

# Council for British Archaeology South East

## Events and News January 2022

Dear Members,

As the newest member of the CBA Southeast committee, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I'm Dr Lucie Bolton and I have spent my career to date working across the country as a Palaeolithic specialist and more recently as a Community Archaeologist for Kent County Council and Kent Wildlife Trust. I am delighted to be a part of the committee and look forward to getting involved wherever possible.

I grew up in Kent and before I left school I was volunteering on CAT excavations in Canterbury. Well and truly bitten by the bug I went to study Archaeology at the University of Exeter. It was there I developed an interest in Lithics and Experimental Archaeology. Undergrad completed, I went on to study for a Masters in Palaeolithic Archaeology and Human Origins at the University of Southampton where I stayed to complete my PhD thesis on the origins of Levallois technology.

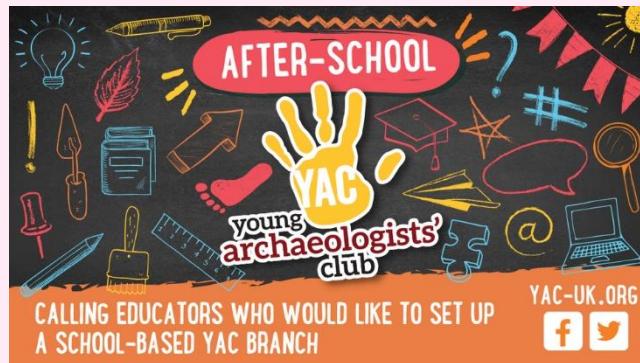
Palaeolithic archaeology will always have my heart. I find it fascinating how much we can learn about past human lineages from the tools and remains we have uncovered. The southeast is home to a whole host of Palaeolithic sites from Boxgrove and Swanscombe with the earliest human remains in the country to the Ebbsfleet Elephant and the flakes, cleavers and giant handaxes from Cuxton; we are spoilt for choice.

I spent a number of years helping to reconstruct past environmental conditions using palaeoenvironmental samples. This deep-time analysis started me on the road to becoming the environmentalist I am today. Climate change is having a devastating impact globally and archaeology is no exception. In the past 18 months alone we have seen the collapse of historic buildings such as the Lewes Castle boundary wall and the remaining tower of Eastbridge Church, on Romney Marsh.

As archaeologists we need to adapt and respond to the challenges of Climate Change but we also have a responsibility to ensure we are minimising our environmental impact. Last year, the Archaeology and Climate Change conference co-hosted by CBA Southeast and Sussex Archaeology Society provided some inspiring talks which have started the conversation. With my appointment to the CBA Southeast committee, it is my intention to keep that momentum going.

Lucie Bolton

## CBA News



The Young Archaeologists' Club (YAC) has been managing clubs for over 40 years. These have been mainly run as weekend clubs in informal learning spaces, such as museums, community halls and parks. **We are now very pleased to be able to offer primary and secondary schools the chance to set up their own after-school club within their school setting.**

**These clubs are an opportunity for school pupils to learn all about archaeology and why it matters**, whilst exploring the many eras of human history, such as the Romans, Vikings, Ancient Egyptians and Victorians. Archaeology provides the opportunity to tie in many different aspects of learning, from geography, science and art to developing teamwork and leadership skills.

**It is hoped that by creating an after-schools network we will be able to support teachers to introduce the subject to more young people across the UK. By doing so, we will also be able to reach individuals who cannot attend weekend clubs for all sorts of reasons (lack of transport, distance to clubs, etc.) and those who might not usually engage with archaeology and heritage.** After-School YAC clubs have access to the same support as our affiliate YAC branches (we have two types), meaning leaders can use our YAC branding, utilise all of our resources, and come along to the training days we offer. Club members will be able to join the **YAC PASS** scheme, enter competitions and much more!!!

If you are an educational professional interested in setting up an After-School Club please email [yac@yac-uk.org](mailto:yac@yac-uk.org) for more information.

The **CBA Annual General Meeting** will take place **Thursday 3 February 2022** from **11:00-14:00**. Standing business will include a review of the year, appointment of new trustees, presentation of the annual report, ratification of membership rates for 2022/23 and ratification of Professor Marilyn Palmer as an Honorary Vice President of the CBA. **It will be held online and more details will be made available in early January.**

The AGM will be followed by the Beatrice de Cardi Lecture and we are delighted that this year we will be hearing about the British Museum's World of Stonehenge Exhibition from its lead curator Dr Neil Wilkin. There will also be announcements on the Festival of Archaeology and the March Community Archaeology Awards.

## Conferences and Symposia

Some dates for your diaries. At the moment these events are expected to take place ‘in person’. Do check if this remains the case before attempting to book a seat.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

### **Sussex Archaeology Symposium**

This popular annual event will again review recent/ongoing archaeological research and fieldwork in Sussex. Confirmed speakers include: Keith Bolton (Worthing Archaeological Society), James Brown (National Trust), Lynn Cornwell (Hastings Area Archaeological Research Group), Jaime Kaminski (Sussex Archaeological Society), David Millum (Culver Archaeological Project), Mark Roberts (University College, London) and James Sainsbury (Worthing Museum). Poster displays or stands welcome.

Kings Church, Lewes

Booking details and further information available soon.

Contact: [info@sussexarchaeology.co.uk](mailto:info@sussexarchaeology.co.uk)

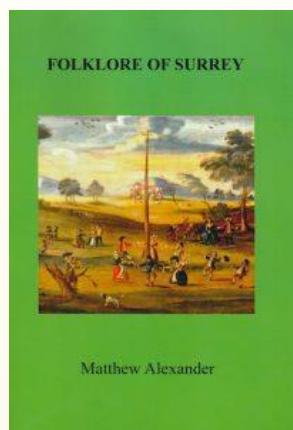
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

### **Surrey Archaeological Society Symposium**

Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall, Ashtead

Full details will be in the March issue but confirmed speakers include Matthew Alexander talking about the Folklore of Surrey, Michael Curnow (MoLA) on the Iron Age site of Barn Elms and Chris Constable on the archaeology of Southwark.

Booking details will be available from: [www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk](http://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk) in February



## Events

These are ‘in person’ events but do check if this is still the case.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (12.00-15.00)

### Weald and Downland Museum – **Wassailing Day**

Wassailing in the orchard with song and decorating an apple tree.

Fee: Museum entrance ticket required but booking required for this event.

Details from: <https://www.wealldown.co.uk/events/wassailing-day2022/>

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022 (14.00-16.00)

### Butser Ancient Farm – **Imbolc: Celtic Spring Celebration**

A special celebration of this festival hosted by storyteller and woodland bard Jonathon Huet.

Entrance fee applies; booking necessary.

Details from: <https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/whats-on>

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022 (10.00-16.00)

### Butser Ancient Farm – **Half Term Activities**

This February half term explore ancient worlds at Butser Ancient Farm. Each weekday step back in time and learn ancient skills with a hands on demonstration, take part in a themed trail around the ancient buildings and warm yourself with a hot chocolate from our shop around a roaring fire.

Entrance fee applies: booking recommended.

Details from: <https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/whats-on/2022/2/19/february-half-term>

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (10.30-16.00)

### Weald and Downland Museum – **How to read a historic house**

This weekend focusses on some features that evolved over time which are useful to understand when studying an historic house as well as thinking about available materials. Short talks and displays will give information on different elements and a chance to talk to experts.

Entrance fee applies; booking necessary.

Details from: <https://www.wealldown.co.uk/events/how-to-read-a-historic-house-explore-learn-conserve/>

## Courses

The Rottingdean Whiteway Centre is running a full programme of courses. Many will be physical meetings and may be subject to change due to Covid, and some are already scheduled to be held via Zoom. There are three courses of interest to archaeologists and historians which start in January.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (10.30-12.30)

### **Early African Kingdoms**

Dr Judie English will lead this **online** 5 week course discussing how the Sahara was once crossed by several routes linking rich, developed kingdoms to the south with markets to the north..

Fee £42: booking necessary.

Details from: [https://www.rwc.org.uk/early\\_african\\_kingdoms](https://www.rwc.org.uk/early_african_kingdoms)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (10.00-12.00)

### **Sussex Landscape: Coast, Downs & Weald**

Dr Geoff Mead will be leading this 10 week course which will study the variety of Sussex landscapes to try to understand them. If possible a field trip will be included.

Fee £84: booking necessary

Details from: [https://www.rwc.org.uk/sussex\\_landscape\\_coast\\_downs\\_weald](https://www.rwc.org.uk/sussex_landscape_coast_downs_weald)

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 (10.30-12.30)

### **What People Wore**

This 5 week course will be led by Dr Judie English and is a study of the social history of clothing. The course discusses how clothing is frequently used to demonstrate wealth and position, and religious and political ideologies or marital status.

Fee £42: booking necessary

Details from: [https://www.rwc.org.uk/what\\_people\\_wore](https://www.rwc.org.uk/what_people_wore)

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (10.00 – 16.00)

Sussex School of Archaeology and Rottingdean Whiteway Centre

### **Drawing Archaeological Finds**

This weekend course will be taught by Jane Russell and is suitable for beginners or those wishing to refresh their skills.

Fee: £48

Details from: [https://rwc.org.uk/special\\_events](https://rwc.org.uk/special_events)

## Lectures and talks

Some groups are reintroducing ‘in person’ talks and will have Covid protocols in place for those attending such sessions. Do check the websites for details.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (19.30)

### **University of Sussex Archaeological Society – The Cult of Mithras**

An **online** talk by Dr David Walsh (University of Kent) describing how the cult of Mithras rose from obscure beginnings to become one of the most popular cults in the Roman Empire.

Details and booking from: [www.usas.org.uk](http://www.usas.org.uk)

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (10.00)

### **Surrey Archaeological Society, Surrey Industrial History Group – The Changing Face of Local Media**

An **online** talk by David Rose tracing the history of local news and the changing technologies.

Details from: <https://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/content/the-changing-face-of-local-media-zoom>

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (20.00)

### **Bexley Archaeological Group – Garderobes & Gongfermors: Going to the Privy in the Medieval Era**

An **online** talk by James Wright (Triskele Heritage) which delves into this aspect of social history.

Non Members £5

Details and booking from: <https://www.bag.org.uk/events-and-education/>

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022 (19.30)

### **Lewes Archaeological Group – Dealing with Poverty in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Eastern Sussex**

A talk by Mary Rudling considering the impact of the 1834 Poor Law Amendment Act on communities in the Weald, the Downs and in Lewes.

Venue: Lecture Room, Lewes Town Hall (Fisher St. entrance).

Non-members £4

Details from: [wjmuriel@hotmail.com](mailto:wjmuriel@hotmail.com) (Nos limited to 40 so booking necessary)

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (19.30)

**Chichester and District Archaeology Society – Losses at Sea, how the longitude problem was resolved.**

A talk by Bob Turner on this important maritime topic.

Venue: The Cinema, New Park Centre, New Park Road, Chichester

Non-members £5

Details from: <http://www.cdas.info/Lectures.html>

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 (20.00)

**Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeological Society – Variolation in Ewell**

A talk by Dr Alicia Grant on the history of early vaccinations.

Venue: Ewell Hall, London Road, Ewell

Non-members £4

Details from: <http://www.epsomewellhistory.org.uk/eehas-talks/4545527773>

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 (19.30)

**Worthing Archaeological Society – John Pull Memorial Lecture: The next 100 years of archaeology in Sussex and the challenges we are all going to face.**

A talk by Dr Matt Pope discussing the potential future.

Venue: Worthing College, 1 Sanditon Way, Worthing

Non-members £4

Details from: <https://www.worthingarchaeological.org/events.html>

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022 (19.30)

**Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society – Digging with BHAS**

A round-up by the site directors of the past season's work

Venue: Brighton & Hove Girl's School, Montpelier Road, Brighton

Non-members £4

Details from: [http://www.brightonarch.org.uk/6\\_1.htm](http://www.brightonarch.org.uk/6_1.htm)

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 (19.30)

## University of Sussex Archaeological Society – **Understanding the Ribchester Helmet**

An **online** talk by Dr Jaime Kaminski (SAS) reviewing the production and deposition of the helmet and its associated assemblage.

Details and booking from: [www.usas.org.uk](http://www.usas.org.uk)

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 (20.00)

## Bexley Archaeological Group – **The Archaeology of the Thames Foreshore**

An **online** talk by William Rathouse (MoLA) about this important research resource.

Non Members £5

Details from: <https://www.bag.org.uk/events-and-education/>

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022 (19.30)

## Lewes Archaeological Group – **Bridge Farm 2018-21: As seen on TV.**

A talk by David Millum giving the current perspective on the recent investigations and results from this important site.

Venue: Lecture Room, Lewes Town Hall (Fisher St entrance), Lewes

Non-members £4

Details from: [wjmuriel@hotmail.com](mailto:wjmuriel@hotmail.com) (Nos limited to 40 so booking necessary)

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 (19.30)

## Surrey Archaeological Society Roman Studies Group – **A site at Tongham, Surrey**

An **online** talk by Chris Ellis of Cotswold Archaeology on this recent excavation.

There may be a fee for non-members

Details from: <https://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/content/zoom-talk-by-chris-ellis-cotswold-archaeology-on-a-site-at-tongham-surrey>

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (19.00)

**Worthing Archaeological Society – Romano-British Settlement near Gumber Farm, Slindon**

This talk is associated with the Society AGM. Keith Bolton will be discussing this settlement site.

Venue: Worthing College, 1 Sanditon Way, Worthing

Non-members £4

Details from: <https://www.worthingarchaeological.org/events.html>

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (19.30)

**Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society – Hove Barrow and Amber Cup**

A talk by Dr Jaime Kaminski on this important antiquarian find.

Venue: Brighton & Hove Girl's School, Montpelier Road, Brighton

Non-members £4

Details from: [http://www.brightonarch.org.uk/6\\_1.htm](http://www.brightonarch.org.uk/6_1.htm)



The Sussex School of Archaeology is developing a Spring series of lectures and courses and will publish these online as soon as possible

[www.sussexarchaeology.org](http://www.sussexarchaeology.org)

or contact: [admin@sussexarchaeology.co.uk](mailto:admin@sussexarchaeology.co.uk).

## Grants

The CBA South East has been able to offer grants to suitable archaeological projects for a number of years. The types of project vary and have included community activities, research, excavation, and support towards publication. A good number of excavations have had CBA-SE support, over all the region.

Some of the funding has gone towards the cost of hiring equipment. Some archaeological groups have been supported with help towards the purchase of specialist equipment. Geophysical projects have been supported in the past, as have school digs. Projects that offer encouragement and field work for school children is often supported. Other grants have been awarded for archaeological training courses, and teacher training. Research has had grants for numerous investigations including the studies of Valencian tiles, Palaeolithic finds in the Lewes museum, metalwork from the Frensham excavations and a study of tesserae from the Southwick Roman Villa.

A number of archaeologically related publications have been supported with children's journals, a book on the Wealden Iron Industry, and a publication on the Reculver Roman Fort among the awards. Other projects which have been awarded grants have included financial assistance for carbon 14 dating.

There is also a ring-fenced Young Archaeologists fund for YAC and Museum Groups which may need some small funds to kickstart projects and events.

If your group or project is lacking in funding then the CBASE may be a source of funds. The committee meets every 4 months and applications can be reviewed throughout the year. If you would like to apply for a CBASE grant contact the Grants Officer at [john.funnell@brightonarch.org.uk](mailto:john.funnell@brightonarch.org.uk) for an application form and terms and conditions. If successful, then a note about the project will be requested for publication in the newsletter.

## CBA YAC Grants

In addition to CBA-SE's own Young Archaeologists grant funding, YAC have launched a small grants scheme to help YAC branches with COVID recovery.

The grants are £200 per branch and there are no restrictions on what they can be spent on, as long as they help with restarting in-person sessions.

The funding has come from several different pots. For English Clubs, **Historic England** have made funds available as part of their broader core funding for the YAC.

For Northern Ireland and Scotland, the **CBA** have helped fund the YAC, and funding has already been provided to YAC Welsh groups via the **NLHF** project, **Unloved Heritage**, managed by **Cadw**.

You can read the full blog about the YAC grants by following <https://www.yac-uk.org/news/launching-small-grants-for-yac-groups>.

**Sally Christian Grants from Sussex Archaeological Society** to support individuals starting out in archaeology as amateurs or students (including sixth formers) to assist with the costs of practical or academic training, and to enable them to gain experience in archaeological fieldwork and other forms of research in Sussex.

This grant fund has been put on hold while Sussex Archaeological Society considers the way forward for Society funds and activities.

## Fundraising Accounts

CBA Southeast has set up multiple fundraising accounts that supporters may use to help to fund our charitable aims, and hopefully aligned with your preferences.

These are:

1. Give as you live ([www.giveasyoulive.com](http://www.giveasyoulive.com)), our charity name being Council for British Archaeology South-East (short name: CBASE)
2. Easyfundraising ([www.easyfundraising.co.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.co.uk)), our charity name being Council for British Archaeology South-East
3. Amazon (through your Amazon account [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk)) by selecting our charity (Council for British Archaeology South East) under your account settings ‘Programs and Features’ (desktop) or ‘Settings’ (smart devices) and selecting ‘AmazonSmile’)

Supporters having difficulties in setting up such a service are welcome to contact us at [cbrasoutheast@hotmail.com](mailto:cbrasoutheast@hotmail.com).

Please email any events, talks, recent publications relevant to the south-east, or fieldwork opportunities to [events@cbasouth-east.org](mailto:events@cbasouth-east.org)

Next e-letter will be issued approximately **March 1st** – please send any March, April and May items by **February 25th**.

Keep up-to-date on the website [www.cbasouth-east.org/](http://www.cbasouth-east.org/) and follow us on  [www.facebook.com/CBASouthEast](https://www.facebook.com/CBASouthEast) and  [@CBASouthEast](https://twitter.com/CBASouthEast)