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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 Marie (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*)

Annual Symposium

Booking is now available for the 2024 Symposium on **Saturday 9 March** (10:00-17:00), taking place in East Horsley Village Hall. Tickets £12, [payable online](#).

The programme is a full day of talks on recent fieldwork and research in the county, including:

Rob Poulton (SCAU), 'Before the Stuart façade – the hidden history of West Horsley Place'

Anne Sassin (SyAS), 'Community archaeology in Surrey – a year in review'

Katherine Mills (NT), 'Opening the door to Munstead Wood'

Simon Maslin (PAS), 'Finds from Surrey recorded with the PAS in 2023'

Roy Stephenson (MoL, retired), 'Hoo would have guessed? The temporary ship burials at Shackleford'

Richard Savage (SyAS), 'Old Woking: the settlement over time'

Catherine Langham (AOC), 'Roman to Medieval activity in Effingham: recent excavations at Church Street'

Tim Wilcock & Catherine Ferguson (SyAS), "Rumbellments and other lumber" – what wills and inventories can tell us about early 17th century Surrey'



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Disposal of the Dead in Iron Age, Roman and Early Saxon SE England

This conference, run by the Sussex School of Archaeology & History in association with the SyAS Roman Studies Group, is taking place (both in person and online) on **Saturday 23 March** at Kings Church, Brooks Road, Lewes, BN7 2BY.

Tickets are in-person (which includes teas and coffees): £25 full price, £20 student, SyAS members and USAS/SSAH subscribers; online: £12. There will also be poster displays by local archaeology groups and bookstalls. For more details and to book, see [Eventbrite](#).

In addition to reviewing the evidence for burial practices during the Iron Age, Romano-British and early Saxon periods in South-East England (and beyond), the day will also consider the fate of the ‘missing millions’. How were these people ‘disposed of’? Why were there apparently so few formal burials (cremations and inhumations) in both the Iron Age generally, and in the Romano-British countryside?

10:00 Prof Tim Champion, ‘Rethinking burial and disposal practices in the Iron Age South-East’

11:20 Dr John Pearce, ‘Pale death, emperors and the enslaved: insights into burial from early imperial Rome’

12:10 Dr Jake Weekes, ‘A further review of Canterbury’s Romano-British cemeteries’

12:40 Dr David Rudling, ‘Roman-period burials in Sussex and Surrey’

14:00 Ellen Green, ‘Fragmented stories: The potential of disarticulated human remains for investigating Roman mortuary practices’

14:30 Prof Tony King, ‘Human remains found at temple sites in Britain and Gaul’

15:00 David Calow, ‘Looking for the dead in Roman South-East England – with help from Northern Gaul’



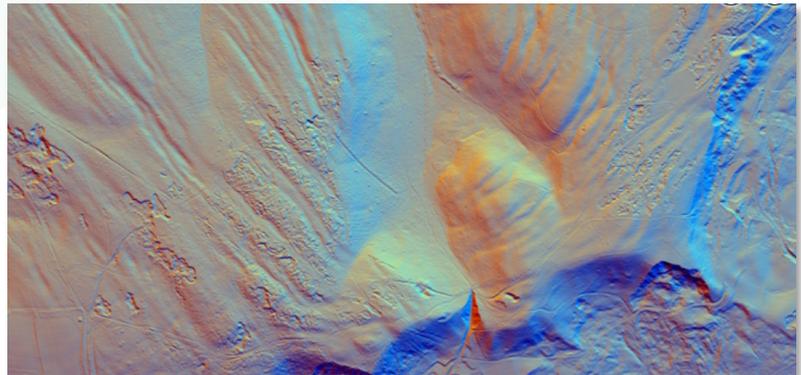


Surrey LiDAR Portal full county coverage!

The full county 1m LiDAR coverage is now available on the [Surrey LiDAR Portal](#), the Society's online interactive map which makes available the LiDAR imagery for all of Surrey, including the historic county. The Portal is an interactive citizen science tool which includes various LiDAR datasets, as well as additional layers such as historic maps and HER data to help in analysing the imagery.

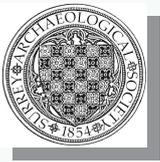
LiDAR has enormous potential to uncover previously unknown archaeological features, and by helping map and interpret these potential sites online, volunteers can work to build a more complete story of the local landscape. Anyone is welcome to register for a free account, which will allow access to the interactive map. Volunteers who would like to be involved and help in digitising potential features should read the available tutorials and are encouraged to attend online training sessions. The next available online session will be **Monday 19 February** (14:00-15:30). Register to attend this session [here](#).

Dates for forthcoming 'groundtruthing' sessions in March, to take place at various sites including Leith Hill, will be announced shortly, but in the meantime, please email us at outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk with any queries or to express interest in the project.



Pendell Court Villa geophysics

Following a recently completed magnetometry survey at the site of a potential Roman villa at Pendell Court near The Hawthorns School, Bletchingley, where remains of a hypocaust were uncovered in the early 19th century, further geophysics is planned for March, which volunteers are welcome to take part in. This will involve an electrical resistance survey which will focus on potential features revealed in the paddocks. A two-day electrical survey is currently scheduled for **Wednesday 20** and **Wednesday 27 March** (approx. 9:30-15:30). If interested in taking part, please contact outreach@surreyarchaeology.org.uk.



Ankerwycke dig nominated for rescue project of the year award

The National Trust and Surrey County Archaeological Unit are proud to announce that their archaeology work at Ankerwycke has been nominated for Current Archaeology's Rescue Project of the Year. The award celebrates achievements of archaeological projects over the past 12 months to areas that are under threat and their conservation efforts to prevent further loss. Voted for entirely by the public, they are appealing for votes.



The results of the historic research, geophysical survey, excavation and ruin conservation have all been used to create new interpretation including podcasts, 3D models (see the NT Archaeology [Sketchfab account](#)) and a set of illustrations that reveal the Medieval and Tudor phases. You can also see more of Ankerwycke as it featured on 'Digging for Britain' by watching BBC iPlayer.

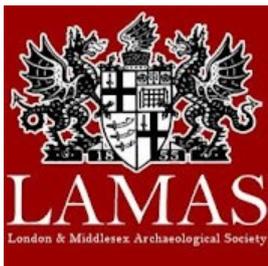
Voting is open now and closes on **5 February**. You can cast your vote by visiting [Current Archaeology Awards](#).

CBA-SE Butser Mosaic lecture

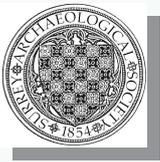
On **Tuesday 13 February** at 19:00, CBA-SE will be holding their annual online AGM and special lecture on the installation of a mosaic floor at Butser Ancient Farm. Trevor Creighton and Sue Webber will discuss this innovative experimental archaeology project to install a mosaic floor at Butser's reconstruction of Sparsholt Villa (near Winchester). This lecture is free, but [registration](#) must be made in advance. The group's AGM will follow, which members can attend.



LAMAS YouTube



In addition to the Society's own [YouTube channel](#), London & Middlesex Archaeological Society (LAMAS) have their lecture series recorded and made available on their [channel](#), many of which have featured at past Society conferences or sessions. This includes recent talks such as Dominic Perring outlining the issues affecting Roman Londinium and its decline, Becky Haslam of AOC Archaeology on her research into the Roman roads of Southwark, and more.



Recent items acquired by the Library

In December, the following [new items](#) were acquired by the Library. To view other of our [recent acquisitions](#) or browse the online Library [catalogue](#), please visit the website.

Surrey Industrial History Group lectures

SIHG is continuing their online lecture series this winter, with Thursday morning talks such as 'The War Years 1939-45 in Surrey', 'People and Families of the Wandle Valley', 'Water, from mountain stream to sewage farm' and more.



Any member of SIHG or SyAS who would like to receive details about joining one or all of these meetings should send their name and email address to meetings@sihg.org.uk. Please see the [website](#) for a full list of talks.

Sussex Archaeology: A 175 Year Heritage and annual lecture series

On **Saturday 17 February** (9:00-17:00), the Sussex Archaeological Society will celebrate the history of archaeology in Sussex and some of the people who shaped the study, protection and explanation of the past in the county at a conference at the University of Sussex, Falmer.



Tickets £30 (to include lunch). Speakers include Sue Hamilton, Richard Bradley, Judie English, Miles Russell and Mike Pitts. For more info visit the [website](#).

Wednesday 28 February (19:30) will also see the first of a new annual fundraising lecture series, with the inaugural speaker Oxford University and BBC historian Dr Janina Ramirez who will be talking on 'Writing Women back into history: from Sussex to Scandinavia and beyond'. See the [website](#) for more info.



Cuddington stained glass talk

On **Saturday 10 February** at 19:00, stained glass artist Philippa Martin will be speaking at St Mary's, Cuddington, Worcester Park on the beauty of stained glass windows at St Mary's, along with glass in other local buildings. Tickets £10 (to include a glass of wine and canapes). For tickets and more info please contact office@stmarycuddington.com.

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.cbасouth-east.org and [@CBASouthEast](#)).