

Worthing Archaeological Society

News sheet

WAS Lectures

A reminder that, as Worthing Library shuts for refurbishment on November 1st, only our October Lecture will be held there.

From November onwards, we will be meeting in the Gordon Room, in the Town Hall.

Full details on the Lecture Programme leaflet.

WAS Committee

Vicky Lillywhite and Jennie Williamson have been co-opted onto our Committee – this to be confirmed at our AGM next year.

We are very glad to welcome them.

WAS Field Unit

Friday digging at Malthouse Field has finished for this year. Most of the trenches are to be back-filled, we hope to be able to return to trench 8 in 2020.

Hear all about our Finds and discoveries there at Connie's Lecture on October 8th.



Enhancing Places, Inspiring Communities (EPIC)

WAS has been involved in field-walking on the site, south of Sompting, and Bob held a very successful Study Day for the team in the Barn.

Some interesting flints have been found – see photo – arrowhead on the right from EPIC, one on the left from Brinsbury.

October – November 2019



Slindon Stable Block Cleaning/Recording



Please feel free to join us cleaning the unrecorded part of the paved floor of the Stable Block on Saturday mornings 9.30-4.00pm. Please let Cheryl know when you are available - hutchincheryl@hotmail.com – if you haven't already.

Saturday 5th October 2019 - 10.00am-3.30pm

Bob Turner is holding a Section Drawing and Planning Course at Slindon Stableyard (where the Finds Sheds are based).

This is a chance to be hands-on with an archaeological dig recording. Archaeology is a destructive process so accurate recording is essential at all stages so at some future time we have a complete record of what was found and where.

We will look at, and have experience of recording, the floor of an excavation, and also how to record vertical sections using standard practice and recognised recording procedures. A must-do course for all archaeologists who want to progress beyond digging.

This is for members only and will cost £5. Tea and coffee will be available but please bring your own lunch.

If you are interested please contact Patricia Leming for further information:

p.leming@btinternet.com

[Finds Processing](#)

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

Next meetings will be

Thursdays, 3rd and 17th October

Thursdays, 7th and 21st November

ggmturner@aol.com

[Lecture Programme](#)

[October 8th](#), in the Worthing Library Lecture Theatre.

[The Con Ainsworth Memorial Lecture.](#)

[Connie Shirley](#)

The Malthouse Field at Sompting –

Investigation of Building Remains.

WAS has investigated the building remains in Sompting Paddocks which may be part of a malthouse and farm complex known to be on this site in the 17th Century.

Excavations have taken place over three years and a chalk-lined well and further flint walls have been found. Finds recovered include pre-historic flints and pottery from the late Neolithic to the present day. We present a review of the site in the landscape and findings to date.

[November 12th In the Gordon Room](#)

[Carolina Rangel de Lima](#), Finds Liaison Officer - Sussex

The Portable Antiquities Scheme.

The PAS promotes best practice by finders, landowners, archaeologists and museums in the discovery, recording and conservation of finds made by the public. Carolina is the Finds Liaison Officer for Sussex and will talk about some of the recent finds recorded in our area. She may also bring along a selection of artefacts for handling at the end of the session.

[December 10th in the Gordon Room](#)

[Mr John Mills](#)

Archaeologist WSCC and President of Worthing Archaeological Society

Researching the life of a bridge: Old Swan Bridge and the Arun river crossing at Pulborough, ancient and modern.

[WAS Study Day 23rd November](#)

[Simon Stevens](#) 'The Archaeology of Death and Commemoration'

The study of human remains can be one of the most exciting and rewarding elements of archaeology, providing direct evidence of the condition (and indeed conditions) of our ancestors. Skeletal remains can harbour a variety of information ranging from gender and stature, to lifestyle and disease. In the exact opposite method of a modern doctor, the archaeologist may be able to see what was wrong with an individual and then work out the symptoms.

Perhaps a less recognised element of the study of death is the archaeological analysis of monuments associated with commemoration and remembrance. From Neolithic Tombs to Commonwealth war grave cemeteries, attitudes to the deceased can be literally set in stone. A wander around a country churchyard can reveal a surprising array of memorials and approaches to celebrating the deceased.

This study day will be held in Worthing Museum Education Room, Chapel Road, Worthing.

It will start at 10 and finish at 4pm with a lunch break and coffee breaks throughout the day.

The cost is £25 for WAS members and £30 for non-members.

If you are interested please contact Patricia Leming: p.leming@btinternet.com

[WAS SOCIAL](#)

Put this in your diaries – Friday November 22nd 7.30pm at the Gardeners' Arms in Sompting. Quizzes, a raffle, a buffet and good company. £10 a head – buy your ticket at Lectures, or from Liz.

[WAS Bursary](#)

WAS has a small amount of money available to Members who would like to extend their knowledge by going on Archaeological Courses/lectures, but might find it difficult to afford. This could be a contribution towards the costs of the Course, or a contribution towards

travel expenses. Recipients would be expected to pay a small contribution towards the costs and provide a report back for the Newsletter. Contact our Treasurer, Connie
connieshirley1@aol.com

GDPR

WAS Data Protection and Privacy Notice Update

The Society has updated its Privacy Notice (see the WAS website) to include ' WAS members' details are provided for Society business only and should not be used for other purposes without the explicit consent of individual members for that alternative purpose.'
Safeguarding Policy - We now have a WAS Safeguarding Policy please refer to the website.
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 year, please would you let us know. Please let WAS know at any time if you wish to withdraw your consent from receiving communications from us and we will delete you from our list.
Many thanks.

Museum Object Handling

Every Saturday, 10 -12am and 1 - 3pm.
Worthing Museum Public Gallery.

Well worth a visit – at any time.....

Also there is a marvellous Exhibition about [Cissbury](#) in the Studio.

Brighton Museum

Has an excellent Archaeology Gallery – well worth a visit.

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. There is a selection of them, and other Archaeological books, on sale at Lectures.

South Downs Cross-Ridge-Dyke Project

Judie English, David Lea and Richard Tapper have been involved in this huge project for some time. The sections between the Arun and Adur and the Arun and the A286/Lavant valley are 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>

WEALDEN GEOLOGICAL ASSEMBLY

30th November.

See Flyer at end of Newsletter.

Annual Journal

Articles for our 2019 Journal are very welcome. Send to our Editor, Cheryl, on
hutchincheryl@hotmail.com

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, where possible.

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 £3.

Wed. 2 October Tony Pratt: Littlehampton Shipsand Boats on Postcards; Sail, Steam and the Black Rabbit

Wed. 6 November Janet Pennington: An Archaeological Childhood in Sussex

[Brighton and Hove Archaeological Society](#)

Lectures - Venue – Unitarian Church, New Road, Brighton – Start time 7-30 pm.
Friday 11th October

[Judie English](#) – Sussex and Surrey in Later Prehistory

Friday 8th November

[Tess Machling](#) – Replicating history: looking at artefacts through the eyes of the maker
There will be a range of replicas available to examine during the evening.

Mary Rose BHAS are also arranging a trip to the Mary Rose in Portsmouth – on Saturday October 5th. This will not be a coach trip but a train trip with people making their own way. To get the group discount of £13.50 for entry to the Mary Rose museum we will need 15 people to come on the trip. We will be sending out more details nearer the time.

Any queries on the day, or to book a place on the trip call Glynis on 07788188229

[Horsham and District Archaeology Group](#)

Wednesday 23rd October 7:30. A talk by Dr. Dunkin

The Location of Later Bronze Age Metalwork in South-East England.

Brighton Road, Baptist Church, Horsham RH13 5BD. All welcome, non members £3.
horshamarch@hotmail.co.uk or 01903 872309

[Liss Archaeology](#)

Colemore. Liss are planning a big test pit project up there in the autumn 19/9 to 14/10. More diggers required plus finds processing, drawing, recording etc.

More information is available from

lissarchaeology@gmail.com

www.lissarchaeology.uk

[CBA Southeast](#)

Joint Annual Conference

Kent Archaeological Society & Council for
British Archaeology South East

*Archaeological Perspectives on Links between
the South East and the Continent*

Saturday 2nd November 2019

Rutherford College, University of Kent at
Canterbury CT2 7NX

Booking forms and full details at

membership@kentarchaeology.org.uk

www.cbасouth-east.org

[Chichester District Archaeology Society](#)

Talks:

23rd October Andy Burnham Megalithic Sites
27th November George Anelay Selhurst Park.

Study Day – Medieval Towns of Sussex led by
Simon Stevens (Archaeology South-East)

Date: Saturday 9th November 2019

This is a full-day event.

Location: Fishbourne Roman Palace (Rudkin Room). There is plenty of parking.

Cost: Members £25, non-members £30 (if places are available). Payment is due by 7th October 2019. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

activities@cdas.info

[Lewes Archaeological Group](#)

www.lewesarchaeology.org.uk

[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

[Sussex Archaeological Society](#)

<https://sussexpast.co.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

[University of Sussex Archaeological Society.](#)

Wednesday 16th October at 7pm.: The Sally Christian Lecture for 2019 – **The Frome Coin Hoard, Carausius and the Roman Brexit.**

Talk by [Dr Sam Moorhead](#) (British Museum). Venue: Fulton Lecture Theatre B, University of Sussex. The Frome Hoard of

52,503 Roman coins, found in April 2010, is the largest cache of Roman coins ever found in Britain in a single pot.

Entrance: members of £3; non-members: £4.

[List of WAS Officers](#) – is on our website.

[And finally a reminder](#)

Subs for 2019 were due on January 1st - £25 for Ordinary members, £10 for full-time students.

Many thanks to all 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

Items for next News sheet please to

Liz, as above,

or liz.13lane@gmail.com

The Worthing Archaeological Society is a registered Charity (291431)

An Invitation to attend the inaugural

WEALDEN GEOLOGICAL ASSEMBLY

for all those interested in Geology/Earth Science in Southeast England

Saturday 30 November 2019 in the Exhibition Hall of Worthing College

on the northern outskirts of the town, BN14 9FD, with ample free parking

Programme

- 9.00-9.50 Registration and Welcome
- 9.50-10.25 Will Richardson (Hastings and District Geological Society)
'Extinctions at the Eocene/Oligocene Transition at 34 Mya'
- 10.25-11.00 Alison Ure (Open University Geological Society--Southeast Region)
'Volcano or Impact Structure at the Greek/Turkish Frontier?'
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee and Biscuits
- 11.30-12.20 Susannah Maidment (Researcher of Dinosaurs) Natural History Museum
'Jurassic Dinosaurs of the Morrison Formation, Wyoming, USA'
- 12.20-12.55 Simon Penn (PhD student at Portsmouth University)
'Palaeoenvironments of the Wealden strata in the Wessex Sub-basin'
- 12.55-2.05 Buffet Lunch
- Wealden Dinosaurs, based on Mantell's discoveries:
- 2.05-2.40 a) Joe Bonsor (PhD student at the NHM)
'*Iguanodon* and other Wealden iguanodontids'
- 2.40-3.15 b) Tom Raven (PhD Student at the NHM)
'*Hylaeosaurus* and other Wealden ankylosaurs'
- 3.15-3.50 Tea and Biscuits
- 3.50-4.25 Mark Eller (Mole Valley Geological Society)
'Relationship of English Vineyards to Wealden Strata'
- 4.25-5.00 Jonathan Ikpere (PhD Student at Portsmouth University)
'Resilience of 'Cob' Structures to Regular Environmental Changes'

Conference Organiser: Anthony Brook email: anthony.brook27@btinternet.com

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

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

Please make your cheque payable to *Anthony Brook* and forward, with this completed Registration Form to

Anthony Brook, 15, Cambourne Court, Shelley Road, Worthing BN11 4BQ

[Conference F](#)