

August to December 2017

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December

Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd **Michelham Priory Event:** *Tudor Christmas at the Priory*

Escape the mayhem of Christmas in the relaxing surroundings of Michelham. Discover the fascinating history of Christmas and how it was celebrated during the Tudor period. Something for all ages! Enjoy some delicious festive treats, music, & activities for children with a trail and crafts. See the great Yule Log in the Feast Room, enjoy archery, watch the Tudor dancing, find out more about Tudor food.

The Sussex Folk Carol Singers will be performing on Sunday 3rd December in our beautiful Tudor barn (included in entry price). 11.00am-4.00pm each day. Further details: 01323 844224.

Sat 9th & Sun 10th **Michelham Priory Event:** *Victorian Christmas at the Priory*

Discover the fascinating history of Christmas and how it was celebrated during the Victorian period. Something for all ages! Enjoy some delicious festive treats, music, & activities for children with a trail and crafts, including making Victorian Christmas cards and help with some Christmas cookery. Enjoy the folk singing on Sunday. 11.00am-4.00pm each day. Further details: 01323 844224.

Sat 16th & Sun 17th **Michelham Priory Event:** *WW2 Christmas at the Priory*

Escape the mayhem of Christmas in the relaxing surroundings of Michelham. Discover the fascinating history of Christmas and how it was celebrated during the World War Two period, when Michelham hosted evacuees from London. Something for all ages! Enjoy some delicious festive 'austerity' treats, music, and activities for children with a trail, crafts and wartime games in the Great Barn; dare you enter Narnia in our 'Secrets of the Wardrobe' sessions? 11.00am-4.00pm each day. Further details: 01323 844224.

January

Sat 20th **Fishbourne Roman Palace Event:** *Togi's Team - Hieroglyphs to Handwriting*

Find out how and why writing started. Try your hand at writing in Ancient Egyptian and Ancient Roman style. Discover how archaeologists piece together written evidence and have a go yourself!

For 6 – 12 year olds, £15.

Tel: 01243 785859 to book a place.

February

Sat 3rd **SOCIETY EVENT:** *Pett Level Talk*
Speaker: **Lara Band, CITIZAN**

The prehistoric submerged forest at Pett Level is one of the best examples of its type in the UK. CITIZAN (the Coastal and Intertidal Zone Archaeological Network) have been working here since 2015 with Dr Scott Timpany of the University of the Highlands and Islands recording and sampling trees to help build a comprehensive picture of the living forest. This talk will look at work that's been done at Pett Level so far as well as prehistoric submerged forests in a wider context. This talk is a follow up to our very successful members' visits to Pett Level in August. Tea will be served at the end of the talk.

Time: 2pm-3.30pm (latest)

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

Cost: £8

Maximum no: 35

Mon 12th - Fri 16th **Fishbourne Roman Palace Event:** *Family fun days*

Find out what life was like in Roman times. From the Roman kitchen to Roman school life, bread making, clay and costumes, spinning and weaving, it's all about getting hands-on. Fun for all the family!

Sat 24th **SOCIETY EVENT:**

The Sussex Plantsmen's Gardens c. 1860-1930

Speaker: **Dr Sue Berry FSA**

The talk will focus on the development of a distinctive group of gardens, some of which are now tourist attractions such as Borde Hill, Nymans and Wakehurst Place in the Weald, and the lesser known High Down gardens near Worthing on the chalk of the South Downs. All of the owners enjoyed gardening but were also collectors of new plants and in many cases funded plant hunters. Who these people were, why they bought what they did and how they acquired their plants will be themes of this talk.

Time: 2pm – 3.30pm

Meet: Peter Drewett Education Resource Centre, Barbican House, 169 High Street, LEWES BN7 1YE

Cost: £10

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March

Sat 24th **SOCIETY EVENT:** *Members' Open Discussion*

Our annual opportunity for members to meet with the Chair of Trustees, **Mike Chartier**, and Chief Executive, **Tristan Bareham**, to discuss any issues you might have or questions about the Society's finances, governance and future. There is no formal agenda, and although the meeting will start with a brief presentation on the current state of the Society you are not restricted to those topics covered in the presentation. Tea and coffee will be available on arrival, and the discussion will be followed by a light buffet lunch and a talk about the history of Anne of Cleves house and its occupants.

This event is free to members, but we do ask you to book in advance so we know how many to expect.

Time: 10.30am – 2.30pm (latest)

Meet: Anne of Cleves House, 52 Southover High Street, Lewes BN7 1JA

Sat 24th **Fishbourne Roman Palace Event:**

Togi's Team - Celtic warriors vs Roman Soldiers

Take a close look at the evidence we have for the armour, weapons and tactics used in the past. Investigate the similarities and differences between Celtic warriors and Roman soldiers – and meet one to find out more!

For 6 – 12 year olds, £15. Tel: 01243 785859 to book.

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Thurs 29th **SOCIETY EVENT:** *Visit to Ashdown House*
 Leader: **Dr Sue Berry FSA**

Ashdown House, like Hammerwood Park, was designed by Benjamin Latrobe who also designed the original White House in Washington DC. This handsome development of Ashdown House was completed for Trayton Fuller before Latrobe left England for America in 1795. The 17th century house was retained to be used for services and the new residential building was added in front. The elegant facade includes an entrance which, unusually, has a shallow vault of Coade stone. The stables were also designed by Latrobe but the chapel is by Norman Evill and built in 1933-34. The house has been a school since 1886. No refreshments will be available during this visit.

Time: 10.30am - midday

Meet: Ashdown House School, Forest Row, RH18 5JY

Cost: £15

Max no: 25

Sat 29th **SOCIETY EVENT:**
Forest Row - a changing Forest-edge village

This walk around the centre of Forest Row, led by members of the Ashdown Forest Research Group, will explore how and why a late medieval village began, and the influences of the iron industry and Ashdown Forest. It will then show how this growing village adapted to major changes in the late 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries, including the impact of improved transport and an influx of a well-to-do population attracted by the proximity to Ashdown. This walk will be of particular interest to those attending the Changing Landscape of Sussex conference.

Time: 2pm to 4pm

Meet: Forest Row Community Centre car park, Hartfield Road, Forest Row, RH18 5DZ

Cost: £10

Maximum no. 15

April

Mon 2nd - **Fishbourne Roman Palace Event:** *Easter surprises!*
 Fri 6th

Celebrate the coming of spring at Fishbourne Roman Palace this Easter. Explore the Roman gardens with an Easter-themed treasure hunt around the gardens. Try your hand at springtime crafts including spinning wool into yarn, Roman writing, designing a mosaic, dressing up Roman-style and making a Roman sundial and use it to tell the time. There is plenty to do under cover so if the spring weather does its worst, you can still have a great family day out.

Sat 28th **SOCIETY SPRING CONFERENCE:**

Ancient to Modern: the Changing Landscape of Sussex

The programme for the day offers a broad overview of the changing relationship between the Sussex landscape and those who lived here, from the earliest arrivals. The emphasis will be on how new ideas resulted in significant changes in the use of the Sussex landscape.

Roman and Saxon governance, settlement and land use were very different from each other, but it was not until the medieval period that the rural landscape of Sussex took on an appearance we would recognise today. The dissolution of the monasteries and the rise of large country estates and market towns during the 16th & 17th centuries had a significant impact on the landscape, while the wars and revolutions of the late 18th & early 19th centuries kept people from travelling abroad and so encouraged the development of our coastal resorts. The late 19th century saw increased movement from towns into the countryside, aided by trains, cars, buses and bikes, and this had a great impact on rural society.

See enclosed leaflet or visit <https://sussexpast.co.uk/event/landscape> for more details.

Time: 10am-5pm.

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

Cost: £50 (students £25)

Maximum no. 180

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

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Saturday 3th February

Pett Level Talk (£8)

Saturday 24th February

Sussex Plantsmen's Gardens Talk (£10).....

Saturday 24th March

Members' Open Discussion* (free to members)

Thursday 29th March

Ashdown House Visit (£15)

Saturday 28th April

Ancient to Modern: Changing Landscape of Sussex
Society Spring Conference (£50/£25)

Sunday 29th April

Forest Row Village Walk (£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?

December

Tues 12th WAS Lecture: *The life of a common soldier in the English Civil War* by Nigel Rumble. 7.30-9.00pm. Worthing Library Lecture Theatre, Richmond Road, BN11 1HD. Non-members welcome £4. Further information: www.worthingarchaeological.org.

Fri 15th ENHAS Talk: *Christmas Meeting with short talks given by ENHAS members* 7.30pm, St Saviour's Church Hall, Spencer Road, Eastbourne BN21 4PA. Non-members welcome £2.50. Further information: 01323 731792.

Tues 00th ELHS Talk: 7pm. All Souls Church Hall, Wellesley Road, Eastbourne, BN21 3RJ. Non-members welcome £2.

January

Tues 9th WAS Lecture: *The First Brexit - How Britain became an island and its effect on Neanderthals, Mesolithic and Neolithic Man* by Robert Turner. Further details: see above.

Tues 9th ELHS Talk: 2pm. Further details: see above.

Wed 10th WEA Lewes Branch Course: *Mosaics from Rome to Ravenna*. Looking at the range of sacred and secular mosaics within their historical contexts, as well as studying the various methods of mosaic making. Tutor: Kay Blackburn. Fee: £51.60. 10 weekly sessions from 10 January, 10am-12noon, Friends Meeting House, Friars Walk, Lewes BN7 2LE. Enrol and pay at www.southern.wea.org.uk

Fri 12th BHAS Lecture: *Finds from the Portable Antiquities Scheme, Sussex, 2017* by Edwin Wood, Finds Liaison Officer for Sussex. 7.30pm. Unitarian Church, New Road, Brighton. Non-members welcome £3.

Wed 24th CDAS Talk: *New excavations at two Solent Wrecks: Hazardous and Invincible* by Iain Grant & Daniel Pascoe. 7.30pm. New Park Centre, New Park Road, Chichester, PO19 7XY. Non-members welcome £3.

Fri 19th LAG Lecture: *Our changing parish churches c. 1700-1914 - the work of the Georgians, Victorians and Edwardians in Lewes and nearby* by Sue Berry. 7.30pm in the Lecture Room, Town Hall, Fisher Street, Lewes. Non-members £4/£3.

Sat 20th BHASLHF Talk: *Lancing College and its local history* by Janet Pennington. 2.30pm, Ventnor Hall, Central United Reformed Church, 102 Blatchington Road, Hove BN3 3YF. Non-members welcome £3.

Thurs 25th USAS & SAS Lecture: *Iron Age Memory vs Roman Metaphor; re-reading the archaeology of a client kingdom*. Speaker: Gordon Hayden. 7pm, Fulton Building Lecture Theatre A, University of Sussex, Falmer, BN1 9RH. US students - no charge; US staff, and USAS and SAS Members - £2; others - £3.

February

Tues 13th WAS Lecture - *The John Pull Lecture: Bridge Farm 2011-2017* by Rob Wallace and David Millum. Glass of wine or cup of coffee available afterwards. Further details: see above.

Fri 9th BHAS Lecture: *Heritage on the Edge - Archaeology of the Seven Sisters* by Tom Dommert. Further details: see above.

Wed 00th USAS Lecture: 7.00pm, Arts A1 Lecture Theatre, University of Sussex, Brighton BN1 9RH. Non-members welcome £3. Further information: admin@usas.org.uk.

Fri 16th LAG Lecture: *Gundreda and her Chapel* with Marcus Taylor. 7.30pm in the Lecture Room, Town Hall, Fisher Street, Lewes. Non-members £4/£3.

Sat 24th BHASLHF Talk: *Woman Artists - Images of Sussex* by Cherry Gillingham. Further details: see above.

Wed 28th CDAS Talk: *The Roman villa at Warblington: a view after 10 years of investigation* by Trevor Davies. Further details: see above.

March

Fri 9th BHAS Lecture: *Stonehenge and New Discoveries* by Mike Parker-Pearson. Further details: see above.

Tues 13th WAS AGM + Lecture: *Source to sea - the River Adur* by Dr Geoff Mead. AGM at 7pm followed by lecture at 7.30pm. Further details: see above.

Fri 16th LAG Lecture: *Sussex in the Mercian Age: the Archaeology of Power, 750-850*, with John Blair, author of "Building Anglo-Saxon England" (to be published in February 2018). The lecture draws on recent research to reconstruct the geography of government and administration in Anglo-Saxon Sussex. 7.30pm in the Lecture Room, Town Hall, Fisher Street, Lewes (AGM follows). Non-members £4/£3.

Sat 17th *Sussex Archaeology Symposium*: This symposium will provide illustrated accounts of recent archaeological fieldwork and research in Sussex. 10am-5pm. Kings Church, Brooks Road, Lewes, BN7 2BY. Tickets: £40 (to include brektime refreshments and a buffet lunch) or £35 for Friends of the Sussex School of Archaeology. Confirmed speakers so far include Greg Chuter, Chris Greatorex, Simon Stevens, Jon Baczkowski, David Millum, Rob Wallace, David Rudling, Matt Edwards, Andy Gammon, and Peter Hibbs, covering excavations at Plumpton Roman villa, Belle Tout, Hurstpierpoint, Peacehaven, and Bridge Farm, and aspects of the archaeology of the Ouse Valley and the South Downs.

Further details and to book: info@sussexarchaeology.co.uk or go to www.sussexarchaeology.org.

Wed 28th CDAS Talk: *Archaeological finds from Sussex: Portable Antiquities Scheme finds 2016-17* by Edwin Wood. Further details: see above.

Sat 24th BHASLHF Talk: *The influence of the Army and other defences on resort development in Sussex c. 1770-1815* by Sue Berry. Further details: see above.

April

Tues 10th WAS Lecture: *The science of a middle Bronze Age hoard* by Dr Jaime Kaminski. Further details: see above.

Thurs 12th The Holleyman Archaeology Lecture 2018: *From Sussex to Shetland: the archaeology of medieval coastal transport and trade* by Dr Mark Gardiner, University of Lincoln.

Sussex University: Lecture Theatre (tbc), Falmer, 7pm. £8 for members of SAS/USAS/SSA, others £10. For further details and to book: www.sussexarchaeology.org

Key to Abbreviations

BHAS	— Brighton & Hove Archaeological Society
BHASLHF	— BHAS Local History Forum
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 which would like their events listed on this page should submit details to the editor no later than the copy deadline for the next issue given on the back cover. Events will be included on a first come, first served basis and inclusion is dependent on the available space.

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