

Surrey Archaeological Society

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E-newsletter

Welcome to the Society's November 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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New data on Surrey LiDAR Portal!

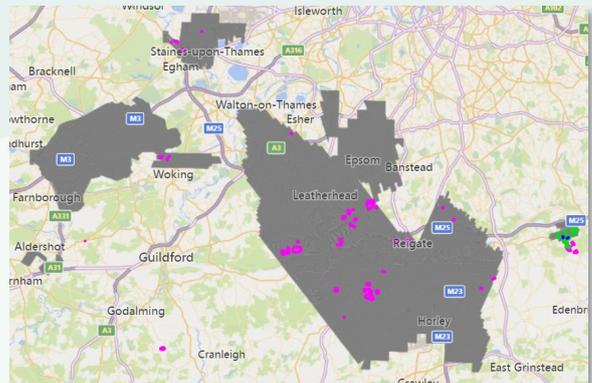
The Surrey LiDAR Portal (surreylidar.org.uk), an interactive citizen science tool which makes available imagery from the county's LiDAR, has just had a new high resolution 0.5m dataset added: the 95km² area of Surrey Heath Borough. Thanks to the kind and generous bequest of Mary Slade, who would have been greatly interested at this opportunity to study the history and archaeology of Surrey, this bespoke data now enhances the 0.5m coverage on the Portal.

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. 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.





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 per household for CBA-SE and SyAS members (£7 others) and are bookable via the [SyAS website](https://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk). Attendees will then receive an email containing the Zoom link. Any queries, please contact info@surreyarchaeology.org.uk.

****please note last minute changes to the schedule below****

Programme

9:30 Meeting link will open

10:05 Michael Shapland (Archaeology South-East): Chichester Cathedral: A Deep-Time Perspective ******

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 James Wright (Triskele Heritage): "Arrow Stones" in Churches – Mediaeval Archers, Casual Graffiti or Ritual Medicine? ******

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

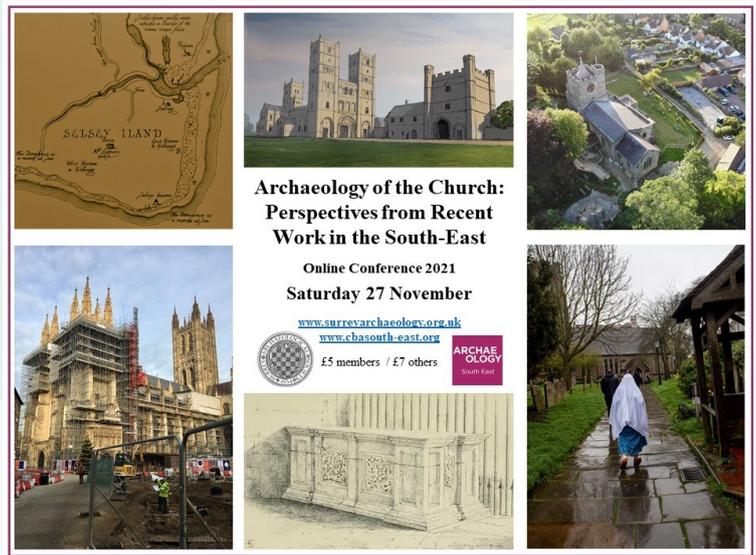
14:50 Coffee/Tea

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

**** Due to unforeseen circumstances, Gabor Thomas is unfortunately not available to talk on 2019 work at Lyminge. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.****



**Archaeology of the Church:
Perspectives from Recent
Work in the South-East**

Online Conference 2021

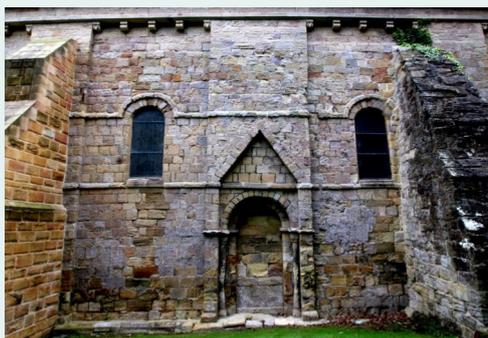
Saturday 27 November

www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk

www.cbasouth-east.org

£5 members / £7 others





Medieval Studies Forum special lecture

On **Thursday 16 December** at approximately 19:00, the MSF AGM will be preceded by an online Zoom lecture from James Wright FSA on ‘The Folklore and Archaeology of Historic Buildings’. James, a buildings archaeologist and historic stone specialist, will explore some of the most common misconceptions surrounding historic buildings, outlining the legends, explaining the origins of the myths and revealing the underlying truth behind each story to understand a little more about their former occupants. The talk is free and open to all (including non-members), but you must [register in advance](#). After a short break, it will be followed by the AGM at 20:00.

PAS posts from the FLO

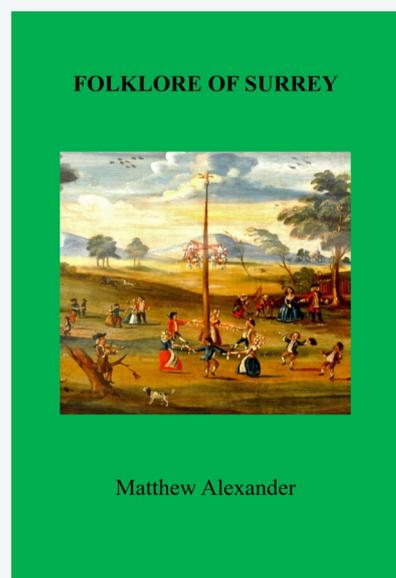
Surrey’s Finds Liaison Officer, Dr Simon Maslin, shares more detailed insight into a 10th-11th century censer cover from Guildford (object [SUR-777720](#)) on the [PAS Surrey blog](#), which is a rare example of this style of architectural censer cover. The object must have come from a relatively wealthy church and is contemporary to the foundation of the royal castle complex in Guildford at the end of the 11th century.



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. It 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.





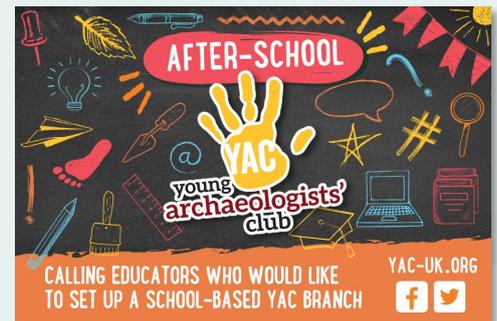
Library journals available for re-homing

Over the pandemic, the library has been rationalising its journal stock to create storage space for new items. No journal has become unavailable, but some will only be online now, not in hard copy. This means we are looking to rehome withdrawn journals and have created a list of available journals, which can be viewed on the [Society's website](#).

If you are interested in obtaining any of these journals please contact Hannah Jeffery on librarian@surreyarchaeology.org.uk or 01306 731275.

New After-School YAC Club

YAC (Young Archaeologists' Club) CBA has just announced the launch of their brand-new After-School YAC Club, an exciting new way for school children from Year 3-Year 11 to learn about archaeology with fun, playful, hands-on activities from experimental archaeology to craft projects.



The club is aimed at teachers and their pupils, to be taught in a school setting. YAC After-School Clubs will receive the same support as affiliate branches, including resources to help support teachers deliver engaging club sessions, such as Dig School, which was specifically created as an online programme during lockdown. Clubs will also have access to YAC branding, training and member benefits for their pupils. To find out more, visit their [website](#).

November outreach at the Museum of Farnham

On Saturday 6 November, members of the Society ran two separate outreach sessions at the Museum of Farnham, tailored to two very different audiences. While we helped run a YAC session inside, with the children processing environmental material from the recent summer dig at nearby Old Park, members of the Prehistoric Group organised a Mesolithic study day, which will



help with assessment of the lithics from the Museum's Rankine collection. Thanks to Tom Lawrence with Oxford Archaeology for leading the flint day, and to all the amazing YACs for really getting their eye in on the material!





Online user survey for Surrey HER

The Surrey Historic Environment Record (HER) has launched an [online survey](#) to find out what their users think of various aspects of their current service and how they might improve it in the future. If you have used the HER in the past couple of years, or have any ideas about new ways in which they could develop the service, it would be a great help if you could spare a few minutes to complete the user survey. There are plenty of opportunities throughout the survey to leave your comments, although it is not necessary to provide answers to every question. Please note the deadline for responses is 23:59 on **Friday 3 December 2021**.

Sussex Past online seminars

On **Tuesday 30 November** at 19:30, Sussex Archaeological Society will continue their online autumn talk series. To register, visit the [What's On section](#) of Sussex Past's website.

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

Surrey History Centre online talks

Two more 2021 Surrey History Centre online talks are still to take place. Tickets £5. Please see the [SHC events page](#) to book a spot.



24 November – ‘The Imposteress 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”’

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 and [@diggingsurreypast](#)), as well as the Council for British Archaeology South-East (www.cbasmouth-east.org and [@CBASouthEast](#)).