



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), 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*)

Agriculture, Industry and Trade in the Roman South East

On **Saturday 12 November**, the annual CBA-SE conference (held jointly with Kent Archaeological Society) will take place in Canterbury on the theme 'Agriculture, Industry and Trade in the Roman South East', with a focus on recent research and developments since David Bird's 2017 volume. Booking via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com). Tickets £15 for CBA-SE/KAS members and £20 for non-members. The timetable, also available [online](#), is as follows:

10:00 Chair: Paul Booth, Welcome and introduction

10:10 James Gerrard (Newcastle University), 'Living by the Medway Marsh: Roman and early medieval activity at Grange Farm, Gillingham Kent'

10:50 Anne Sassin (Kent Downs AONB), 'Gods and grains: new insights into ritual and agricultural activity at Lullingstone Roman Villa, Kent'

11:50 Philip Smither (West Berkshire Heritage), 'Re-investigating trade at Richborough'

12:30 Louise Rayner (Archaeology South-East), 'New findings, old archives: recent research on Roman pottery'

14:20 Lindsay Banfield (York Archaeology), 'Making flour the German Way: imported lava querns and millstones in Roman Britain and Sussex'

15:00 Damian Goodburn (MoLA), 'Evidence for Roman woodworking and woodlands in the SE of England'

16:00 Martyn Allen (Oxford Archaeology), 'New evidence for Roman iron production at Bexhill, Sussex'

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Council for British Archaeology South East

Agriculture, Industry and Trade in the Roman South East

Saturday 12 November 2022 (10:00-17:00)

Grimond Lecture Theatre 1, University of Kent at Canterbury CT2 7NX

Speakers include James Gerrard, Anne Sassin, Philip Smithers, Louise Rayner, Martyn Allen, Damian Goodburn & Lindsay Banfield

Tickets £15 KAS & CBA-SE members / £20 non-members / student bursaries available

Programme & booking via Eventbrite at [kentarchaeology.org.uk](https://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk)



Annual General Meetings

On **Sunday 6 November 2022** the AGMs of Surrey Archaeological Society and Surrey Industrial History Group will be held in St Catherine's Village Hall (Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, GU2 4HF) as follows: **(14.30)** Surrey Archaeological Society and **(15.30)** Surrey Industrial History Group.

Members of SyAS and SIHG are welcome to attend either or both meetings but voting is restricted to the members of each. There is parking for 20 cars at the Hall and street parking in Chestnut Avenue.

Medieval Graffiti recording day, St Andrew's, Cobham

On **Tuesday 15 November**, the rescheduled Medieval Graffiti workshop will take place at St Andrew's Church, Cobham (10:00-15:00). The day will run with the aim of providing initial training in the spotting and recording of graffiti. It will also include a talk and tour of the church by MSF member Dr David Taylor.



(Photo by Abi Coskun)

If interested in attending the day, please contact outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk. If you are unable to attend on this date but would like to be part of the graffiti project in the future, please let Anne know via the same e-mail.

Medieval Studies Forum special lecture and AGM

This year's MSF special lecture will be held online on **Thursday 17 November** and given by Dr Katie Hawks, who has recently completed her PhD focussed on records of Merton Priory. This will be followed by the group's AGM. All are welcome to attend but only those registered with the Forum can vote at the AGM.

Further details will follow including the papers for the AGM, but [registration](#) for the Zoom lecture is available now.

Gender and the Archaeology of Medieval Nunneries

On **Friday 21 October** at 13:30, the first in a new series of virtual talks by the Society for Medieval Archaeology will take place online. Close to 30 years ago Prof Roberta Gilchrist published *Gender and Material Culture: The Archaeology of Religious Women*, which has been a cornerstone of gender and medieval archaeological research and studies of women religious more broadly. Its continued impact is evident in the recent book by Dr Tracy Collins, *Female Monasticism in Medieval Ireland: An Archaeology*. This virtual event brings together these two scholars to speak to the context in which their books were created – times of renewed feminist activism. Registration is free and available through [Eventbrite](#).



Surrey Historic Environment Research Framework 2022

On **Saturday 26 November**, the Society will host its annual Surrey Historic Environment Research Framework (SHERF) conference, this year on the theme of ‘Defensive structures: symbols of power?’ This will be an online Zoom conference (tickets £5, with booking available [online](#)), with an excellent range of speakers, including:

10:10 Paul Ferris (Independent Researcher): “The last line” – an archaeological evaluation of the 1940 anti-invasion defences between Guildford and Dorking’

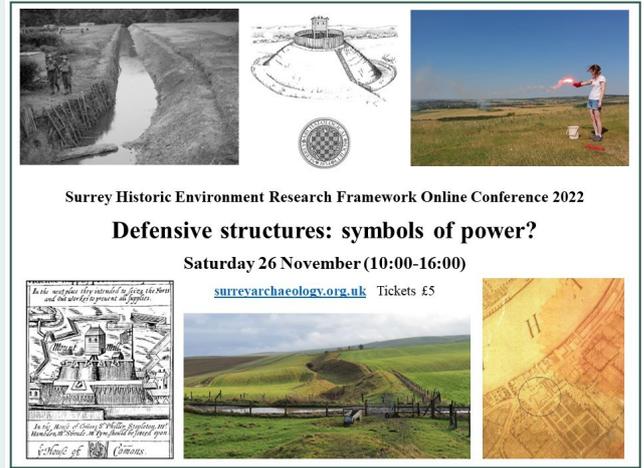
10:50 Peter Mills and Michael Hutchinson (Mills Whipp Research): ‘London’s Civil War Defences Reviewed – Symbols of Power and Control’

11:40 William Wyeth (English Heritage): ‘Door and Peace – examples of new thinking on English castles’

13:35 Stuart Brookes (University College London): ‘Hiding and finding in Viking Age Wessex’

14:15 Kryisia Truscoe (Forestry England): ‘Defence or display? The role of linear earthworks in the landscapes of Late Iron Age territorial oppida’

15:05 Barney Harris (University College London): ‘Linear modelling: interrogating defence and power in the context of linear earthworks in the landscape’



Archaeology and the environment

This month I thought I would see how commercial archaeological groups are approaching the topic of environmental sustainability.

Wessex Archaeology has a Sustainability Working Group and provided an [overview](#) of their approach, work and plans for the future (also see their [sustainability strategy](#)).

Oxford Archaeology have developed an [Environmental Protection Policy](#).

And Museum of London Archaeology (MoLA) have collated a fascinating series of powerful [heritage climate stories](#), looking at the question if ‘What can archaeology contribute to climate change?’

I also loved the ideas from the [Archaeology Green Team](#) at the Institute of Archaeology at UCL. Their approach to ‘greening’ spaces and activities in the lab and in the office could be easily trialled by the Society.

Emma Coburn (SyAS Council)



Finds from the FLO

28 September is the anniversary of the death of the Roman general Gnaeus Pompeius Magnus in 48 BC. His coins are rare finds in Britain, but one found in a hoard ([SUR-EA4D41](#)) near Elstead in Surrey was recently recorded by the Portable Antiquities Scheme and acquired by Godalming Museum under the Treasure Act.



Lullingstone Villa and the Roman Darent online education resource



A new KS2/KS3 online learning resource and [interactive map](#) on Lullingstone Roman Villa and the Darent Valley has recently been launched by English Heritage and the Darent Valley Landscape Partnership (funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund). Along with key local Roman sites, particular emphasis is placed on the crafts and industries of the rural countryside and the various archaeological methods used to study them.

Surrey Heritage online talks

Surrey Heritage is continuing their online heritage talks this autumn, which run on Wednesdays from 17:30 and are available to purchase for £5 [online](#).

Wednesday 26 October – John Evelyn in Surrey

Wednesday 9 November – In the Shadow of the Great War: Surrey 1914 to 1922



Please note on **Wednesday 2 November** Surrey History Trust will be presenting a special lecture “‘The second editions are the ones to have’; revising the Pevsner Architectural Guide to Surrey” by Charles O’Brien at 19.00 at Surrey History Centre (also to be streamed online). Tickets are also available for £5 from the link above.

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](#)).