



Maidstone Area Archaeological Group



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Dear Fellow Members

Given below is the Agenda for this year's Annual General Meeting.

Linda

Notice of Annual General Meeting – Friday, 20th April 2012

This year's AGM will be held at 7.30 pm on Friday, 20th April at the Kent Police College, Coverdale Avenue (off the A274 Sutton Road), Maidstone. The Agenda is as follows:

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of 2011 AGM and Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Archaeological Director's Report
6. Honorary Secretary's Report
7. Meetings Organiser's Report
8. Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts
9. Subscription Rates Discussion
10. Election of Officers
11. Election of Hon. Examiner
12. Reports and Election of Representatives
13. Future Activities
14. Any Other Business

Membership Renewals

Memberships are due for renewal at the AGM, and subs remain the same as at present. There will be a note at the top of this newsletter showing when your subscription ends; if it is due for renewal this year, a form will be enclosed. Please return this form with your cheque to David Carder (address at end), or hand it with your cheque or cash to any Committee Member who will give you a receipt on request.

Albert's Archaeological Roundup

East Farleigh: The landowners are still awaiting exchange of contracts and as yet we don't know whether or not we will be undertaking further excavations at this site. The small finds from East Farleigh are being photographed using a specialist rig borrowed from Snodland Museum. The coins (about 130) have been mounted in an album, and work on the finds is continuing.

Reports: The winter has been spent completing two full sets of watching brief reports and excavations from 1986. The larger excavations have been copied for the KAS library. The Heritage Environment Record (Formerly SMR) already have copies. Richard has one set and the other is with me, together with five filing boxes of archive material. Part One of the 1986 Rochester Northgate C excavation is being reviewed and Part Two is 50% complete.

Church Street: Canterbury Archaeological Trust are working on the site of the old tennis courts in Church Street opposite the old Ophthalmic Hospital. Iron age occupation has been located.

Other News

Kent Archives are planning to open the new building on Monday, 23rd April 2012.

Courses/Talks/Events

Investigating the Roman Archaeology of Kent

Saturday, 14th April : 2pm-5.30pm - Rutherford College, University of Kent, Canterbury

Topics include: East Farleigh Villa Excavations (Albert Daniels); East Cliff Villa, Folkestone (Keith Parfitt); Reculver and Dover Forts (Brian Philp); Roman Thanet (Ges Moody). Tickets free for members of CKA, KAR and KAS; non-members will be charged £5. **Space is limited**; send an s.a.e. and cheque payable to C.K.A. to: CKA, 7 Sandy Ridge, Borough Green, Kent, TN15 8HP.

Kent History Federation Annual Conference

Saturday, 12th May : Headcorn Village Hall from 9.15am to 16.30pm

Talks on : Industry in the Weald of Kent in the 16th and 17th Centuries (Dr. Michael Zell), Hop Cultivation in Wealden Kent and Hop Marketing in Southwark, 1744-2000 (Dr. Celia Cordle), Headcorn at War (Mr. Tim Thomas) and Closing Address by Dr. John Whyman, President, KHF.

Selection of visits to : Village Centre and Church, Headcorn Aerodrome Battle of Britain Museum, Smarden Local History Heritage Centre, Village and Church and Tour of Boy Court and the 14th Century Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, East Sutton followed by Tea in Headcorn Village Hall.

Cost £15 per delegate to include lunch (£7.50 if you bring your own lunch). There might be an extra charge for the afternoon visit. Contact: Mrs. Bronwen Sadler, Hon.Sec., 01622-892175 or email bron.sadler@btconnect.com

The Battlefields Trust are holding two guided walks in Kent this summer, as follows. For further details about both walks, please contact Ray Wilkinson on 07785 973887

1) Sunday 29th July 2012, Medway AD43 and the Chatham Defences Heritage Trail

Come and take part in a fascinating voyage of discovery, starting at 10.30am in the village of Burham in Kent, looking at the possible site of the Battle of Medway AD43. This was a decisive engagement that paved the way for the subsequent Roman invasion of Britain. After lunch in a local pub we will take a leisurely informative walk around the Chatham Defences Heritage Trail starting at 2pm at The Library, Dock Road, Chatham ME4 4TX. (£5 per person).

2) Sunday 12th August 2012, Battle of Maidstone 1648

Meet at 10.30am at the Maidstone Museum & Art Gallery, Faith Street, Maidstone ME14 1LH, for a walking tour of the town to study one of the main uprisings that marked the Second English Civil War: the Battle of Maidstone that took place on 1st June 1648. The tour will finish with lunch at a local pub. (£5 per person).

Meeting : 15th June

As details of this meeting had not been finalised before the membership cards were printed, I can now let you know that Daniel Jackson from Wessex Archaeology will talk about **The Via Consolare Project in Pompeii**. Daniel spent part of the summer working with a multinational team which has been working in Pompeii since 2005. This year the focus of the research was Insula VII, 6, a city block close to the main forum of Pompeii which was heavily damaged during the Second World War. Using a combination of geophysical survey, historic building recording and targeted excavation the team have been able to reveal a large amount of information about the development of the area as well as providing an important permanent record of the current condition of the remains.

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Thank you to everyone who came to our Christmas meeting and so generously brought such yummy goodies to share! It was a lovely evening, and Albert seemed to enjoy his surprise presentation from us for all his hard work at the East Farleigh excavation over the last few years - here are some photos of the event, starting with Richard presenting Albert with the engraved trowel set in a block of tufa from the site ...



... the framed photo ... and the Big Thank You card signed by us all ...



Thank you, Albert - and all the other diggers who have given their time to this project over so many years. Here's to many more years of excavating!

Closure of East Farleigh Excavation

Here are some pictures of the final closure of the excavation at East Farleigh on 19th December, with many thanks to David Ottway for the photographs:



Gone, but not forgotten.