



Surrey Archaeological Society

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E-newsletter

Welcome to the Society's May e-newsletter, which highlights a few of the various events – conferences, lectures, training sessions, news items, etc – which we hope to be of interest to our members. Although general queries should continue to be directed to Hannah (info@surreyarchaeology.org.uk), those interested in volunteer opportunities or general outreach can contact me at outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk. Please also keep up-to-date via the website and social media ([@surreyarch](https://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk)) for group and event updates.

Anne Sassin (*SyAS Outreach Projects Manager*)

Society's new Lithics Group



Last Autumn an additional Lithics group began to meet which welcomes people who may be fairly new to the world of prehistoric flint tools. Chris Taylor has helped them improve their knowledge of lithics under his expert guidance. This has included opportunities to handle prehistoric tools from different periods as well as discussing the communities that produced them and their environments. The group is also now recording lithic assemblages from Surrey sites and a practical session on flint knapping is planned for the future.

Numbers have been limited to a small group of enthusiastic members due to Covid restrictions, however we would now like to invite new members to join. The group meets about once a month on a Sunday from 11.00 to 13.00 at the Abinger Research Centre and the next meeting is on **Sunday 12 June**. If you are interested in joining or would like to know about future meetings, please email Sylvia Solarski on sylviasolarski@aol.co.uk. You would be made most welcome!



Jubilee illustrated talk on Cobham Parish Church

On **Saturday 4 June** at 15:00, Dr David Taylor will be giving an illustrated talk on 'Our Crowning Glory, Cobham's Ancient Parish Church, its history and new discoveries'. This free talk will take place at St Andrew's Church, Church Street and includes the release of a newly revised History and Guide Book.





Surrey Archaeological Society – Climate Change and the Environment (May 2022)

The environmental sustainability update this month spans from the international to the regional. The International Council for Museums (ICOM) have shared an invitation to contribute to a survey on museums and climate change. The aim is to contribute to a sustainable future in a time of climate emergency run and this survey is run by the Network of European Museum Organisation (NEMO). Do share with your local museum and join in. Here is the link to the [Museums and climate change survey](#).

ICOM are also offering sessions in May on [Reimagining Museums for Climate Action workshops \(filling up fast - book your place today\)](#). The live and interactive workshop will draw on the Museums for Climate Action project which produced an exhibition at COP26, website, book and practical toolkit for museum workers Find out more [here](#).



For more local perspective, take a look at [Action Surrey](#), Surrey’s Low Carbon Community. Action Surrey helps residents, community groups and business within Surrey to save money on their energy bills, keep warm and reduce their environmental impact. I received a grant last year to install solar panels at home and I found the process positive! Take a look and make contact to see what is available to you or your organisation.

Emma Coburn (SyAS Council)

Finds from the FLO

This silver penny ([SUR-F32B7E](#)), found near Bletchingley, would have been used for a Maundy set during George III’s reign (c. 1770). Maundy money refers to the coins given by the monarch to elderly people in a ceremony drawing from Christ washing the disciples’ feet at the Last Supper. The ceremony, as we know it, takes place every Maundy Thursday and dates to the reign of Charles II.



Merton Priory study afternoon

A study afternoon on ‘Merton Priory – the First 100 Years’ will take place on **Saturday 23 July** (14:00-17:00) at Merton Priory Chapter House, Chapter Way, London SW19 2RX. This colloquium focuses on Merton Priory in the 12th century, with speakers including Prof. Janet Burton, Dr Hugh Doherty and Dr Ian Stone. Admission is free; e-mail Katie Hawks (katiehawks@gmail.com) to register your interest or have more information.



Get to know the Surrey County Council Historic Environment Planning team

The Society has arranged a free ZOOM video session with the Historic Environment Planning team on **Thursday 9 June** (14:00-16:00) to get to know the people and their roles and learn how we can better work together. Subjects discussed will include the planning process as it affects archaeology and historic buildings and SCC's roles in this regard; the network of County Sites of Archaeological Importance and Areas of High Archaeological Potential; accessing the rich resources of the Historic Environment Record; the current Local Heritage Lists project covering six Surrey boroughs and districts; using grey literature reports; the value of Scheduled Monument condition reports and notifying the HER of other discoveries.

Participants will be muted to avoid background noise and we will use the chat facility for questions. Please book on the Society's [website](#).

A link to the session will be emailed a few days before the meeting to everyone who has booked.



Prehistoric Group E-news



The Prehistoric Group e-letter contains weblinks to various archaeological news items from Britain and around the world. During the pandemic, it extended its remit and format to advertising lectures and events with some illustrations and is not wholly dedicated to prehistoric news items. The new format has now reached its 200th edition. Recent highlights include a discussion of Mesolithic mummification, surveys of the Rutland Villa and of Trimontium and the study of pigments used at Catalhoyuk.

It is open to members and non-members of the Society, and if interested please contact rosemary.hooker@blueyonder.co.uk.



MSRG Spring Conference: Coastal settlement and landscape

On **Saturday 21 May**, the Medieval Studies Research Group will be hosting a free online conference on 'Coastal settlement and landscape: exploring relationships between land and sea'. Speakers include David Petts (Durham Univ) 'Medieval fishing landscapes in Northumberland', David Griffiths (Univ of Oxford) 'Medieval coastal sites in sand dune areas', Caitlin Green (Univ of Cambridge) 'Missing Lincs: medieval settlement, drowned villages, and lost islands on the Lincolnshire coastline', Gillian Draper (Univ of Kent) 'How much did it matter? The sea and settlement on the south-east coast of England', Peter Brown (Radboud Univ) 'Dealing with disaster: settlements, society and natural hazards in medieval Britain' and Tim Soens (Univ of Antwerp) 'Villages on the move. Coastal settlement, adaptation and maladaptation to climate extremes and environmental change in late medieval Flanders'. For a full programme and to book visit the [website](#) (ticket sales end 20 May).

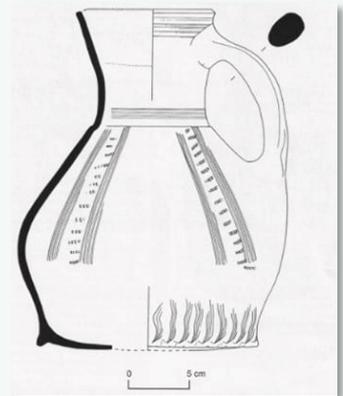


Chichester Roman week

This year's Chichester Roman Week will take place from **Saturday 28 May** to **Wednesday 1 June** during the May half term. Led by The Novium Museum, the week-long event celebrates Chichester's rich Roman heritage with a series of district-wide events designed to engage visitors of all ages, including re-enactments, talks, trails, guided tours, family activities and immersive theatre. For more details, visit the [website](#).

Archaeological Illustration: How to draw pottery

This joint Whiteway Centre and Sussex School of Archaeology day school on **Saturday 18 June** at the Rottingdean Whiteway Centre Brighton is led by Jane Russell, former Senior Illustrator at the UCL Archaeology South-East Unit. Suitable for beginners, it will introduce students to modern drawing conventions by pencil which when mastered can be used to produce digital images. Fee £30. For more details and to book, visit the Rottingdean Whiteway Centre [website](#).



For more information on opportunities in your local region, be sure to follow SCAU (education.scau@surreycc.gov.uk and [@diggingsurreyspast](https://www.instagram.com/diggingsurreyspast)), as well as the Council for British Archaeology South-East (www.cbасouth-east.org and [@CBASouthEast](https://www.instagram.com/CBASouthEast)).