



Surrey Archaeological Society

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E-newsletter

Welcome to the Society's September 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.instagram.com/surreyarch)) for group and event updates.

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Surrey Heritage Talks and Events

The autumn programme of Surrey Heritage events is now online and includes:



Tuesday 5 October (Surrey History Centre, 14:00-16:30): Julian Pooley – *Tea and talk: discovering the story of your home*

Wednesday 11 October (Online, 17:30-18:45): Keith Grieves – *Landscapes of unadorned beauty: preserving the Surrey uplands, 1920 to 1950*

Saturday 14 October (Surrey History Centre, 14:00-15:30): Mike Ramscar – *George III's illnesses and his doctors*

Saturday 21 October (Surrey History Centre, 14:00-16:00): Staff from The National Archives – *Discovering the Tudor Domesday: Chertsey Abbey and the Valor Ecclesiasticus study afternoon*

Wednesday 25 October (Online, 17:30-18:45): Jane Lewis, Surrey Heritage – *Life and labour in a county village – or learn to love your Ag Labs!*

Wednesday 8 November (Online, 17:30-18:45): Isabel Sullivan, Surrey Heritage – *The secret marriage of John Donne, and connected lives in Jacobean Surrey and beyond*

Saturday 11 November (Surrey History Centre, 10:00-15:30): *Surrey Local History Committee Autumn Symposium: Maps and Local History*

Wednesday 22 November (Online, 17:30-18:45): Dr Simon Jarrett – *Scenes from Surrey in the history of learning disability*

Times and ticket prices vary for each event. For further information and to book please see the [Surrey Heritage Events page](#).

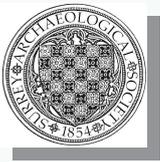
Albury Park community test pitting

A third and final week of test pitting was completed at Albury Park this month, despite the wind and rain, with many thanks due to the hardworking dig and finds team (as well as the core group who helped make the open day such a success).

A total of 18 test pits have been excavated this season, which have provided a good initial overview of the site's development and relationship to historic features within the park-land, including activity along the line of the former road to Shere and Dog Kennel Lane. In addition to medieval pottery, an artefact of note includes a late medieval enamelled heraldic mount, potentially once decoration for a harness or carriage and that of the Beauchamps, the earls of Warwick ([SUR-542253](#) on the PAS database).

A more detailed write-up will be available in a forthcoming *Surrey's Past* alongside a full interim report. We look forward to hopefully returning to the site in the spring!





SHERF 2023

This year's Surrey Historic Environment Research Framework conference on **Saturday 25 November** will consider aspects of the history and archaeology of medical practice. This will be an online event held via Zoom. The Society AGM will take place during the lunch break and further information on attending the AGM will be available in due course. Booking for SHERF itself is now available; see the [website](#) for details.

Programme:

10:00 Open – Chair: Lyn Spencer (SyAS)

10:05 Lorna Webb (UCL): *The 9 herb charm – an archaeological approach*

10:45 Dr Martin Huggon (Bishop Grossteste): *Communities of the living, communities of the dead: hospitals in medieval social life*

11:25 Short break

11:35 Dr Judie English (SyAS): *Cranleigh Village Hospital – a revolution in bringing advanced medical care to a rural community*

12:15 Q&A

12:30 Lunch

13:00 AGM

13:40 Dr Mary Alexander (SyAS): *Guildford medics 1600 to 1800*

14:20 Dr Patty Baker (Dept of History, Virginia Tech): *The Multifunctionality and Meanings of Medical Tools in Ancient Rome*

15:00 Q&A

15:10 Close

Pills, Potions and Poison

Surrey Historic Environment Research Framework Online Conference 2023
Saturday 25 November (10:00-15:00)
surreyarchaeology.org.uk Tickets £5



Roman Studies Group lectures

The first of this year's RSG lectures will take place on **Tuesday 3 October** at 19:30 on Zoom. The Roman Studies Group AGM will be held first, followed by a talk from David Calow, RSG Treasurer and the Society's Hon. Secretary, on 'Flexford and Godstone – two coin-rich Roman rural settlement sites in SE England'.

Whilst attendance is restricted to RSG members, if you are already a SyAS member you are welcome to join the group at a cost of £5 per year. See the [RSG page](#) for more details.



For other talks this year, including Professor Tony King on 'Meonstoke – temple or villa?' and Dr Tim Young on 'Iron ores and smelting in Surrey and the SE', see the [events page](#).

Surrey Industrial History Group lectures

SIHG is continuing their online lecture series this autumn, with Thursday morning talks such as 'Beachcomber: the Secret Sunderland', 'Fireworks, Guns & Superguns' and more.



Any member of SIHG or SyAS who would like to receive details about joining one or all of these meetings, and don't already get details sent to them, should send their name and email address to meetings@sihg.org.uk.

Treasure – not all that glitters

On **Saturday 14 October** at St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth (10:30-12:15), a public talk will be given by Dr Anna Gannon (author of *The Iconography of Early Anglo-Saxon Coinage*) which examines the UK Treasure Act, how it has evolved and why. Having defined what constitute treasure, the talk will consider some case studies of why changes were necessary and why the process of registering finds is so important.

The venue is the Assisi Room at the rear of the monastery (St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, Guildford, Surrey GU4 8QR); parking free. £5 per person payable on the door – no need to book.



Recent items acquired by the Library

In August, the following [new items](#) were acquired by the Library. To view other of our [recent acquisitions](#) or browse the online Library [catalogue](#), please visit the website.



CBA-SE annual conference – What is new from Commercial Archaeology in the South-East?

This year's annual conference will be run jointly with the Sussex School of Archaeology and History on **Saturday 18 November** in person at Kings Church, Lewes, East Sussex, with an online option also available.

Tickets are priced £25 for the in-person conference fee, £20 for CBA-SE members and Sussex School Friends and full-time students; online viewing will be £13. The link for tickets is now available on [Eventbrite](#).

Speakers and their talk titles include:

Andy Hood (Foundation Archaeology): *Excavation of a rather fine pair of funerary barrows at Spelthorne Leisure Centre in late 2021-early 2022*

Hayley Nicholls (Archaeology South-East): *A new lowland hillfort at Chichester*

Jon Baczkowski (Chris Butler Archaeological Services): *Investigation of multiperiod site near Pevensey with complicated superficial geology/geoarchaeology*

Paul Wilkinson (Swale and Thames Archaeological Survey): *Watling Street – the corridor (or conduit) for Roman Sacred and Secular power*

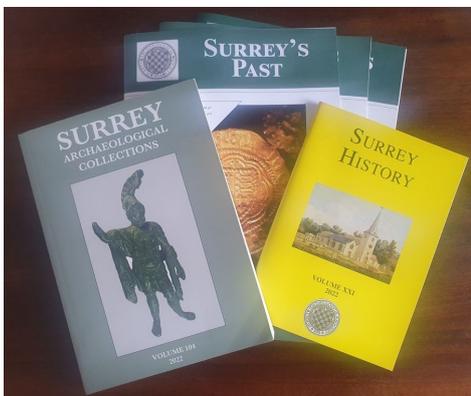
Odile Rouard (Thames Valley Archaeological Services): *A new take on a site at Water Lane, Angmering*

Diccon Hart (HB Archaeology and Conservation): *Buildings archaeology and survey*

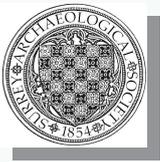
Mike Allen (Allen Environmental Archaeology): *Environmental archaeology at Isle of Sheppey, Ouse Valley at Lewes*

Letty Ingrey (Archaeology South-East): *Post-excavation of some Palaeolithic sites, including the 'giant handaxe' from the Maritime Academy site*

Thinking about joining?



If you aren't yet a member of SyAS, now is the perfect time to join! Rates start at £6 per year for junior members (aged 16-20), with £12.50 for students and £30 for ordinary members (£5 associates). In addition to three issues of *Surrey's Past* a year, annual journal *Surrey Archaeological Collections* and *Surrey History*, members have access to a wide range of fieldwork opportunities, research projects and special interest groups, many of which have their own lecture programmes and study days. To join, please visit our [website](#).



Finds from the FLO

Constans II of the eastern Roman / Byzantine empire was assassinated on this month (15 September) in AD 668. This heavily worn coin of his ([SUR-A720E8](#)) was found while mudlarking on the Thames near Richmond. Of Syracuse mint, the obverse of the heavily corroded copper-alloy coin shows Constans on

the left holding a long cross, with Constantine IV standing on the right with a cross on globe. Heraclius and Tiberius appear on the reverse.

USAAF reconnaissance photographic archive now available

A collection of Second World War aerial photography has been made accessible to the public for the first time. The photographs were taken by the United States Army Air Forces Photographic Reconnaissance units stationed around England in 1943 and 1944. They offer a unique view of England as it changed during the war, capturing airfields with American bombers, ancient monuments which are surrounded by anti-tank defences and bomb-damaged stadiums. For more on the USAAF collection, see the Historic England [webpage](#).



The Material Culture of English Rural Households c. 1250–1600 e-book

Drawing on the results of the Leverhulme Trust funded project 'Living Standards and Material Culture in English Rural Households, 1300-1600', this free open access e-book represents the first national-scale interdisciplinary analysis of non-elite consumption in the later Middle Ages. The research is situated around rising living standards following the Black Death, the commercialisation of the English economy and 'revolution' in consumer behaviour. For more info and access, visit the Cardiff University Press [webpage](#).

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