

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 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.

Anne Sassin (*SyAS Outreach Projects Manager*)

Dendrochronology today: some new techniques and new findings

On **Saturday 23 April** (14:00) at East Horsley Village Hall (KT24 6QT) the Domestic Buildings Research Group will be giving a special lecture preceding their AGM, 'Dendrochronology today: some new techniques and new findings' by Dr Andy Moir. This talk will be covering some of the new techniques available in dating buildings such as C14 wiggle matching and isotopic analysis, as well as some of the newer Surrey tree-ring dated examples and improvements in the Building Archaeology Research Database.

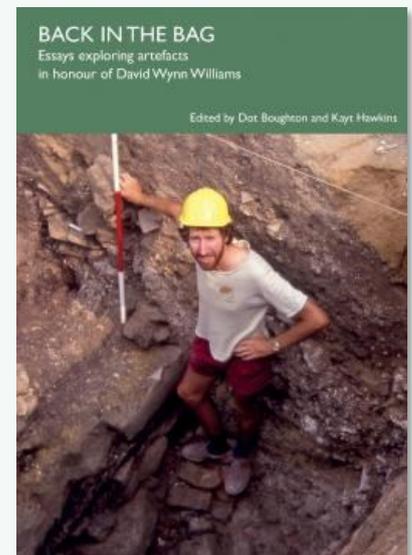
Members and non-members welcome (£3 per head). The AGM will be for DBRG members only.



Back in the Bag: Essays exploring artefacts in honour of David Wynn Williams

This volume brings together papers in memory of David Wynn Williams, who made a substantial contribution to the archaeology of Surrey over many years, including as the county's Portable Antiquities Scheme's Finds Liaison Officer from 2003 until his unexpected death in 2017. In February 2019 a conference was held at the Surrey History Centre, where colleagues and friends presented a series of papers relating to their experiences of working with and alongside David. It was felt that a fitting tribute to David would be to publish these papers in a volume which also includes an introduction to his substantial art portfolio, as well as some personal tributes.

The volume is available for £20 from [Surrey History Centre](http://www.surreyhistorycentre.org.uk).





PAS posts from the FLO

Surrey's Finds Liaison Officer, Dr Simon Maslin, shares a #FindsFriday post on ([SUR-CF0455](#)), a mid-17th century trader's farthing from Dorking, issued by local maltster Thomas Stedman, which was recorded and donated by the finder and is now on permanent public display at Surrey History Centre in Woking.



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 next talks of the lecture series include:

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

'The Wandering Herd'



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](#).

Surrey Heritage Marvel of the Month

Surrey Heritage's [March Marvel of the Month](#) focuses on Women's History Month and the moving and courageous story of a Surrey schoolgirl, Diana Rowden, who became a secret agent (Special Operations Executive) during the Second World War, before her capture and subsequent tragic death in 1944 at Natzweiler concentration camp.

Be sure to also catch up on previous [Marvels of the Month](#), 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 (AOC Archaeology Group) 'The Roman road infrastructure of Southwark' ***please note the revised talk title and slight programme change***

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 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, the value of which 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 study. Please email 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.

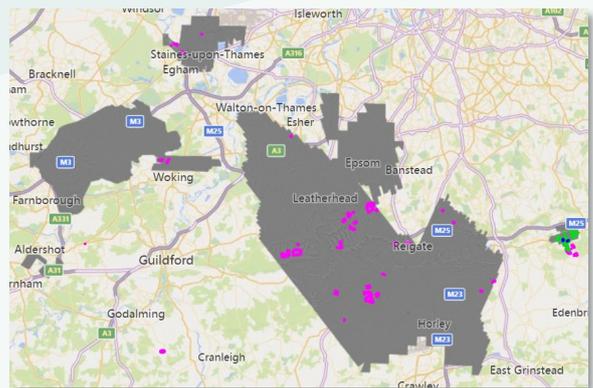
Surrey LiDAR Portal

The Surrey LiDAR Portal (surreylidar.org.uk), 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.





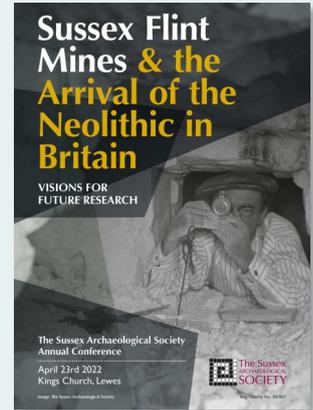
Sussex Archaeological Society lectures and conference

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 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'

Tuesday 29 March (19:30) Diccon Hart (HB Archaeology and Conservation Ltd), "'Fall'n at length, that tower of strength": rescue and research at Lewes Castle 2019 to 2022'

The annual conference, 'Sussex Flint Mines and the Arrival of the Neolithic in Britain: Visions for Future Research', will be held on **Saturday 23 April** at Kings Church Lewes and will comprise a packed day of lectures. Both in-person delegate tickets (£45), which include lunch and access to all talks and demonstrations, and virtual tickets (£15) are available. Visit the [webpage](#) to book.



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.

Surrey Industrial History Group talks

SIHG are continuing their online Zoom talks on Thursday mornings, including the following lectures in March. Visitors are welcome. Please email Bob Bryson (meetings@sihg.org.uk) for details.

3 March (10:00) 'Housing munition workers in WW1' by John McGuinness

17 March (10:00) 'Merton Priory – a new chapter' by John Hawks

31 March (10:00) 'Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Accident - 2011 Japan' by Richard Rumble

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](#)).