



Surrey Archaeological Society

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E-newsletter

Welcome to the Society's April 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 online talks

Wednesday 28 April – Planting Ideas: Sources for the History of Gardening in Surrey



Wednesday 12 May – Out of Sight, Out of Mind? Sources for the History of Surrey's Mental Hospitals, 1700 - c.1990

Wednesday 26 May – Portrait of a Surrey town between the wars: the photographic archive of Sidney Francis

Wednesday 9 June – From Punishment to Pride: LGBTQ+ archives at SHC

Wednesday 23 June – James Henry Pullen (1835-1916) and the 'Royal Earlswood Asylum for Idiots', Redhill

All talks begin at 17:30, are £5 each and must be booked [online](#). After payment has been received you will be emailed a unique link and password to attend the talk on Zoom.

Lewes Priory 2021 Symposia

Lewes Priory Trust will be holding a free online Zoom symposia throughout May, presenting a line-up of expert speakers on Lewes' history and medieval monastery:

Tuesday 4 May – What did the Cluniacs ever do for us?

Friday 7 May – The destruction and rediscovery of the Priory

Tuesday 11 May – Caring for a heritage site into the future

Friday 14 May – What the latest research is telling us

The four symposia, each containing four short talks, will begin at 19:30. For more info, see lewespriory.org.uk/symposia or email enquiries@lewespriory.org.uk.



Photography and illustration workshop series

As part of the Society's NLHF Sustainable Impact project which focuses on skills training for volunteers, a free online workshop series on photography and illustration is being offered, run by Archaeology South-East's Heritage Photographer and GIS Illustrator, Antonio Reis. These sessions will take place via Zoom, and consist of two parts, including an exercise to be worked on during the week and reviewed at the second session. Details will be sent in advance to participants of any equipment or software which is needed for the sessions.

Please note that participants are not expected to attend the entire workshop series, but encouraged to engage with the sessions of most interest to them. The intention is that the workshops will be recorded and made available to those who are booked. Although free of cost, spaces are limited and will be offered firstly to those who are currently (or about to be) working on Society-led projects. Please contact outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk with any queries and expressions of interest to be allocated a place.

Introduction to photography applied to museums and archaeology

Tuesday 4 May (16:00-17:30) – Conventions and principles of photography, lighting and equipment

Thursday 6 May (16:00-17:30) – Exercise review and feedback

Site photography

Monday 10 May (16:00-17:30) – Best practices for photographing archaeological sites

Thursday 13 May (16:00-17:30) – Exercise review and feedback

Finds photography

Monday 17 May (16:00-17:30) – Principles of finds photography

Thursday 20 May (16:00-17:30) – Exercise review and feedback

Introduction to 3D modelling

Monday 24 May (16:00-17:30) – Principles of photogrammetry

Thursday 27 May (16:00-17:30) – Exercise review and feedback

Introduction to finds illustrations

Tuesday 1 June (16:00-17:30) – Principles of hand drawing archaeological artefacts and digitizing for publication

Thursday 3 June (16:00-17:30) – Exercise review and feedback



Shining a light on the transition from Late Iron Age to Early Roman SE England

Online Zoom conference, **Saturday 8 May**

A full day of discussion on how the Late Iron Age way of life in SE England changed under Roman influence from the 1st century BC to the 2nd century AD. To register (tickets £5) and see the full programme, visit the [website](#).

Programme: (please note, does not include scheduled discussion and refreshment breaks)

10:00 Welcome (David Bird, Roman Studies Group, Surrey Archaeological Society)

10:05 Chair, Paul Booth, Research Associate, University of Oxford, Introductory remarks

10:15 Thomas Matthews Boehmer, Doctoral Student, University of Cambridge, 'Between method and theory: the challenges of studying identity in Late Iron Age and early Roman Britain'

11:15 Tom Brindle, Cotswold Archaeology, 'First (Century) Impressions: appearance, coin-use and communication in south-east Britain beyond the Roman Conquest'

12:00 Anna Doherty, Archaeology South-East, UCL, 'Location, location, location: exploring variability in LIA-Roman pottery assemblages through case studies from SE England'

13:30 Tony King, Professor of Roman Archaeology, University of Winchester, 'Celtic to Romano-Celtic? The archaeology of religious sites in SE Britain, 1st century BC to 2nd century AD'

14:15 Martyn Allen, Oxford Archaeology, "'Two shakes of a lamb's tail': a zooarchaeological perspective of the Iron Age/Romano-British transition in south-east England'

15:15 David Rudling, Honorary Research Fellow, University of Roehampton, "'Becoming Roman?' The Late Iron Age to Early Roman transition in Sussex'

16:00 Mike Fulford, Professor of Archaeology, University of Reading, 'Silchester: from Iron Age oppidum to Roman City'

17:00 Close



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Lost Frontiers and Drowned Landscapes in Britain and Beyond

This free online two-day conference, organised by Prof Geoff Bailey and Prof Vincent Gaffney, the Society of Antiquaries and the ERC research project “Europe’s Lost Frontiers”, will take place on **Thursday 6** and **Friday 7 May**. The exploration of the inundated prehistoric landscapes on our coastal shelves is one of the great challenges remaining to archaeology. In Britain and North West Europe over the last two decades, the results of dedicated research projects, commercial work carried out in preparation for marine infrastructure and community archaeology programmes have transformed our understanding. This two-day event will bring researchers together to present the results of new research. Day 1 will be dedicated to the results of the Europe’s Lost Frontiers project. Day 2 will bring together other researchers, focussing on the British Isles and the North Sea but including new research elsewhere. For the full programme, and to register, please see the [SAL events page](#).

Work by the Roman Roads Association

Three recent talks by the Roman Roads Research Association to the Royal Archaeological Institute have been live streamed and are now available on [YouTube](#) for viewing. These include ‘Changing the Map: how lidar data is transforming our understanding of the Roman road network in North West England’ by David Ratledge, ‘New light on old roads: Watling Street, Stane Street, and their children’ by Rob Entwistle and ‘Pushing Forwards: new evidence for pre-Flavian Roman penetration into Brigantia’ by Mike Haken.

Kent Archaeological Society talks

KAS have launched a new monthly lecture series in 2021 which are free and open to all. The talks are hosted on Teams, and are shortly thereafter made available on YouTube. See the [KAS website](#) for full details. All previous talks are now available to view online, including [‘Caesar in Kent: do we know where he landed?’](#), [‘Ways of seeing: scenes from Christ’s life on Faversham’s painted pillar’](#), [‘Snodland Roman Villa’](#) and [‘Underground Kent: Kent’s hidden heritage’](#).



Saturday 24 April – ‘The Wandering Herd: the medieval cattle economy of south-east England’ by Andy Margetts

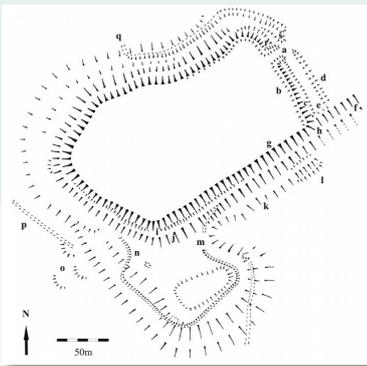
Tuesday 11 May – ‘Our Neighbours in Empire: a tour of Belgium and the Netherlands in the Roman era’ by Dr Steve Willis

Tuesday June 8th – ‘The KAS collections: some of the highlights from our curator’ by Dr Elizabeth Blanning

Tuesday July 13th – ‘Sorting the wheat from the chaff in Kent cropmarks’ by Chris Blair-Myers

Hascombe hillfort

The spectacular earthworks of Hascombe, in Waverley, were situated to have extensive views over the surrounding landscape, with visibility over and from the Low Weald, as well as views to the east which look back along the greensand scarp and include Holmbury hillfort and Leith Hill. Two excavations are known to have taken place at Hascombe, one in the 1930s (under S.E. Winbolt) and the other in the 1970s by F.H. Thompson, with a later survey undertaken in 2008/09 by the Society, led by Judie English and Rose Hooker. Although dating was initially thought to be Late Iron Age and potentially a response to the Caesarian invasion of 54 BC, as at Holmbury, Hascombe is now known to date to the Middle Iron Age through re-assessment of the pottery by Mike Seager Thomas. More consideration is now given to these hillforts as examples of conspicuous construction, rather than being purely defensive. You can read more about this work from the two *Collections* articles: [re-contextualisation analysis of the pottery](#) (Volume 95, 2010) and [analytical survey](#) (Volume 99, 2016), [grey literature report](#) and HE [list entry](#).



Hascombe survey (Judie English and Rose Hooker)



Bank and ditch of hillfort (Photo by Judie English)



Middle Iron Age curviform jar (Photo by Mike Seager Thomas)



View east of Hascombe Park white deer (Judie English)



Ramparts and east entrance, looking south (Anne Sassin)

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](#)).