

Worthing Archaeological Society

News sheet

WAS Field Unit Field Unit Forum

7.30 pm on Tuesday October 5th in St Botolph's Church rooms, in Heene. On the North side of the Church, entrance from Manor Road.

Mapping with QGIS

Three Sessions have been booked at Worthing Sixth Form College for our learning QGIS Course - Saturday 2nd October, 16th October and 6th November. Sessions will run from 9:00-12:00.

The first two sessions will be simple techniques using QGIS. The data sets will focus on the Slindon area and on the Slindon National Trust Estate.

The third session is planned as an opportunity for people to create their own project and use the techniques to begin to build the data for it. If people don't have an area of interest of their own, they can join in using the techniques to build a data set for Slindon. There will be two areas of interest here. One group can focus on entering our recent work in the yard on to a map and the other can look at the fields and the known archaeology.

It is preferable if you have your own PC (windows OS) and, to get the best out of our time, have the QGIS software already loaded. However we should be able to load the software to a desktop PC at the college if necessary.

The cost of the course will be £25 for three sessions. Please book the course through membership secretary Liz Lane. Bursaries are available if needed.

Malthouse

A very interesting dig – asking more questions than we had answers for, naturally. Massive thanks to Connie, Chris and Malcolm-the-Digger for the backfilling.

There will be a Report in a future Lecture.

October – November 2021



Finds Processing

Will resume in October, on the 7th and 21st. If you haven't already heard from Gill, and you're interested, please contact her:

ggmturmer@aol.com

We are restricted in numbers, please don't arrive unless Gill has you on her list.

Details of further meetings in November on 4th and 18th will be sent out nearer the time...

Lecture Programme

Unfortunately the Library Lecture Theatre can only take 30 people, and the Gordon Room is out of action. So Lectures for 2021 – 2022 will be a mixture of online and in person. The online Lectures will remain on WAS Facebook for some time afterwards. The Sixth Form College has given us space for some of our Lectures.

Tuesday October 12th 7.30pm online live on WAS Facebook page
Connie Shirley and Bob Turner: "The Sompting EPIC Project - Landscape and People"
(See poster at the end of the Newsletter)

Tuesday November 9th – the Con Ainsworth memorial Lecture – at Worthing College.
Mark Roberts will give a Lecture – further details nearer the time.

Tuesday December 14th - 7.30pm online live on WAS Facebook page.
Amie Friend "Angmering St Nicholas Excavations Revisited"

Tuesday January 11th 2022 – online live on WAS Facebook page.

James Sainsbury – “Old and new discoveries on the Burpham Downs.”

[WAS Study Days](#)

We are pleased to be restarting our program of day schools at the Education Room in Worthing Museum, on Saturday 13th November. It will be a half day course, starting at 9:30 and finishing at 12:30., by David Rudling, on English Coins and Tokens. The fee to WAS members is £15 and places will be limited. Further details to follow. To book a place or if you have any query please contact Jacqui at jacqueline_lake@hotmail.com

[EPIC Walk](#) Friday October 8th

Alistair Whitby of the Ouse and Adur Rivers Trust (OART) and a project director on the EPIC project [Home - Epic \(oart.org.uk\)](http://oart.org.uk) has kindly agreed to give WAS members a guided walk around the newly opened EPIC site at Sompting. Much has changed since we had the dig in the summer of 2020 and there are plenty of informative notice boards about the flora and fauna of the site. There is also an area of information about the WAS dig which shows Theresa's landscape drawings and Bob's flint drawings. We will meet Alistair at the gate in Loose Lane at 10:00. Please note that there is no parking on the site and we should keep the area around the entrance clear, so if you do come by car, please try to share transport and park in Peverel Close. Let Liz Lane know if you would like to attend.

[Brenda memorial Walk at Slindon](#)



On 11th September, Brenda was remembered by a group of WAS folk on a walk from our Slindon shed, up to Nore Folly, led by Keith.

[Slindon Stableyard](#)

Further to the last WAS Newsletter, the weed clearance and recording of the stable yard at Slindon continued and (isn't it always the same) on the last afternoon, Malcolm Pheasey was cleaning a modern trench dug to accommodate

a gas pipe for the Slindon Estate office when he uncovered a line of bricks, which was five courses deep.

This was significantly different from anything else in the west wing of the stables and warranted further investigation and by the close of play on that day a wall at least 10 courses deep was uncovered together with an arch. Fortunately, the NT Regional Archaeologist (James Brown) was working at Slindon and having viewed the structure requested that WAS undertake further work to find the extent of the foundations and whether any additional arches existed.

So the rest of the afternoon was spent on excavating a sondage, which revealed 10 courses of brick and what appeared to be the left-hand side of an arch. Figure 1 shows the arch on the bottom right, (excavation was still on-going when this photo was taken).



Figure 1 - Wall foundation with arch appearing bottom right

After a summer break (for the Malthouse excavation), in early September an excavation was undertaken to identify the range of the foundations. This revealed a second arch and brickwork which was between 0.9m and 1.2m deep (see figure 2 below).



Figure 2 - Wall Elevation showing both arches

The wall foundation includes two arches built on an east-west line. The western arch is truncated by a modern service trench for a gas pipe to the

NT office building. Each arch consists of two courses of bricks, with both key stones covered with mortar. A tile on-end appears in the western arch lower course. The finish throughout is poor with mortar overspilling the bricks. The foundations are placed on chalk with clay layer above. It is interesting that sand was used in both arches, possibly to assist with the building of the arch, it is especially noticeable in the eastern arch. No specific bond is used, mainly stretchers with occasional headers.

The current interpretation is that the arches were built as a matter of economy and resilience as opposed to acting as an entrance to the adjacent bay.

The North-South wall is of a totally different construction and consists of chalk, flint, foreign stone and occasional brick with mortar. Wall steps out slightly a third of the way down. The East-West wall butts up to the North South wall (see figure 3 below), suggesting that the latter wall was constructed first.



Figure 3 - Eastern Arch with North-South wall to the left
Keith

[Angmering Revealed](#)

WAS, with Amie's Timeseekers, had a stall at this very interesting village Community Day on September 25th. We had a display of finds from our 2015 St Nicholas' Church dig.



Thanks to all who came to help.

[WAS Social](#)

Save the date: Friday November 26th at the Gardeners' Arms. We will confirm nearer the time.

[Current Archaeology October edition](#)

Has a two-page spread on the John Pull Exhibition in the Museum.

[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 has been extended until Christmas.

There is a series of interesting Archaeological talks coming up.

See: worthingtheatresandmuseum.co.uk

[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 in 2022."

Please send to alexecipsing@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

DOWNLAND RAMBLES: A 5,000 YEAR HUMAN AFFAIR WITH THE EASTBOURNE DOWNS

Monday 4th October 2021, 7-8.30pm. A Sussex School of Archaeology and History 'Meet the Expert' online zoom talk by Jo Seaman (Heritage Eastbourne).

Over 5000 years ago people started to make their mark on the Eastbourne Downs by creating the first monuments in the area. Since then the Downs have attracted human interaction and attention that has not only physically changed the environment but has also impacted on the way we see the 'natural' world around us. This talk will discuss this interaction by looking at some of the archaeological evidence left behind and also see how the downland has provided inspiration and created stories that still resonate today.

Event fee: £4-50p (talk and questions-answers session). For further information about this and other talks and courses:

www.sussexarchaeology.org

[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

[From West Sussex Record Office.](#)

West Sussex in Photographs 1850s-date. Enjoy some pictorial treasures from 2 million held at Worthing Library and learn the remarkable stories of those who took and collected them. Hosted by West Sussex Record Office, join County Local Studies Librarian, Martin Hayes, who will show you some wonderful images of West Sussex from the finest collections, including those of Annie and Walter Gardiner, Jack Watts, Terry Child and others. The talk will be held online at 7pm on **Tuesday 26 October**. For more information and tickets (£5), visit Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/164957130217>

Transatlantic Ties: the links between America and West Sussex

Learn about the many links between America and West Sussex through fascinating original documents at West Sussex Record Office. Join Jo McConville who will explore themes including settlers in the 17th century and later emigration, the slave trade, travel diaries, Civil War and famous people. There will be a chance to see the Sussex version of the Declaration of Independence, viewed by royalty and the US President. The talk will be held online at 7pm on **Tuesday 30 November**. For more information and tickets (£5), visit Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/164969952569>

[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

[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. 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>

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

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!**

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Lecture Programme for 2021/2022

Tuesday 12th October '21

WAS Facebook - Online Live

7.30pm

Connie Shirley/Robert Turner

The Sompting EPIC Project - Landscape and People



In 2020, WAS were invited by OART to fieldwalk and then excavate on the EPIC site in Sompting. The EPIC project included farmland being converted to a country park and a new course established for the stream running through the area. The struck flints recovered give a clue to the landscape and how it was used in prehistory

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