

# Surrey Archaeological Society

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## E-newsletter

Welcome to the Society's January 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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### CBA-SE 2022 lecture series



CBA South-East will be running a Winter-Spring online lecture series, which will take place monthly on Thursday evenings from 19:30, and held online via Zoom. Although free, registration must be made in advance.

Dates for the first three talks of the lecture series include:

**Thursday 10 February** (19:30) Dr Will Rathouse, Senior Community Archaeologist, Museum of London Archaeology (MOLA)

'Archaeology supporting mental health and well-being since 2012'

**Thursday 24 March** (19:30) Dr Andy Margetts, Post-Excavation Project Manager, Archaeology South-East

'Medieval pastoralism in South-East England: lessons for our landscape'



**Thursday 28 April** (19:30) De Martyn Allen, Senior Post-Excavation Project Manager, Oxford Archaeology

'Animals and Roman Britain' (title tbc)

The meeting room will open at 19:15, with the talk starting promptly at 19:30. There will be an opportunity for questions at the end. To register for these meetings, and for info, including updates to the lecture programme, please visit the [CBA-SE events website](#).

Other talks, previously recorded from the November conference, can be found on CBA-SE's YouTube channel, including Michael Shapland (Archaeology South-East) on '[Chichester Cathedral: A Deep-Time Perspective](#)' and National Trust's Nathalie Cohen on "[England in Stone": Archaeology at Canterbury Cathedral](#)'.



## PAS posts from the FLO

Surrey's Finds Liaison Officer, Dr Simon Maslin, shares a #FindsFriday post on ([SUR-D520A7](#)), a medieval papal bulla or document seal, issued by Pope Innocent III (1198-1216) during the reign of King John. This item was found near Guildford. There are slots on the upper and lower edges of the reverse, each 4.5mm wide, for a ribbon which would have attached the bulla to a document. Unusually complete, it is the first example by this pope from the county recorded with the PAS.



## Fieldwalking survey at Chipstead



The Society will be running a fieldwalking and geophysical survey at Neale's Field, Chipstead between **Monday 14 February** and **Friday 25 February**. Owned by the Chipstead Village Preservation Society, this large arable field, situated between Coulsdon and How Lane, has long been a noted site of interest due to previous survey work over recent years.

Volunteers are needed to assist in the fieldwalking, including with the finds team, as well as help with the magnetometry survey. The team will be setting up a base at the Chipstead Rugby Club (CR5 3SB), which is half a mile away from the site. Displays will be set-up in the clubhouse, including previous items found through detecting in the field, for members of the community to come and view.

Some elements of the survey may be weather dependent, and thus the schedule is changeable, but tentative dates are as follows: **Monday 14, Tuesday 15, Monday 21, Wednesday 23, Thursday 24** and **Friday 25 February**. If you are interested in helping at all, or have any questions, please contact [outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk](mailto:outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk).

## Surrey Heritage Marvel of the Month

Surrey Heritage's [January Marvel of the Month](#) focuses on LGBT+ History Month and tracing Transgender history in the collections, documenting Transgender stories and the challenges it can present.



Be sure to also catch up on previous [Marvels of the Month](#) from 2021, including the [Oatlands Palace archive project](#) and [Saxon Moot at Langley Vale](#).



## Research Committee Annual Symposium

On **Saturday 9 April**, the Research Committee will be returning to the Peace Memorial Hall in Ashted (Woodfield Lane, Ashted KT21 2BE) for its Annual Symposium, a popular annual event which highlights recent research and fieldwork in the county.

### *Programme*

9:30 Registration

10:00 Chair

10:10 Simon Maslin (Surrey FLO) 'The PAS in Surrey'

10:40 Matthew Alexander (SyAS) 'Folklore of Surrey'

11:10 Coffee/Tea

11:30 Michael Curnow (MoLA) 'Barn Elms: Going to town on an Iron Age oppidum'

12:10 Matt Nichol (Cotswold Archaeology) 'Worcester Park Gunpowder mill and the John Smeaton Waterwheel'

12:45 Lunch

14:00 Chair

14:10 Chris Constable (Southwark) 'Recent archaeological work in Southwark and a statue mystery'

14:40 Rebecca Haslam (Pre-Construct Archaeology) 'Chertsey pottery site'

15:10 Coffee/Tea

15:40 Tim Wilcock (SyAS) 'Badshot Lea moated site – a case for scheduling?'

16:10 David Calow (SyAS) 'Searching for Roman rural settlements in Surrey'

16:40 Closing Remarks

It is now possible to book online via the [website](#) with card payment using PayPal, or via cheque and post. Tickets £12. Contact [info@surreyarchaeology.org.uk](mailto:info@surreyarchaeology.org.uk) for any questions or to book through cheque.

The Research Committee invites you to provide a display relating to your organisation's work. This can take the form of display boards, artefacts or other types of exhibit which can be shown within a limited space. All amateur displays are eligible for consideration for the Margary Award for the best display, and the value of the awards is £200 for the winner and £100 for the runner up. Displays are welcome on all aspects of involvement in archaeological and historical research, including survey, excavation, finds processing, documentary and cartographic studies, research on standing buildings, museum work and any other recent or ongoing study. Please email [rosemary.hooker@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:rosemary.hooker@blueyonder.co.uk) for questions or if interested in bringing a display.





## MSF lecture 'Medieval Sites of Power and Assembly in the Thames Valley'



The Medieval Studies Forum have arranged a special lecture on **Thursday 31 March** at 18:00 by Professor Alexandra Sanmark (University of the Highlands and Islands) on 'Medieval Sites of Power and Assembly in the Thames Valley', which includes a look in detail at the sites of both Kingston and Runnymede. After the lecture, the National Trust archaeology team will provide a short presentation and update on the Runnymede Explored project.

This talk will be held online, via Zoom. Although welcome to all, this lecture must be booked [online](#). Participants will be emailed the meeting link closer to the time. The event is free for SyAS and MSF members, with a fee of £2 from non-members.

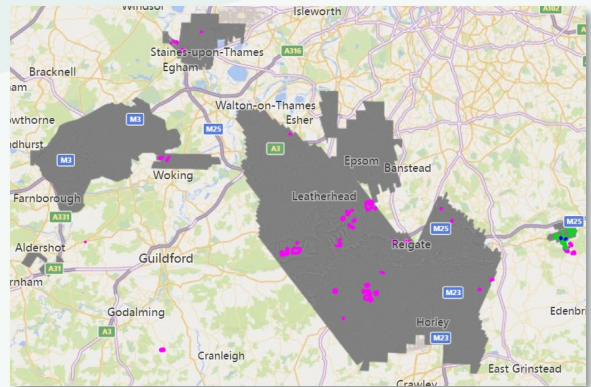
## Surrey LiDAR Portal

The Surrey LiDAR Portal ([surreylidar.org.uk](http://surreylidar.org.uk)), an interactive citizen science tool which makes available imagery from the county's LiDAR, now includes the high resolution 0.5m Surrey Heath dataset. The Portal currently contains all 0.25m and 0.5m data for the county, with the full 1m county coverage to be added in April.

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 digitising process should read the available tutorials and are encouraged to attend online training sessions.

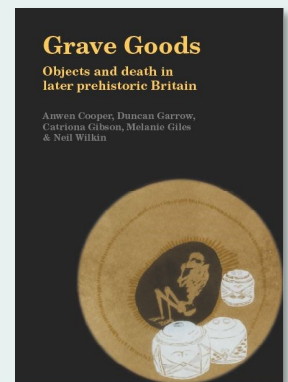
For those who missed the initial online tutorial 'Using the Surrey LiDAR Portal' but are interested in an introductory session, please contact the project team directly. Anyone who would like to be involved in the training sessions or other work related to the LiDAR project, including fieldwork such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





## Grave Goods online publication

The final publication for the AHRC-funded 'Grave Goods: objects and death in later prehistoric Britain' project, which focuses on material culture in graves (and other formal mortuary contexts) in Neolithic, Bronze Age and Iron Age Britain, c. 4000 BC to AD 43, is now out. Written by Anwen Cooper, Duncan Garrow, Catriona Gibson, Melanie Giles and Neil Wilkin, the book is available in hardback from Oxbow Books, and is also available as a [free online pdf](#).



## Sussex Archaeological Society lectures

Sussex Archaeological Society continue their regular lecture series on Tuesdays this winter. Tickets are free for SAS members and £5 for non-members. Visit the [webpage](#) to book.

**Tuesday 1 February** (19:30) Dr Paul Edmondson (Shakespeare Birthplace Trust), 'What does Shakespeare mean to Stratford-upon-Avon, and what does Stratford-upon-Avon mean to Shakespeare?'

**Tuesday 15 February** (19:30) Sara Crofts (The Institute of Conservation), 'We are only trustees for those who come after us: lessons in sustainability from Ruskin and others'

**Tuesday 1 March** (19:30) Jo Williams (Experience West Sussex), 'Bringing History Alive: Exploring the nexus between Tourism, Community and Cultural Heritage globally and within Sussex'

**Tuesday 15 March** (19:30) James Brown (National Trust Archaeologist for London and the South East region), 'The National Trust in Sussex – A review and a beginning'

## Sussex Archaeology Symposium

On **Saturday 19 March** (10:00-17:00), this one-day event will resume at Kings Church, Lewes with its review of recent/ongoing archaeological research and fieldwork in Sussex. Speakers include Tristan Bareham, Martin Bell, Keith Bolton, James Brown, Lynn Cornwell, Amie Friend, Jaime Kaminski, Mark Roberts, James Sainsbury and Joe Seaman.

The fee (to include a sandwich lunch) is £38. To book and for further info please visit the Sussex School of Archaeology [website](#) or email [info@sussexarchaeology.co.uk](mailto:info@sussexarchaeology.co.uk).

## Drawing Archaeological Artefacts course

This joint Sussex School of Archaeology and Rottingdean Whiteway Centre 2-day course, led by Jane Russell, will take place on **Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 March** (10:00-16:00). Suitable for beginners and those who wish to refresh their skills, the fee is £48. For bookings and further info, visit the [website](#) or email [admin@sussexarchaeology.co.uk](mailto:admin@sussexarchaeology.co.uk).



## Public Classics and Archaeology Lectures from the University of Kent

A series of free online talks will be held this spring on Wednesday evenings via Zoom.

**Wednesday 16 February** (17:15), Prof. Olga Palagia (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens), ‘Macedonian Painting and the Transformation of the Familiar in a Funerary Context’

**Wednesday 2 March** (17:15) Prof. James Crow (Edinburgh), ‘The Byzantine Cisterns of Constantinople’

**Wednesday 30 March** (13:00) Classics Day at Kent: public lectures by members of the department at Sibson Lecture Theatre 2 (SIBLT2)

To join, use the [meeting link](#) (Meeting ID: 928 7142 1862 Passcode: 093272).



## The Cantiaci podcast on BBC Radio

‘Unearthing Britannia’s Tribes’ is available as a series of podcasts on BBC Radio’s ‘The Essay’, including the recent episode on ‘[The Cantiaci](#)’ by archaeologist David Miles, who tells the story of the Cantiaci of Kent and how its inhabitants became the first to fall under Rome’s influence. The episode includes the discovery of defences linked to Julius Caesar’s military campaigns in 55-54 BC by Oxford Archaeology during the construction of the East Kent Access Road, which is available to read [here](#).

## New After-School YAC Club



YAC (Young Archaeologists’ Club) CBA have recently launched their new After-School YAC Club, a club for school children from Years 3-11 to be taught in a school setting. After-School Clubs will receive the same support, resources, training and member benefits as affiliate branches, helping teachers deliver engaging sessions. To find out more, visit their [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](https://www.instagram.com/diggingsurreyspast)), as well as the Council for British Archaeology South-East ([www.cbasmouth-east.org](http://www.cbasmouth-east.org) and [@CBASouthEast](https://www.instagram.com/CBASouthEast)).