



Surrey Archaeological Society

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E-newsletter

Welcome to the Society's February 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 Marie (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.

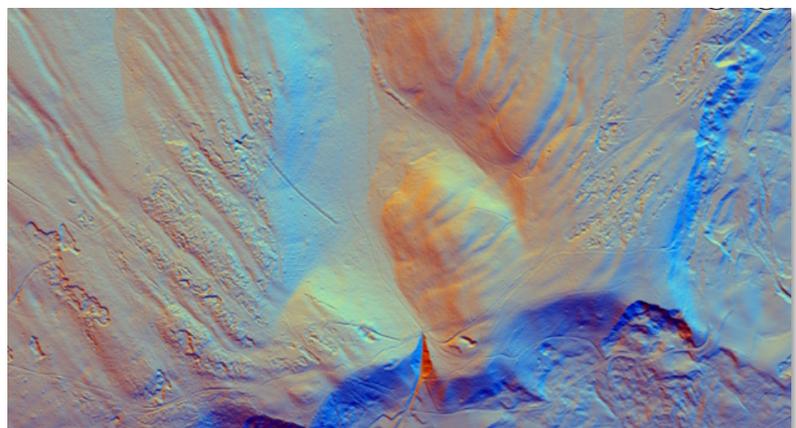
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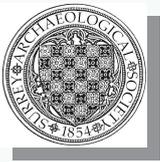
LiDAR groundtruthing

The [Surrey LiDAR Portal](#) is an online interactive citizen science map which includes various LiDAR datasets for all of Surrey, including the historic county, as well as historic maps and HER data to help in analysing the imagery.

LiDAR has enormous potential to uncover previously unknown archaeological features, and by helping map and interpret these sites online, volunteers can work to build a more complete story of the local landscape. Anyone is welcome to register for a free account, which will allow access to the interactive map. Volunteers who would like to be involved and help in digitising features should read the available tutorials and are encouraged to attend online training sessions (please contact us if you are interested, as we can discuss arranging a bespoke session).

The first 'groundtruthing' sessions of the year will take place at Holmwood Common on **Monday 18** and **Tuesday 19 March**, approximately 10:00-13:00, with further work at Leith Hill and Frensham (pending identification of features on the Portal) to possibly take place in April. Please email us at outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk if you are interested in taking part in the March groundtruthing or in the LiDAR project in general.





Pendell Court Villa geophysics

Following a recently completed magnetometry survey at the site of Pendell Court Roman villa, Bletchingley, where remains of a hypocaust were uncovered in the early 19th century, further geophysics is planned for March, which volunteers are welcome to take part in. This will involve an electrical resistance survey which will focus on potential features revealed in the paddocks. An electrical survey is currently scheduled for **Wednesday 20** and **Wednesday 27 March** (approx. 9:30-15:30). If interested in taking part, please contact outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk.

Annual Symposium

Booking is now available for the 2024 Symposium on **Saturday 9 March** (10:00-17:00), taking place in East Horsley Village Hall. Tickets £12, [payable online](#).

The programme features talks on recent fieldwork and research in the county, including:

Rob Poulton (SCAU), 'Before the Stuart façade – the hidden history of West Horsley Place'

Anne Sassin (SyAS), 'Community archaeology in Surrey – a year in review'

Katherine Mills (NT), 'Opening the door to Munstead Wood'

Simon Maslin (PAS), 'Finds from Surrey recorded with the PAS in 2023'

Roy Stephenson (MoL), 'Hoo would have guessed? The temporary ship burials at Shackleford'

Richard Savage (SyAS), 'Old Woking: the settlement over time'

Catherine Langham (AOC), 'Roman to Medieval activity in Effingham: recent excavations at Church Street'

Tim Wilcock & Catherine Ferguson (SyAS), "Rumbellments and other lumber" – what wills and inventories can tell us about early 17th century Surrey'

Volunteers to help with teas and coffee are still needed. Please contact rose-mary.hooker@blueyonder.co.uk if you are able to assist.



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Saturday 9 March
10:00-17:00

East Horsley Village Hall
www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk





Disposal of the Dead in Iron Age, Roman and Early Saxon SE England

This conference, run by the Sussex School of Archaeology & History in association with the SyAS Roman Studies Group, is taking place (both in person and online) on **Saturday 23 March** at Kings Church, Brooks Road, Lewes, BN7 2BY.

Tickets are in-person (which includes teas and coffees): £25 full price, £20 student, SyAS members and USAS/SSAH subscribers; online: £12. There will also be poster displays by local archaeology groups and bookstalls. For more details and to book, see [Eventbrite](#).

In addition to reviewing the evidence for burial practices during the Iron Age, Romano-British and early Saxon periods in South-East England (and beyond), the day will also consider the fate of the ‘missing millions’. How were these people ‘disposed of’? Why were there apparently so few formal burials (cremations and inhumations) in both the Iron Age generally, and in the Romano-British countryside?

10:00 Prof Tim Champion, ‘Rethinking burial and disposal practices in the Iron Age South-East’

11:20 Dr John Pearce, ‘Pale death, emperors and the enslaved: insights into burial from early imperial Rome’

12:10 Dr Jake Weekes, ‘A further review of Canterbury’s Romano-British cemeteries’

12:40 Dr David Rudling, ‘Roman-period burials in Sussex and Surrey’

14:00 Ellen Green, ‘Fragmented stories: The potential of disarticulated human remains for investigating Roman mortuary practices’

14:30 Prof Tony King, ‘Human remains found at temple sites in Britain and Gaul’

15:00 David Calow, ‘Looking for the dead in Roman South-East England – with help from Northern Gaul’





Recent items acquired by the Library

In January, 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.

Surrey Industrial History Group lectures

SIHG is continuing their online lecture series this spring, with Thursday morning talks such as 'Musings of a Miner', 'Chocks away, the Royal Flying Corps in WWI' and 'Sir Barnes Wallis'.



Any member of SIHG or SyAS who would like to receive details about joining one or all of these meetings should send their name and email address to meetings@sihg.org.uk. Please see the [website](#) for a full list of talks.

Finds from the FLO

This copper alloy penny token ([SUR-7906A8](#)) was issued by Joseph Howard in 1671 for use in his fashionable London coffee house where you could get the new wonder drink of the late 17th century. The obverse even depicts a man holding a cup and dispensing coffee from a pot. It is in extraordinary condition, lost in the mud of the Thames near Southwark.



CBA March lectures



The CBA has two free 'This is Archaeology' Zoom talks upcoming this March, including '[An Evening with National Trust Archaeologists 2024](#)' on **Thursday 7 March** (19.00) and '[Rooted in history – branching into the future: the story of the nation's forests](#)' on **Thursday 21 March** (19:00). See links for full programme and booking info.

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