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LEWES ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP

Programme of talks 2022-2023

All talks take place at **7:30pm in the Lecture Room, Lewes Town Hall**
(Fisher Street entrance, lift access available).

Entrance for members is £3/£2 for concessions.

Non-members are very welcome at £4/£3 for concessions.

FREE entry for those aged 25 years or under

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| Fri 21st October | Religion and Disposal of the Dead in Roman Sussex with Dr David Rudling FSA MCIfA. In the first part of his talk David will review some of the available evidence for the different religions (Roman, Eastern and Local) that were followed in Roman Sussex. He will then go on to consider the various types of Roman period burials that have been found in Sussex. But do such burials represent the only methods that were available for disposing of the dead in the Roman countryside? Why do we not find many more Roman burials? |
| Fri 18th November | Land North of Uckfield with Vivienne Blandford. If that sounds like a planning term it is one. Archaeological assessments carried out for developers usually include detail on that which is known, mostly gleaned from the East Sussex County Council's Heritage and Environment Records (HER). What happens to that which is not in the HER? This talk will give an interesting take on objecting to a planning development whilst finding out much more about, which at first glance, appears to be an unremarkable landscape. Vivienne is a landscape archaeologist who is experienced in desk-based research and fieldwork for the preparation of cultural and historic landscape context assessments.
To be followed by the AGM at about 8.30pm |

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- Fri 6th January **New Untitled Talk** with **Dr Will Harcourt Smith**. Will is a paleoanthropologist and an Associate Professor at the City University of New York and a Resident Research Associate at the American Museum of Natural History in New York. He will give a talk linked to his work as a paleoanthropologist.
- Fri 17th February **Streat Medieval Pottery Kilns Resurrected** with **David Millum**. David is Co-director of the Culver Archaeological Project. David will leave the familiar territory of Bridge Farm to talk about his retrospective research into the 1980s excavation of a medieval pottery industry site at Marchants Farm, Streat directed by Con Ainsworth. The important kiln site had never been fully recorded or reported. Now 40 years later, with many of the participants having died, scant records and the majority of the artefact assemblage missing, the task of writing a report was more of a detective story. Fortunately, enough pottery existed to allow a specialist report by Luke Barber to define a distinctly different product from any other in the locality. His future report will allow future sites, particularly to the north and west of Streat, to be examined as possible markets for the distinctive Streat-wares.
- Fri 17th March **5000 Years of Life on the Downland – Archaeological Excavations at Butts Brow** with **Katherine Buckland**. Katherine is the Heritage Engagement Office for Lewes District Council and Eastbourne Borough Council. Discover the very latest revelations about the nationally important early Neolithic monument being investigated on the Downs above Willingdon. The Butts Brow excavation in 2022 launched the Big Dig – a project run by Eastbourne Borough Council as part of the Changing Chalk Project.
- Fri 14 April **The Seaford Head Archaeological Project** with **Jon Sygrave**. Jon is a Project Manager for Archaeology South-East. Archaeological investigations have been taking place at Seaford Head – a site that includes an Iron Age hill fort. In addition to recording the site before it was lost, various anomalies were identified which could be related to the habitation of the fort and the construction of a Bronze Age barrow which was excavated by Pitt Rivers in the 19th century.

Directions: Fisher Street is up the hill from Lewes railway station, just over the crossroads, opposite ASK restaurant in the centre of town. The nearest parking is in the West Street car park – continue along Fisher Street then turn right, then shortly right again into the car park.

Questions: Any questions regarding the talks can be addressed to Paula Stanyer on 07814 463 259 or by email paulawodcohen@yahoo.co.uk. Ideas for future talks will be well received.

Membership of Lewes Archaeological Group costs just £6 per person annually and gives a reduced entrance fee to talks and receipt of the Group's newsletter.

You can renew or join at any of our meetings, or send a cheque (payable to *Lewes Archaeological Group*) and sae to: Brian Phillips, 2 Peronne Court, High St, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 1BL or by hand to: Fiona Marsden, 13 Lansdown Place, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 2JT (01273 473946). You can also pay by BACS - Lewes Archaeological Group, NatWest Account No 11711051, Sort Code 60-10-30. Put your name in the reference box.