

August to December 2017

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August

Thurs 3-Sun 6 Michelham Priory Event: Sussex Guild Craft Show.

Guild members will be displaying their highly skilled and creative work in the Elizabethan barn and in marquees on the lawns. There will also be craft demonstrations, including: blacksmithing, woodturning, embroidery and quilting, together with several potters showing different aspects of their craft. Spectacular examples of ceramics, textiles, jewellery, wood, glass, furniture and much more will be on show. Most of the work can be purchased, or possibly specially commissioned. 10.30am-4.30pm each day.

Further details: 01323 844224.

Fri 11- Sat 12 Lewes Castle Event: Outdoor Theatre, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Come and watch one of Shakespeare's most famous comedies, brought to you by The Brighton Shakespeare Company. This much loved local company returns with an eccentric take on this Shakespeare classic with a Brighton twist. Audiences will discover a magical and imaginative production of the perfect summer Shakespeare, featuring Swing dancing fairies, hapless lovers and Albion supporting mechanicals. The production is directed by Brighton Fringe award-winner Mark Brailsford.

Bring a picnic and lay your blankets and food out in the Gun Garden. All outdoor theatre performances start at 7pm and gates are open from 6pm for picnics. There will be a pop-up café serving hot & cold drinks and snacks.

Adults £15, Concession £13 (under 13s, student or senior), Family ticket £50 (2 adults & 2 under 13s)

You can book online or purchase your tickets at the Lewes Castle ticket office. Enquiries: 01273 486290.

Sun 13 Michelham Priory Event: The Rude Mechanical Outdoor Theatre.

The very popular Rude Mechanical Theatre will be performing a brand new play, *The Commercial Traveller*, set in foggy 1924 London. Funny and romantic, it demonstrates the gritty determination to overcome an apparently unassailable problem through absolute love. Picnics in the grounds from 6.00pm, performance starts at 7.15pm. Tickets: £16, with a range of concessions – go to www.therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk for further information and to book.

Sun 13 SOCIETY EVENT: Tour of the Pett Level submerged forest

In August CITIZAN (the Coastal and Intertidal Zone Archaeological Network) will be back at Pett Level with Dr Scott Timpany, a geoarchaeologist specialising in prehistoric submerged forests. The remains of the forest stretch for nearly 2km along the foreshore and current research suggests a mixed woodland dating to the Mesolithic and Neolithic periods, in which mammals both small and large roamed. 20th century finds of flint tools in the area indicate human habitation contemporary with the forest; evidence of burning on some of the remains may suggest

deliberate management of the forest. Come on this guided walk of the site to learn more about the forest and the methods being used to record it. (See article on page 10).

Time: 9.30am-10.30am

Meet: Pett Level, Hastings TN35 4EH

Cost: £5

Maximum no. 18

September

Thurs 7 SOCIETY EVENT: Bishopstone Tidemills Visit Leader: Luke Barber

Our tour of the closing excavations at Bishopstone Tidemills will start with a look at the village before we explore some of the most recent archaeological discoveries of this ongoing research project. Park in the car park on the south side of the A259 Newhaven to Seaford (NGR 464 005) but meet by the railway level crossing (a short walk south, down the concrete road from the car park).

Time: 11am – 12.30pm

Meet: as above

Cost: £6

Maximum no: 20

Sat 9 - Sun 10 Michelham Priory Event: Medieval Weekend.

This weekend brings together over 140 re-enactors along with traders, musicians and medieval enthusiasts from across the country. Displays represent history from the 11th century Vikings to the late 15th century medieval period. Visit the living history encampments, try your hand at longbow archery or just sit back and enjoy some medieval music. 10.30am-4pm each day. Further details: 01323 844224.

Sat 9 Fishbourne Roman Palace Event: Colours of the Celts.

Discover the natural dyes used by people during the Iron Age. This practical workshop for beginners includes the chance to prepare dye baths and dye samples of wool using natural, plant based colours. 10am-4pm. Advance booking required, £45 per person. Tel: 01243 785859 to book a place.

October

Fri 6 SOCIETY EVENT: Members' garden tour and lunch at Michelham Priory

This is an opportunity for members to have a tour of the beautiful grounds at Michelham with head gardener, James Neal, followed by a 2 course lunch in the café specially created for us by Michelham's Chef, Michelin rated Neil Bennett. Turn to page 8 to read James' feature on the gardens at the Priory. The tour will go ahead regardless of the weather, so be prepared!

Time: 11am – 2pm (latest)

Meet: In the courtyard outside the café

Cost: £25

Maximum no: 25

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Sat 14 Fishbourne Roman Palace Event: An Introduction to Mosaic making.

Be inspired by the beautiful 2,000 year old mosaics at Fishbourne Roman Palace and spend a day making your own mosaic. This special course gives you a chance to take a closer look at some of the most famous Roman mosaics in the country. Starting with a short tour of the mosaics on display at the Palace, you will then have the opportunity to learn the skills and techniques required to create a mosaic panel. Learn how to nip and lay out your design using ceramic tiles of tones that reflect those in the Palace. You will then be shown how to grout your finished piece to create a durable panel. 10am-4.30pm.

Advance booking required, £45 per person.
Tel: 01243 785859 to book a place.

Sat 14-Sun 15 Fishbourne Roman Palace Event: Language of Rome.

A little prior knowledge of Latin is needed for this two day course – a perfect follow on from the ‘Latin for Beginners’ course. On the first day we visit Rome in the early days, covering legendary figures such as Hannibal, Caesar and Mark Antony. On the second day we explore Imperial Rome and the lives of people in Rome and the provinces. This course combines history, language and the words of the classical authors, to create a fascinating picture of life around 2,000 years ago. This enjoyable and informative weekend course for adults will be led by George Sharpley from The Latin Quarter. The course is ideal for those interested in gaining a deeper understanding of the history of Rome through the language. The whistlestop tour slows down at regular intervals in order to read short selections of Latin written by the classical authors.

Advance booking required, £90 per person. Includes tea & coffee, all materials and entry to the Roman Palace. 10am-4.30pm each day. To book a place, telephone 01243 785859 or email palacebookings@sussexpast.co.uk

Sat 21 SOCIETY AUTUMN CONFERENCE: The Long Sunset: the Country House c. 1840-1940

Our speakers will explore how the country house and its setting changed in design and function between about 1840-1940. We will compare the grand houses of the Victorian and Edwardian period with the more intimate houses and gardens of the Arts and Crafts movement, look at the introduction of technical improvements such as electricity and central heating, and consider the impact of wealthy Americans on the country house of this period.

N.B. A waiting list will be in operation if the conference is over-subscribed.

Time: 10am-5pm.

Meet: King's Church, Brooks Road, Lewes BN7 2BY

Cost: £50 (students £25)

Maximum no. 180

November

Thurs 16 SOCIETY EVENT: The Edwardian House: a tour of Preston Manor

Preston Manor was gifted to Brighton by the last private owners and has been a historic house museum since 1933. Very little has changed at Preston Manor and herein lies its charm. As an example of late Victorian and Edwardian life left in situ the house is unique. Nowhere in the region will you find such a time-capsule of ordinary English-gentry life preserved untouched since the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. You will see servants' quarters and kitchens, elegant family rooms and perfectly preserved bedrooms. In the grounds is a beautifully restored Edwardian walled flower garden with an unusual pet cemetery. The planting scheme and garden features make a visit enjoyable at any season. Preston Manor has many stories to tell; of life 'Upstairs and Downstairs,' of the period around the First World War and further back to the days of Victorian séances, for the family living at Preston Manor believed their home was haunted. This legend continues today and Preston Manor is regarded by some as Brighton's most haunted house.

This event will be of particular interest to those attending our conference *The Long Sunset: the Country House c. 1840-1940*.

Time: 10.30am-12.30pm (latest).

Meet: Preston Manor, Preston Drove, Brighton BN1 6SD

Cost: £14

Maximum no. 30

Sat 18 SOCIETY EVENT: Roman Military equipment – workshop & handling session

Leader: Edwin Wood

An opportunity to learn more about Roman military equipment with the Finds Liaison Officer for Sussex, Edwin Wood, who will also bring along a selection of items for you to examine. Coffee will be available at the start of the meeting.

Time: 10.30am-12.30pm

Meet: Peter Drewett Education Resource Centre, Barbican House, 169 High St, Lewes BN7 1YE

Cost: £10

Maximum no. 30

December

Sat 2-Sun 3 Michelham Priory Event: Christmas at the Priory.

Discover the fascinating history of Christmas and how it has been celebrated throughout the ages. Enjoy some hearty fare, delicious festive treats, music & celebratory activities suitable for all ages. The Sussex Folk Carol Singers will be performing on Sunday 3rd December.

11.00am-4.00pm each day. Event repeated on the weekends of 9/10th and 16/17th December. Further details: 01323 844224.

Please visit the website: www.sussexpast.co.uk/events to see the full list of events at all our properties.

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Booking Form

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Sunday 13 August

Pett Level Submerged Forest Tour (£5).....

Thursday 7 September

Bishopstone Tidemills Visit (£6).....

Friday 6 October

Michelham Gardens Tour & Lunch (£25).....

Saturday 21 October

The Long Sunset: the Country House c. 1840-1940
Society Autumn Conference (£50/£25).....

Thursday 16 November

Preston Manor Tour (£14).....

Saturday 18 November

Roman Military Equipment (£10).....

All events except any marked with a () are open to non-members. Enter number of tickets required in box. Confirmation will be sent by email if you enter your email address above; otherwise please include a sae with your booking form. If you wish to check availability before booking, please call 01273 405737 (Tues-Fri). Bookings will not be confirmed until payment is received. Many events may also be booked online.*

Return to: Membership Secretary, Bull House, 92 High Street, Lewes, BN7 1XH with payment and sae. Cheques should be made payable to Sussex Past.

What else is on?

SEPTEMBER

> Sun 3 **Ditchling Museum of Art & Craft: Eric Gill: The Body.** An exhibition of the life and work of sculptor Eric Gill. 29 April to 3 September. Further information: www.ditchlingmuseumartcraft.org.uk.

Thurs7-Sun10 **Heritage Open Days 2017.** Visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk or pick up a leaflet from your local Tourist Information Centre to discover which properties, either not normally open to the public or that usually charge admission, are offering free entry. **The Barbican House Library & Museum** is offering free access on Friday September 8 - see Library News on page 13 for further details.

Fri 15 **ENHAS Talk: Excavations at Belle Tout; a 100 year old mystery solved** by Chris Greatorex & Greg Chuter. 7.30pm, St Saviour's Church Hall, Spencer Road, Eastbourne BN21 4PA. Non-members welcome £2.50. Further information: 01323 731792.

Tues 19> **Workers' Educational Association (WEA) Course: The Sussex Coast - ports, resorts and sleepy hollows.** Tutor: Dr Geoffrey Mead. 10 sessions starting 19 September, Tuesdays 2-4pm. Friends Meeting House, Friars Walk, Lewes BN7 2LE. Fee £86. Enrol and pay online at www.southern.wea.org.uk.

Wed 20> **Rottingdean Whiteway Centre Course: Roman Britain.** Starting in the mid-1st century BC and ending in the 5th century AD we will explore the archaeology and history of Roman Britain. Topics will include the invasions of Caesar and Claudius, the army, towns, roads, villas, farmsteads, trade, industry, religion and burial. Tutor: Dr David Rudling. 10.30am-12.30pm each week at The Whiteway Centre, Rottingdean. Fee £80/10 week term, for 2 terms. Further information and to enrol: www.rwc.org.uk/course.html.

Tues 26 **ELHS Talk: The Evolution of the Marsh-side Settlement of Pockocks Field** by Giles Dawkins. 7pm. All Souls Church Hall, Wellesley Road, Eastbourne, BN21 3RJ. Non-members welcome £2.

Wed 27 **CDAS Talk: Advances in Geophysics** by Neil Linford. 7.30pm. New Park Centre, New Park Road, Chichester, PO19 7XY. Non-members welcome £3.

Sat 30 **WAS Study Day: Making Sense of Monuments: Landscape Archaeology of Sussex: The Bronze Age** led by David McComish. 10am-4pm in the Education Room, Worthing Museum, Chapel Road, Worthing BN11 1HP. Coffee/tea available from 9.45am for a 10am start. Non-members £30. Further details and to book: www.worthingarchaeological.org.

OCTOBER

Sat 7 **Council for British Archaeology (CBA) South-East 25th Anniversary Conference 2017: Breaking new ground and engaging in the past - a celebration of archaeology in the South-East and beyond.**

Speakers will include Dr Mike Heyworth (Director, CBA), Professor Carenza Lewis (University of Lincoln), Dr Chris Stringer (Natural History Museum, London), Dr Matt Pope (University College London), Edwin Wood (Sussex Finds Liaison Officer), Dr Paul Bennett (Canterbury Archaeological Trust) and Casper Johnson (East Sussex County Council). 10am-5pm, Kings

Church, Lewes. £26 for CBA South-East members and students, £30 for non-members (tickets include a buffet lunch). For further details and a booking form please visit: www.cbасouth-east.org/events/cbase-annual-conference/

Tues 10 **WAS Lecture: Iron Age Memory vs. Roman Metaphor; re-reading the archaeology of a Client Kingdom** by Gordon Hayden. 7.30-9.00pm. Worthing Library Lecture Theatre, Richmond Road, BN11 1HD. Non-members welcome £4. Further information: www.worthingarchaeological.org.

Tues 24 **ELHS Talk: Eastbourne Images in Cinefilm** by John Bishop. 2pm. Further details: see above.

Wed 25 **CDAS Talk: The impact of LiDAR on archaeology: Studies from the South Downs** by Mark Seaman & Mike Kallaway. Further details: see above.

Fri 27 **LAG Lecture: Recent Fieldwork at Belle Tout, Seven Sisters, East Sussex** by Greg Chuter and Christopher Greatorex. 7.30pm in the Lecture Room, Town Hall, Fisher Street, Lewes. Non-members £4/£3.

Sat 28 **BHASLHF Talk: Brighton Rock, Brighton Crime** by Geoffrey Mead. 2.30pm, Ventnor Hall, Central United Reformed Church, 102 Blatchington Road, Hove BN3 3YF. Non-members welcome £3.

NOVEMBER

Tues 14 **WAS Lecture: Evidence for Saxons in post-Roman Sussex** by James Sainsbury. Further details: see above.

Wed 15 **USAS Lecture - The Sally Christian Lecture: Ivan Donald Margary: An Officer, Gentleman, Scholar and Philanthropist** by Dr David Rudling. 7.00pm, Arts A1 Lecture Theatre, University of Sussex, Brighton BN19RH. Non-members welcome £3. Further information: admin@usas.org.uk.

Wed 22 **CDAS Talk: Neanderthals of the English Channel Region** by Matt Pope. Further details: see above.

Sat 25 **WAS Half-day School: Place-names and Archaeology in Sussex** led by Judie English. 10.00am-1.00pm. Education Room, Worthing Museum. Non-members £18. Further details and to enrol: www.worthingarchaeological.org.

Sat 25 **BHASLHF Talk: Brighton in 1827 as seen through the eyes of a French nobleman** by Suzanne Hinton. Further details: see above.

DECEMBER

Tues 12 **WAS Lecture: The life of a common soldier in the English Civil War** by Nigel Rumble. 7.30pm. Further details: see above.

Key to Abbreviations

BHAS	– Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society
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CDAS	– Chichester & District Archaeological Society
ELHS	– Eastbourne Local History Society
ENHAS	– Eastbourne Natural History & Archaeological Society
LAG	– Lewes Archaeological Group
USAS	– University of Sussex Archaeological Society
WAS	– Worthing Archaeological Society

Any group or society who would like their events listed on this page should submit details to the editor no later than the copy deadline date for the next issue given on the back cover.

Events will be included on a first come first served basis and is dependent on the available space.

These events are listed in good faith but as they are not organised by the Sussex Archaeological Society please check with the organiser before deciding to attend.