



# Surrey Archaeological Society

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## E-newsletter

Welcome to the Society's October 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](mailto:info@surreyarchaeology.org.uk)), those interested in volunteer opportunities or general outreach can contact me at [outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk](mailto: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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### Sussex Past online seminars

On **Tuesday 26 October** at 19:30, Sussex Archaeological Society will have the first event in their series of online autumn talks, 'Rewilding – a brave new idea or a re-creation of the past', a conversation with Prof. Martin Bell (President, SAS) and Dr Tony Whitbread (President, Sussex Wildlife Trust). Rewilding is the restoration of ecosystems by restoring the natural processes that drive those ecosystems – so it is about rebuilding nature rather than preserving what is already there. But is this really different to the nature conservation that has been done for decades? There will be the opportunity to submit your own questions to the panel during the seminar. To register for this talk, visit the [What's On section](#) of Sussex Past's website.



Other talks this autumn include:

**1 November** – 'The Future of Museums: is it all Culture Wars and Cream Teas?' by Anooshka Rawden, Cultural Heritage Lead, South Downs National Park Authority

**23 November** – 'Archaeology along the border: investigations at Smallhythe in Kent by the National Trust' by Nathalie Cohen, National Trust Archaeologist for Kent, Sussex and London

**30 November** – 'Gideon Mantell and the Dinosaurs of the Weald' by Dr Susannah Maidment

**8 December** – 'The Golden Barrow of the Sun: Early Bronze Age barrows, funerary practices and cosmology in the Rother Region' by Dr Stuart Needham

**14 December** – 'Finding Anne of Cleves' by Dr Jonathan Foyle



## SHERF 2021

This year's annual Surrey Historic Environment Research Framework conference – **'Archaeology of the Church: perspectives from recent work in the South-East'** – will be run jointly with CBA-SE and held as an online event on **Saturday 27 November**.

Tickets are priced at £5 each household for CBA-SE and SyAS members (£7 others) and are bookable online via the [SyAS website](https://www.syas.org.uk). Once paid, attendees will receive an email containing a link to the Zoom registration page. Any queries, please contact [info@surreyarchaeology.org.uk](mailto:info@surreyarchaeology.org.uk).

### Programme

9:30 Meeting link will open

10:05 Gabor Thomas (University of Reading): In the Shadow of Saints: a reconsideration of the church archaeology of Lyminge as a formative centre of English Christianity

10:40 Alistair Douglas (Pre-Construct Archaeology): The Story of Bermondsey Abbey from Saxon Minster to the Dissolution

11:15 Coffee/Tea

11:30 Natalie Cohen (National Trust): 'England in Stone': Archaeology at Canterbury Cathedral

12:05 Michael Shapland (Archaeology South-East): Chichester Cathedral: A Deep-Time Perspective

12:40 Lunch

13:40 Andrew Richardson (Isle Heritage CIC), Ellie Williams and Lesley Hardy (Canterbury Christ Church University): Eanswythe Found

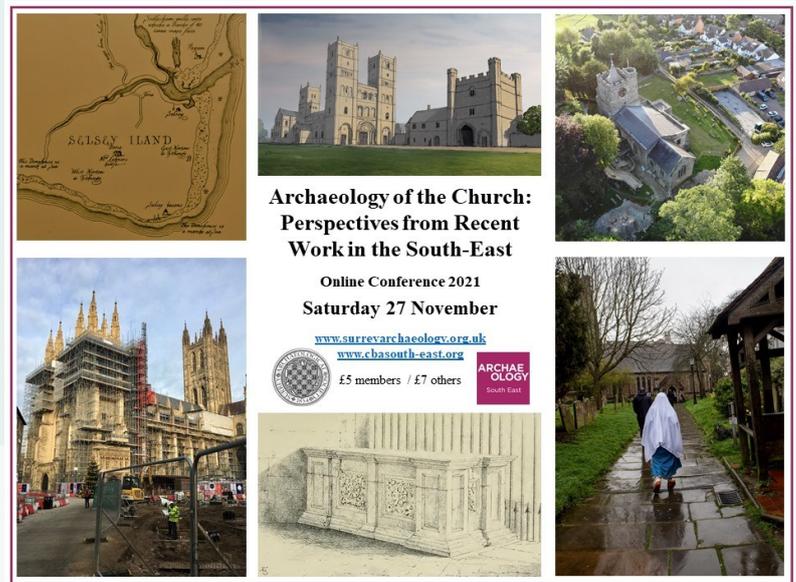
14:15 Jo Seaman (Heritage Eastbourne): Carved Revelations: how a graffiti survey changed the story at Eastbourne

14:50 Coffee/Tea

15:05 Rob Briggs (Surrey County Council): The tomb monument of Sir Thomas Cawarden in St Mary the Virgin's church, Bletchingley

15:45 Closing comments and Q&A

16:00 Close





## Surrey HER blog: Through the dragon's teeth

Surrey Historic Environment Record's latest blog 'Through the dragon's teeth' discusses the remarkable set of Second World War concrete obstacles in Guildford intended to impede the passage of tanks and other armoured vehicles, part of a series of defences which were constructed across Surrey during WWII. This, along with other past posts, can be found on the [Surrey HER blog page](#).

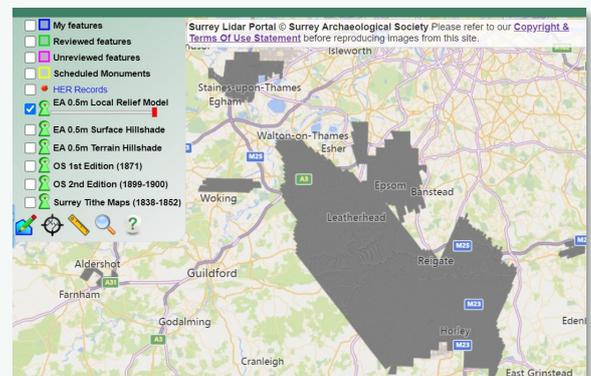
## PAS posts from the FLO

Surrey's Finds Liaison Officer, Dr Simon Maslin, shares more detailed insight into a copper alloy Iron Age anthropomorphic mount from Wisley (object [SUR-D01AF2](#)) on the [PAS Surrey blog](#), which is one of a relatively small number of human representations from the period and both a rare and important discovery.



## Surrey LiDAR Portal

The Surrey LiDAR Portal ([surreylidar.org.uk](http://surreylidar.org.uk)), a new interactive citizen science tool, makes available imagery from various LiDAR datasets, including the 0.5m and 0.25m data for the county. LiDAR has enormous potential to uncover previously unknown archaeological features, and by helping map and interpret these potential 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, once the terms of use are agreed to. Volunteers who would like to be more involved in the citizen science process itself and help in digitising potential features should read the available tutorials and are encouraged to attend online training sessions.

For those who missed the initial online tutorial 'Using the Surrey LiDAR Portal' but are interested in an introductory session, please contact the project team directly. Anyone who would like to be involved in the training sessions or other work related to the LiDAR project, please e-mail [outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk](mailto:outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk).



### Halloween walks at Bourne Hall Museum

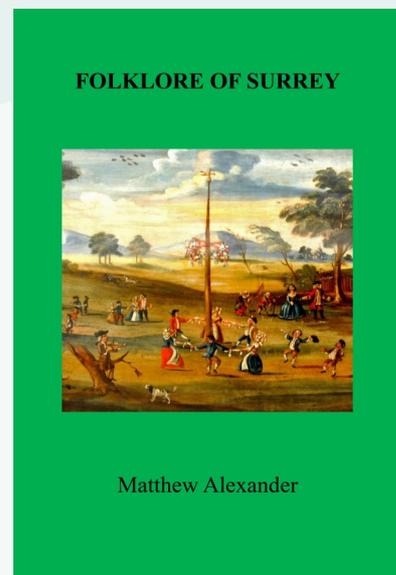
A small series of Halloween-themed activities and walks will take place at Bourne Hall, including cave painting on **Wednesday 27 October** and a clocktower Halloween guided walk on **Sunday 31 October** (19:30-21:00) and **Monday 1 November** (14:00-15:30, 19:00-21:00). Cost £5 per person. For more info, visit Bourne Hall's [What's On page](#). Numbers are limited, and you must reserve a place in advance; please contact David Brooks ([dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk](mailto:dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk)).



### Folklore of Surrey

A new book, *Folklore of Surrey* by Matthew Alexander, describes the working-class traditions of village and market towns in 'Old Surrey', and includes popular themes such as ghosts, tunnels and treasure, witches, folk medicine, sayings, calendar customs and even wife-swapping. For Surrey researchers, the book is rich in local history material especially those occasions when tradition was made the flash-point for conflict, as in the Guildford Guy Riots. *Folklore of Surrey* is accurate, comprehensive and relevant, as well as a fascinating book to read.

Price £12.99, available from Guildford Museum, Surrey History Centre or from the Society by post (please write to Surrey Archaeological Society, Hackhurst Lane, Abinger Hammer RH5 6SE enclosing a cheque made payable to 'Surrey Archaeological Society'). Copies will be available from other sources in due course.



### Culture, Connections and Identity in Late Prehistoric Wessex (and Beyond)



Beginning on **Monday 1 November**, CBA Wessex will be running an autumn series of themed online lectures on Late Prehistory. Speakers include Julian Richards, David Miles, Peter Bray, Duncan Garrow, Janet Montgomery, Richard Osgood, Hella Eckardt, Jacqueline McKinley, Colin Haselgrove and John Talbot. Members and non-members are welcome, with no charge for the lectures. For a full programme and to book, visit [CBA Wessex's webpage](#).



## Aerial Archaeology Mapping Explorer

For the first time ever, Historic England has made the results of over 30 years of aerial photograph mapping projects freely available online, via its [Aerial Archaeology Mapping Explorer tool](#) which displays archaeology that has been identified, mapped and recorded using aerial photographs and other aerial sources. Even though Surrey is not currently included, new areas will be added to the map as soon as they are completed.

## Surrey History Centre online talks

2021 Surrey History Centre online talks via Zoom will continue in the autumn. Tickets £5. Please see the [SHC events page](#) to book a place online.



**17 November** – ‘The Most Wretched Man in the World: The Life and Loves of the 5th Viscount Midleton’

**24 November** – ‘The Impostress Rabbit Breeder: Mary Toft and eighteenth-century England’ by Professor Karen Harvey (a talk for Surrey History Trust)

**8 December** – ‘Reflections on the Lewis Carroll archives, on the 150th anniversary of “Alice through the Looking Glass”’

## Seeing Slavery in Roman Britain



On **Thursday 4 November** at 19:30, the Roman Research Trust will be holding their 10th biennial Joan Pye Lecture on ‘Seeing Slavery in Roman Britain’, a free online Zoom lecture given by Dr Jane Webster, Senior Lecturer in Historical Archaeology at Newcastle University who is researching Roman slavery and the slave trade. To register, please contact [rhobbs@britishmuseum.org](mailto:rhobbs@britishmuseum.org).

The talk will also be recorded and available later on [Cotswold Archaeology’s YouTube](#).

## More than axes: a reanalysis of the early Neolithic flint mines of Sussex

On **Wednesday 24 November** at 19:30, Dr Jon Baczkowski (Southampton University) will be presenting this online Sally Christian lecture for the University of Sussex Archaeological Society, where recent research develops the study of flint mining into the wider environs. To book for this talk (spaces are limited), visit the [USAS website](#).

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