Museum

Saturday November 25th

Place Names in the Landscape, a morning with Judie English at the Museum.

If you would like to attend these 2 days, please contact Jacqueline Lake by email: jacqueline_lake@hotmail.com or tel: (01903)215671.

April Lecture :Two ancient cities:The archaeology at Butrint and Gjirokastra in Albania by Oliver Gilkes.

Oliver spent over two decades directing excavations in Italy and Albania. With his comprehensive experience working and living in Albania, he was able to provide us with a detailed explanation of some of the archaeology that has taken place in Albania.

Oliver worked for 22 years in Butrint and Gjirokastra. He described what it was like for Albanians to live there in an atmosphere of paranoia and fear. He talked, firstly, of the (unpronounceable) Ottoman city of Gjirokastra, comprised of stone-built houses with slate roofs. The city is a Unesco World Heritage site and many of the buildings were in a very poor state of repair. Unesco provided money for the

restoration of some of the more important buildings. In the larger buildings there were four floors. At the top, wooden galleries comprising summer quarters and reception rooms. The second floor comprised the women's quarters, the first floor, the kitchen, and the ground floor, the entrance and storerooms.

The city also has a castle which has been converted into a museum space, showing the building in its social and historical context.

Oliver went on to talk about Butrint, a major tourist centre and archaeological site. There are positive efforts to engage with the locality so as to empower local people in the running of the site. There is a museum and a large amount of money was donated by private donors to get the place up and running.

Butrint, itself, was a Bronze Age site, at the time of Aeneas. There is a theatre from the 4th century BC and a 6th century AD baptistry with a fine mosaic floor. It was originally excavated by archaeologists sent by Mussolini, and Oliver showed a film of the excavations at that time. The site yielded a wealth of archaeological artefacts, with sculptures and mosaics. In later excavations the forum and the capitolium were discovered. Also houses, a Triconch palace and the Ugolini arch were excavated.

The lecture was extremely interesting describing an area that very few of us had any knowledge of. Andrew Bell

WAS Walk Burpham, Sunday May 14th

Alex Vincent led a walk to commemorate Con Ainsworth on what would have been his 100th birthday. It was a perfect day, and we could see why Con and Ena loved this area so much. Starting from the 'Burgh' at Burpham, we looked at Peppering, at the possible site of the DMV, at the moated site nearby and walked up to pour libations near Peppering High Barn.



We finished at the George for refreshment.
Thanks, Alex, for a great walk, well-prepared.

[Worthing Museum Walks](#)

Join James Sainsbury on 4 walks on the Downs. Wednesday afternoons 12pm – 4pm. Cost £3 per person.
Wednesday 7th June Cissbury to Chanctonbury. 4 miles.
Wednesday 14th June Clapham to Church Hill 2 miles
Wednesday 16th August Cross-dykes and Deserted Villages 5 miles.
Wednesday 23rd August Highdown Hill 2 miles.

To book a walk, please contact 01903 221448 or email museum@adur-worthing.gov.uk.

Starting in October, James is giving a series of talks on Thursday evenings. Details to follow, or from the above.
First one 'Sussex in the Stone Age', Thursday 12th October 6.30 – 8.30pm.

[Windows on the Pier](#)

Our two commemorative Windows are being designed by Siobhan Jones.
Many thanks to those who have contributed to this.

[Derek Heryet](#)

Derek, who, with his wife Beryl, John Pull's daughter, was a very regular attendee at the John Pull Memorial Lectures, sadly died recently. WAS sends condolences to his daughter Amanda, and the family.

[Apology](#) – to Anthony Brook, whose afterword on the use of snails in Archaeology, which came after the report on Mike Allen's Lecture in the last Newsletter, was not copied exactly as he sent it. Must try harder. Liz

[CBA South-East Conference](#) – Lewes 7th October – see flyer at end.

[Romania Trip](#)

Jane Russell led a very interesting 11-day trip to explore the Archaeology of Romania in April/May. We learned about the history of the Dacians, visited Saxon and Medieval and Roman sites. Thanks again, Jane.

[Binsted Walk](#) Friday 9 June

2.00 - 3.30 pm, starting at St Mary's Church, Binsted Cost: £5

[Archaeology and Binsted's Past:](#)
a guided walk led by Matthew Pope and Emma Tristram

Dr Pope will look back in time to the Ice Age and beyond, to the formation of Binsted's landscape, including its peninsular shape and the steep-sided Binsted Valley. The walk will also visit the Iron Age earthwork, stretching from north to south through the parish, the sites of the two Mediaeval pottery kilns excavated in 1963 and 2005, and the newly discovered Anglo-Saxon 'Moot Mound' at Hundred House Copse.

[Binsted Talk](#) Friday June 9th

Binsted Church, 7.30 - 9 pm £5.00

'History, Wildlife & Conservation on the Slindon Estate'

By National Trust wardens Katie Archer and Bob Epsom.

For more details, or to book either event, email bafbooking@edmart.plus.com or look at the website <http://www.binsted.org/arts-festival>

[Newsletter](#)

If anyone has 'electronic copies' of the Annual Journals pre: 2014, that were not on the old website, it would be great to put them on the new website as they include WAS reports and photos from past excavations and other excellent articles (or paper versions can be scanned.)
Theresa
theresa_in_brighton@yahoo.co.uk

[Annual Journal](#)

Articles for the next one will be very well received. Cheryl's email:
hutchincheryl@hotmail.com

[Walking into History with Alex Vincent](#)

Meet at the Resource Centre (Davidson House) Car Park, North St., Worthing (BN11 1ER) on Monday evening at 6.45 for a 7pm start. Car sharing from there.

June 5th. Slonk Hill, Shoreham

June 12th Whitehawk, Brighton

June 26th Warminghurst. Church, lost village & site of watermill.

26th Ashcombe, Lewes. Medieval settlement & six-sailed windmill.

3rd July Flint Heap and Granny's Belt, Stanmer. Neolithic site and stone circle.

10th July Rustington – site of possible tide mill.

17th July The Dover & Priorslease farm, Angmering. Old dovecote & priory land.

July 24th Hangleton, Ferring. Site of medieval settlement.

Jul 31st Stanhope, Durrington. Roman road & possible Neolithic settlement.

Summer Solstice June 21st Highdown Hill. Meet at the Spotted Cow, Angmering at 7pm to join the Sompting Morris, or meet on Highdown Hill about 8pm

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 John Green on midwayjohn@btinternet.com.

If they are not recent ones, we would be grateful if you could give us names of people and sites included.

Many thanks,
WAS Committee

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.

Meetings resume in September. Details:

<http://upperbeeding-pc.gov.uk/community-2/beeding-and-bramber-local-history-society>

Sussex Archaeological Society

<https://sussexpast.co.uk>

Horsham and District Archaeological Society

The Cross Ridge Dykes of Prehistoric Sussex

A talk by Dr Judie English

Tuesday 13th of June at 7.30 in Beeson House, Southwater

horshamarch@hotmail.co.uk

Brighton and Hove Archaeological Society

Summer outings:

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Sunday 18th June to Reculver and Richborough Roman Forts, Kent (English Heritage site)

Sunday 16th July to Sutton Hoo, Suffolk (National Trust site)

WAS Members get a £3 reduction!

Please contact Jane Russell for further information and a Booking Form.

Phone 01273 551946

russco40@hotmail.com

For details and booking form, please email Jane Russell Russco40@hotmail.com

Sunday June 4th - A Geoff Mead Walk -

Brighton seafront linear - A stroll westward along the prom and beach into Hove.

Meet Palace Pier west side (TQ 313038) - Start time 10-00am - 2 miles 2 hours.

Saturday 10th June - A BHAS Planning and Section drawing day at Ovingdean with Jane Russell - Contact Pete if you would like to be part of this session. It is part of BHAS training so there will no charge for BHAS field unit members. tolpete@btinternet.com There will be a reduction if you are EH or NT members.

Liss Archaeology

<http://www.archaeology.co.uk/digging/fieldwork/the-colemore-project.htm>

Eastbourne Natural History & Archaeological Society

Meetings are held at 7.30pm at St Saviours Church Hall, South Street, Eastbourne

Members free. Visitors £2.50

For details

www.eastbournearchaeology.org.uk

Chichester District Archaeology Society

For their activities:

www.cdas.info

And finally a reminder

Subs for 2016 were due on January 1st - £25 for ordinary members, £10 for full-time students.

Thank you very much to those who have already paid.

We would ask Members who pay by standing order or direct debit to please increase their amounts in line with the subs for 2016. Many thanks for this.

If the increased rate causes problems for anyone, do please let us know – via Connie connieshirley1@aol.com

See Liz at Lectures or:
Please send to:
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Membership Secretary.
5 Smugglers' Walk
Goring-by-Sea,
West Sussex.
BN12 4DP

Membership forms can also be downloaded from the WAS website.

Items for next News sheet please to
Liz, as above,
or liz.13lane@gmail.com

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Flint-knapping Day School with Bob Turner

Saturday June 17th

10am to 4pm

This will be held in the beautiful venue of the Downs Barn.



Bob will tell us about the uses of flint tools in Prehistory and demonstrate how to make them.

This will be followed by practical sessions where we can try to make our own.

Information on the Downs Barn and how to get there is shown in the link below.

<http://www.somptingestate.com/downs-barn>

Coffee and tea will be available. Bring your own packed lunch.

The cost of the day is £25 for members and £30 for non members.

If interested and to book contact [jacqueline lake@hotmail.com](mailto:jacqueline_lake@hotmail.com)
or via the WAS Website www.worthingarchaeological.org.

CBA South-East Conference 2017: 'Breaking new ground' and engaging in the past - a celebration of archaeology in the South-East and beyond

Kings Church, Lewes, East Sussex: Saturday 7th October 2017

CBA South-East is celebrating its 25th anniversary during 2017 and brings together presentations from a range of exciting speakers and topics covering that period – and beyond.

<i>Arrival, registration, and coffee</i>	9.15
David Rudling (Vice-Chair, CBA South-East)	10.00
Introduction to the day	
Edwin Wood (Sussex Finds Liaison Officer)	10.10
20 Years of Treasure: a Retrospective on 20 Years of PAS in the South-East	
Chris Stringer (Natural History Museum, London)	10.50
The Global Picture: What is new in human evolution?	
<i>Coffee</i>	11:30
Matt Pope (UCL, Institute of Archaeology)	12:00
Palaeolithic Hunter-Gatherers in South-East Britain	
<i>Lunch</i>	12.40
<i>CBA South-East Annual General Meeting</i>	13:10
Paul Bennett (Canterbury Archaeology Trust)	13.40
CAT (Canterbury Archaeology Trust) at 40 – beyond 25 years	
Casper Johnson (East Sussex County Council)	14:20
Curating our Archaeological Heritage: Recent and Future Developments	
<i>Coffee</i>	15:00
Carenza Lewis (University of Lincoln)	15:30
Public and Communities in archaeology	
Mike Heyworth (Director, CBA)	16.10
Challenges, successes and ambitions	
Questions	16:50
<i>Close</i>	17:00

Tickets – Lunch included in the price

£26.00 for CBA South-East members and students, £30.00 for non-members

For further details and booking information, please visit our website at

<http://www.cbасouth-east.org/events/cbase-annual-conference/>

or email the organiser, Steven Cleverly, s.cleverly@icloud.com