

Your Quarterly Newsletter



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Boat 1550 BC Project Educational Activity

By Marion Green

On display in Boulogne

Many KAS members will know about the 'Boat 1550 BC' project. Indeed, two gold ornament hoards from Aylesford held in the Society's collections form part of the project's travelling exhibition. Currently at Enne, Belgium, the exhibition moves on to Dover in July and members will then be able to see these in all their glory!

The Canterbury Archaeological Trust Education Service, supported by the KAS, is working with educationalists in France and Belgium on a number of forthcoming activities associated with 'Boat 1550 BC', including the building of handling kits and supporting learning projects for school children, students and teachers in all three participating countries. Liaising between three countries can be challenging, even with 21st century technologies and a mix of languages (but seldom Flemish) can result in some interesting communication at times.

In this year of the project one of

the key education activities is to build the handling kits which will be part of the legacy long after 'Boat 1550 BC' has ended. The principal aims for the kit and associated

through lesson plans and resources drawing on the Dover Boat discovery and others this side of the Channel. Adding to this examples from our colleagues of Bronze Age discoveries in France and Belgium will result, we hope, in a unique 'Transmanche' teaching and learning tool.

Each Boat Kit will include a set of replica Bronze Age items to illustrate the culture and technologies of the time, the Teacher Guide, selected child-friendly items from the travelling 'Boat 1550 BC' exhibition along with some other items illustrating results

of the project. There will also be some fragments of archaeological material (but sadly probably not Bronze Age) enabling young people to practise analytical skills and get their hands on some original finds.

While 'Boat 1550 BC' is principally an EU funded project, CAT Education Service activities are also supported by the Kent Archaeological Society.

learning activities are to encourage understanding about the Dover Boat and the Bronze Age and to develop cross-border communication between children, students and teachers.

To this end, in consultation with colleagues in France and Belgium, CAT and Canterbury Christ Church University Faculty of Education are writing the Boat Kit Teacher Guide. This introduces the Bronze Age to non-specialists



Fig 1

For several months the Kent Underground Research Group, one of many KAS affiliated organisations, have been assisting the Crossness Engines Trust. They have been using their expertise in the excavation of difficult areas in the search for an underground leak. Every day round about midday water flows into a disused sewer. The sewer had been filled with sand when the engines were decommissioned some years ago. As all the obvious reasons for the influx of water had been tried and explored the only option left was to excavate the tunnel filling. At the same time that this work was being carried out other members of the group were clearing out the sand filling of one of the pump cylinders. When this is finished the Trust will be able to further their work of restoration of a second beam engine.

An electric winch constructed by the group's engineer, Paul Thorn, is used to lift the buckets of sand from the excavation site up to the floor of the engine house. From there it is wheel barrowed to a dumper truck and driven to an area where the Trust is constructing a nature area.

The exploratory work on the old sewer has now been finished and we have ascertained that the water emanates elsewhere. Resulting from this discovery we are now digging into one of the original filter chambers. This chamber had a continuous bucket chain hoist and was used to remove large items from the sewers prior to the residue being pumped into the underground reservoir. In earlier times the reservoirs were emptied into the river on the outgoing tide.

One member of the group has explored some of the disused sewers in an inflatable dinghy. After air tests using a miners lamp he was lowered into the void with his boat. The original intention was to photograph the original sluice gates to the river. However, once down

FIXING A LEAK (NOT JUST A WASHER)

By Mike Clinch



there the spirit of exploration got a hold and he explored the adjacent tunnels whilst the surface crew went from vent to vent to keep a check on his progress.

It should be pointed out that before any of the group's activities are carried out a proper risk assessment is made and measures are put in place to deal with any

emergency. KURG members carry a £5,000,000 insurance and indemnity policy. We have carried out exploratory work for local authorities, developers, the National Trust and Canterbury Cathedral. If you do come across underground features on sites we can usually help in surveys and excavation.

Top Image: Exploration of the disused sewers by dinghy.
Middle Image: KURG low voltage electric winch being used in Crossness Engine House
Bottom Image: Shaft leading down to river sluice gate and disused sewers.

WHAT'S ON

KAS EVENTS

SOUTH EAST REGION INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY CONFERENCE

Saturday 27 April
Dartford Grammar School

Details and booking form are on the KAS website. The conference will cover a wide variety of past Kent industries. Cost £12 and it is possible to pre-book lunch. Entry on the day £15. If you require further information please contact Mike Clinch mike@mikeclinch.co.uk or 01322 526425.

INTRODUCTION TO THE KAS LIBRARY

Wednesday 8 May 10.30am

See advert on page 8

LIFE AND DEATH IN SAXON KENT

Maidstone Museum & Bentrif
Art Gallery with the KAS
13 & 14 July

A Festival of Archaeology event. Regia Anglorum Saxon encampment in Brenchley Gardens with longship launching on the Medway; KAS Library open with displays, conservation workshops, lots of kids activities and family trails, finds identification by Kent's Finds Liaison Officer, displays by local archaeology groups, talk on Anglo Saxon Kent – all FREE.

For more details <http://www.museum.maidstone.gov.uk/events/> or 01622 602853 (Learning Team).

KAS CHURCHES COMMITTEE VISIT

Saturday 22 June
St Clements, Old Romney and St Nicholas,
New Romney

Meet at 13.45 for 14.00 start at Old Romney, St Clements. Post Code TN29 OHP, Grid Ref TR 035 251

We will then move on to New Romney, St Nicholas. Post Code TN28 8EU, Grid Ref TR 065 32475

The cost of the visits is £5 to include tea and biscuits at Wye College. Details on the day.

Please register by emailing or telephoning the Church Visits Secretary, Jackie Davidson, jacalyn.davidson@btinternet.com or 01634 324004.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN KENTISH URBAN STUDIES

One-day Conference at Canterbury Christ Church University
Saturday 29 June

Lecture Theatre, Old Sessions House, under the History Department's Centre for Public History.

In conjunction with Kent Archaeological Society, Canterbury Archaeological Trust and the Historical Association.

Programme:

- » 9.30 Registration
- » 9.55 Welcome & Introduction: Why study urban history? – Dr Stephen Hipkin
- » 10.15 Session 1:
Community archaeology projects.
Chair: Dr Paul Bennett
- » Folkestone – Dr Andrew Richardson
- » Faversham – Dr Pat Reid
- » 11.15 Coffee
- » 11.45 Session 2:
Medieval. Chair: Dr Louise Wilkinson
Grange – Dr Gillian Draper
Hythe – Dr Sheila Sweetinburgh
- » 12.45 Lunch (make own arrangements)
- » 14.00 Session 3:
Early Modern. Chair: Dr Elizabeth Edwards
Canterbury – Professor Jackie Eales
Dover – Dr Claire Bartram
- » 15.00 Tea
- » 15.30 Session 4:
Modern. Chair: Dr Martin Watts
Medway Towns – Dr Sandra Dunster
Sevenoaks – Professor David Killingray
- » 16.30 Finale: The Centre for Public History and ATU project – Dr Lesley Hardy

Tickets £12 (lunch NOT provided – see campus/city outlets). Cheques made payable to Canterbury Christ Church University.

Further details and to book (by 21 June): Dr Sheila Sweetinburgh, 11 Caledon Terrace, Canterbury CT1 3JS; sheila.sweetinburgh@canterbury.ac.uk or 01227 472490

ARCHAEOLOGY & STANDING BUILDINGS STUDY DAY

One Day Workshop
Saturday 14 September, 10.00am – 16.00
Agricultural Museum at Brook,
near Wye, TN25 5PF

Organised by Wye Rural Museum Trust and Canterbury Archaeological Trust, with Kent Archaeological Society and the Dover Archaeological Group, to provide practical experience in the study of archaeology & standing buildings.

The day will be run in TWO sessions: morning and afternoon, and ALL the workshops will take place in BOTH sessions.

Timetable:

- » 10.00 – 10.30 Coffee and registration
- » 10.30 – 12.30 First Session
- » 12.30 – 13.30 Lunch (not provided)

- » 13.30 – 15.30 Second Session
- » 15.30 – 16.00 Tea and way forward

There will be FOUR workshops covering the following:

- » Field walking (or alternative if problems of availability)
- » Finds identification & recording
- » Reading stone buildings
- » Assessing timber-frame buildings

Please select workshops in order of preference (see application form). Due to limitations on group size early application is advisable. However, every endeavour will be made to give participants their first two choices. To that end, tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and will be sent out at the end of August.

Cost £30 for the day. Please bring a packed lunch. Cheques made payable to CAT. Application form is available on the KAS, Museum Trust and CAT websites or direct from Dr S. Sweetinburgh, 11 Caledon Terrace, Canterbury CT1 3JS; s.m.sweetinburgh@kent.ac.uk or 01227 472490. Please enclose a SAE if using Royal Mail.

KENT: IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION

One Day Conference
7 December, 9.30am – 16.00
Grimond Building, University of Kent,
Canterbury.

The Kent Archaeological Society, with the support of the School of History, University of Kent.

The conference will focus on the role of population movements, immigrants and emigrants to and from Kent from the settlement of very early migrants crossing the Channel to Kent to the modern movements since the 16th century.

The pre-historic origins, recently highlighted by the Dover Bronze Age boat exhibitions, will provide an excellent starting point, and specialist papers have been promised for later periods by, inter alia: Dr Andrew Richardson on the various arguments on the 'myths' of Anglo-Saxon invasions/migrations; Dr Sheila Sweetinburgh on later medieval migrants in Canterbury; Jane Andrewes, on immigrants to Sandwich in the early modern period, and also by one of the organisers, Professor David Killingray, on the presence of black people (of African origin and descent) in the County since the age of reconnaissance.

Conference fee £10.00, including tea and coffee. Lunch not provided, but may be bought at various outlets on campus.

Further details from: Dr Elizabeth Edwards,

University of Kent, e.c.edwards@kent.ac.uk, and Professor David Killingray, University of London, dmkillingray@hotmail.com

EVENTS AROUND KENT

THE TRUST FOR THANET ARCHAEOLOGY LECTURE 25 YEARS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH, RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT

Tuesday 23 April at 19.45 (Celebratory anniversary refreshments from 19.00, lecture begins 19.45)

Tickets £5.00 (includes refreshments)

Room CG48, Christ Church University, Broadstairs Campus, Northwood Rd, Broadstairs CT10 2WA.

ONE DAY CONFERENCE

Exploring our Past – Preserving our Heritage
Saturday 27 April, 10.00 – 16.00, registration from 9.20am. Tickets £15.00 (includes refreshments)

Room CG48 Christ Church University, Broadstairs Campus, Northwood Rd, Broadstairs CT10 2WA.

Exploring the themes of the Landscape, Townscape and People-landscape of the Isle of Thanet, with talks by a wide range of speakers exploring the remains of lost industries, unusual artefacts and hidden places.

- » Rod LeGear - Digging In: How Thanet's landscape influenced the industries of the past
- » Mark Samuels - Wartime Landscapes: World War Two defences at Pegwell Bay
- » Emma Boast - The Hidden History of Margate Pier: Reading the archaeology of the seaside
- » Nick Dermott - Thanet, Pioneer of mass entertainment: How Thanet's townscape developed under the influence of popular culture and mass entertainment
- » Bob Pantony - The Rowe Bequest: Tracing one of Thanet's most important heritage archives
- » David Crawford White - Engaging with our heritage: The East Kent Access outreach project reviewed and the potential for popular engagement with Heritage Lottery-funded outreach projects
- » Ges Moody - Landscape, Townscape, People-landscape revisited: Review of the day's talks and opportunity for questions/discussion.

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Order by secure Paypal payment from www.thanetarch.co.uk/learn_see_do/events (No Paypal account necessary). Discounted ticket for both events £17.00.

THE WYE RURAL MUSEUM TRUST AND WYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Third Nightingale Memorial Lecture

BASKET-MAKING THEN AND NOW

by Mary Butcher M.B.E.

Friday 10 May at 19.30.

The Hall, Lady Joanna Thornhill (Endowed) Primary School, Bridge Street, Wye TN25 5EA

Admission free, but to help with organisation please if possible notify your attendance in advance to Dr Tom Hill, Whittington Selling Road, Old Wives Lees, Canterbury CT4 8BH, t.a.hill35@btinternet.com or 01227 730477.

FAVERSHAM HERITAGE WEEKEND

Organised by The Faversham Society
19 – 21 July

The rich past of this exceptionally historic little town can be experienced in a variety of ways. Visitors can encounter a 'pub garden' excavation, taking place over three days (19 – 21 July). On 20 July, wander through a living Faversham timeline with opportunities for interaction with 'past inhabitants' and visit the fascinating Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre. Also on 20 July, an opportunity to visit some of the well preserved local buildings through the long established Open House scheme.

All events FREE except for Open House, for which an information booklet can be purchased at the Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre, Preston Street.

More information from Moya Dean, Learning Manager, Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre, favershamlearning@gmail.com

SHORNE WOODS COUNTRY PARK (DA12 3HX)

27 and 28 April

Free exhibition!

See finds discovered during 8 years of archaeological fieldwork within the Park.

Finds from Randall Manor, flint tools from Mesolithic sites and from the newly-discovered site of Randall Hall. Images from the LiDAR survey of the Medway Valley. Kid's activities and the opportunity to try flint knapping!

29 June to 28 July
'Archaeology in the Park'

- » Visit the month-long excavation of Randall Manor, now in its 8th year.
- » Display by medieval re-enactors 27 and 28 July
- » Site open daily with free guided tours!

For more information contact Andrew Mayfield andrew.mayfield@kent.gov.uk or 07920 548906. www.facebook.com/archaeologyinkent

FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

Wednesday 5 June

Life and Death at Pompeii and Herculaneum

A full day group visit to the British Museum. Preference will be given to FCAT members, but for details, including cost and booking form, please contact the Friends as below.

September 2013

Royal Norman Castles in Kent by Richard Eales

October 2013

The Building Stones of Canterbury by Geoff Downer

Further details of the September and October talks will be available later. Please contact the Friends on friends@canterburytrust.co.uk or 01227 825280.

For events that do not have a stated charge, FCAT requests a donation - members £2.00, non-members £3.00, students £1.00, to cover costs and support the activities of the Archaeological Trust.

BEXLEY ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP

Annual Training Excavation

Monday 29 July - Friday 2 August

Learning how to undertake fieldwalking, geophysics, surveying, excavating, finds processing, site drawing, finds illustrations and talks.

Cost for the week is £150.

For further information or to book a place please contact Pip Pulfer, on pipsmail@talktalknet or 07961 963893.

DEAL MARITIME & LOCAL HISTORY MUSEUM

22 St Georges Road, Deal CT14 6BA

The Museum reopens on 4 May. Saturdays only during May, September and October; from June to September 11.00 – 17.00 Saturdays and 14.00 – 17.00 Tuesdays to Fridays.

New gallery opening this year and important local groups will be using the special exhibitions gallery to advertise their work. Admission charges held to £3.00 and £1.50 for children/concessions. The Museum is an independent charity funded by admissions, donations and grants for specific projects.

Group visits outside planned opening hours can be arranged through Tours Manager Bob Acton on 01304 380318. For general enquiries, Mike Eddy on 01304 368330.

WHAT'S ON cont

CROFTON ROMAN VILLA

Festival of Archaeology Family Fun Event
Sunday 21 July

Guided talk of the villa house for adults, while children have an activity session with Roman artefacts and dress up as Romans. Children and adults can then do the villa quiz and win a special villa badge each and joint certificate!

Sessions 10.30am & 14.00. Children to be accompanied. No booking needed. Entry £1.50, concessions £1.00, family (of 4) ticket £4.00, 50p each additional child.

EDEN VALLEY MUSEUM, EDENBRIDGE

'Lost and Found', guest exhibition until 18 May

Selected artefacts found in the Eden Valley by the West Kent Detector Club, including coins from Roman times to present day, Civil War, WWI and WW2 artefacts and objects from everyday life.

For opening times 01732 868102 or curator@evmt.org.uk

LANDSCAPES OF SOUTH-EAST BRITAIN DURING THE ROMAN PERIOD

Conference & AGM - Council for British Archaeology: South East with the Kent Archaeological Field School

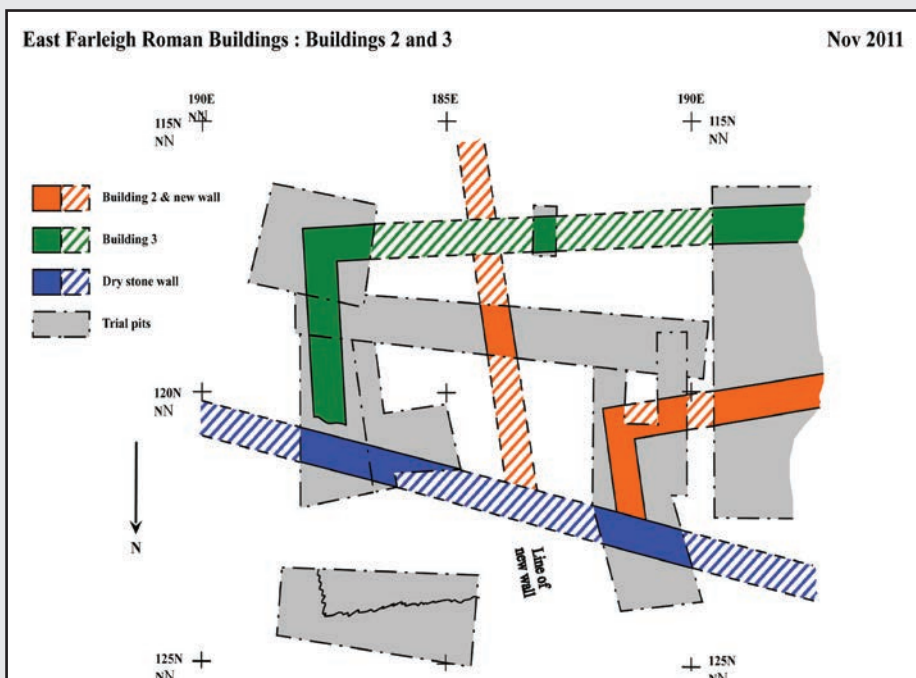
Saturday 16 November

Assembly Rooms, Preston Street, Faversham, Kent. 9.30am to 4.30pm.

- » Jeremy Hodgkinson 'The Landscape of Iron Production in the Roman Weald'
- » Lacey Wallace 'A newly discovered Roman villa in Bourne Park, Canterbury'
- » David Staveley 'The Sussex Roman road network'
- » Simon Elliot 'The Upper Medway during the Roman Occupation: Industry, agriculture and elites'
- » David Rudling 'Roman period Settlement and Land-use in the Sussex Ouse Valley'
- » David Bird 'Landscapes of Roman Surrey'
- » Paul Wilkinson 'Villa landscapes in Roman Kent'
- » Andrew Richardson 'Emporium to villa: 500 years at East Wear Bay, Folkestone'

Tickets available in advance from www.kafs.co.uk/news.aspx or 01795 532548 for booking form. Cost £8 for members of CBA SE and KAFS or £10 for non-members and on the day.

East Farleigh Fieldwork Update



The Maidstone Area Archaeological Group (MAAG) has been investigating a number of Roman buildings overlooking the River Medway off Lower Road, East Farleigh since 2005. This was initially reported in Newsletter no.76 with subsequent updates in no.79, no.82, no.84, no.86, no.88, no. 90, no. 93 and no. 94.

Excavations in 2012 concentrated on excavating 14 trial pits to the south of the previously excavated Roman buildings. The pits were located randomly in a wooded plantation – some were dug using a mechanical excavator but most were excavated by hand. Little cultural material was located and the only feature was a small gully containing some Roman pottery.

A trial trench was dug at the east end of Building 3 to see if a dividing wall existed cutting off about 4 metres of the east end to form a room similar to that previously found at the west end of the building (see Newsletter no.82, p.5). No similar wall was located, but instead a wall foundation of similar construction to the east end of Building 2, but 1.2 metres from it and on the same alignment. This wall has also been cut down to below the floor level of Building 3. Unfortunately, this wall foundation will be truncated to the north by the recent dry stone revetment but, to the south, the wall may exist to a greater height and turn to the east forming another building. This area will form the focus for the excavations this year.



Fig 1



Fig 2



Fig 3

The Defence of Swale Project, a new project managed and co-ordinated by Kent County Council's archaeologists with the help of leading defence historian Victor Smith, is seeking volunteers to help research and trace the remains of defence sites in Swale. The project has funding through a grant by London Array, the developer of a large offshore wind farm in the Thames Estuary, and aims to uncover the remains of the Borough's defences, understand how the defence of the area was organised and bring to life the many stories that go with them.

The history of Swale's defence sites is a fascinating one. Swale played a key role in the defence of the nation in both world wars and was strategically important in the years before and after. The presence of the naval dockyard at Sheerness and the area's location on the maritime, land and air approaches to Chatham and London ensured that considerable attention was given to its defences. During the project we expect to record the forgotten remains of coastal defences, the naval dockyard, stop lines and pillboxes, gun positions, decoy sites, air raid shelters and much more.

The project aims to fully involve the community in the research and to provide opportunities for everyone with an interest in the history of Swale to contribute and share their discoveries. Already a meeting of the area's history groups, museums and researchers has expressed overwhelming support for the project and more volunteers and contributors are coming forward as they hear of the project. Within the first month more than 40 sites have been recorded, mainly along a World War I stop line between Sheppey and Maidstone. That research is showing that there was once an astonishing system of trench defences from Detling to the Swale and onto Sheppey, with many features surviving.

As well as research there should be plenty of opportunities to see the results of the work and participate in activities through the course of the project, which aims to be completed in 2014 to coincide with the Great War centenary. The final discoveries will be available to download from the web to help further local research, for schools to use in their curriculum activities and for anyone who is interested in Swale's history.

We would really like to hear from anyone, individuals or groups, who would like to become involved with the project, whether helping with research, taking part in activities, sharing their stories or simply want to be kept informed about what has been discovered. Please contact Simon Mason at Kent County Council on 01622 221539 or simon.mason@kent.gov.uk.

Fig 1. Rare WWI oval pillbox on the Chatham Land Front, a defensive line that extended between Detling, Swale and onto Sheppey. Maps drawn in 1919 show the defences in incredible detail, down to lines of barbed wire and telegraph poles. Photo: Alan Anstee.

Fig 2 Loop holes in a defended wall, Borden lane in Sittingbourne. Sittingbourne was designated as a defended nodal point in the Second World War.

Fig 3. Wooden anti-bullet splash timbering in the embrasure of another WWI pillbox, showing great preservation.

YOU & YOUR SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Thank you for the cheques and bankers order payments that I have now received and recorded on the membership database. Please note that you will not be entitled to vote at the AGM in May if your subscription is not up-to-date, so please check.

Remember to look at the splendid new KAS website to keep updated on volunteering, events etc.etc.

Please send me a quick message with your current email address as I am aware that some are incorrect. Emails need to be up-to-date as it is much more cost effective to contact members by email instead of post.

My email address for KAS matters is membership@kentarchaeology.org.uk

I look forward to your continued support of our excellent Society.

I am very pleased to welcome the following new members:

Joint Members

Mr & Mrs A V Chadwick, Canterbury

Mrs & Mrs J W Long, Gillingham

Junior Member

Mr T J Ovenden, Canterbury

Indiv. Members

Mr B Butler, Rochester
Mrs E Cook, Higham, Rochester
Mr G Drake-Brockman, Rosshire
Mr G E Giles, Rochester
Mr I Guy, Tonbridge
Dr M Mercer, Faversham
Mrs S Moore, Maidstone
Mr M Snell, Aylesford
Miss E Soall, Dartford

The majority of new members have joined by downloading the application form from the website but it is equally important that blue application forms are available in other locations and taken to conferences etc. Please contact me if you would like a bundle.

Shiela Broomfield, 8 Woodview Crescent, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9HD telephone: 01732 838698, email as above.

Your Newsletter

The quarterly Newsletter will appear online only for this summer's July issue. Go to www.kentarchaeology.org.uk from mid-July onwards to read this. We will be back with a paper copy for the autumn issue in October. In 2014 we plan to produce two online issues (January and July) and two paper ones (April and October).

Printing and posting out the Newsletter is expensive. This move is part of the KAS response to the wider economic situation and the consequent need to continually monitor spend. We hope that you will still read and enjoy your Newsletter in whatever format it is produced for years to come.

Introduction to the KAS Library

Maidstone Museum, St. Faith's St,
Maidstone ME14 1LH

John Walters, Mike Perring
and Denis Anstey

8th May at 10.30am

Followed by TEA in the GLASS ROOM and a
GUIDED TOUR of the Museum* with
Manager Simon Lace at noon.



Have you just joined the Society? Or have you never visited our Library in Maidstone?

Come and learn about the resources available in the KAS Library to aid your research. Meet fellow members over tea, pick up details of adult learning courses, and enjoy a guided tour of Maidstone Museum, including behind the scenes in the collections stores.

Numbers are limited due to the seating capacity of the Library, so book early to avoid disappointment: permillerichards@gmail.com. There is no charge, but donations are welcome.

***Please note that the tour will be ca. 45 minutes and will involve some stairs.**

The KAS .ac Website by Denis Anstey

The KAS Publications Committee thought it important that members be made aware of the large amount of material available online. The site is research-centric, with all material posted under the supervision of the Hon. Editor and the Publications Board. There is a wealth of articles and publications to read online and on e-readers.

The Kent Records New Series is no longer published in hard copy and future material will be published online. Back editions are also available.

As well as listing 'grey literature', unpublished archaeological reports (obtainable from the sources given), detailed final reports are also published, lodged by participating professional units operating in our area.

The Library Committee section carries

catalogues of the Society's holdings together with material related to its supervisory role for adult learning courses, visual records and document transcription. The Committee is responsible for all of the society's collections.

Attention is drawn to the online repository of members' digital archives. Colin Flight is the only member to date to have taken up the offer; two of his publications together with his research notes are available. This section is intended to provide a facility for researchers to archive their work for the benefit of others.

Under the heading of 'The Topographical Tradition' the text of many antiquarian books can be found in so far as they relate to the ancient county of Kent.

Visit www.kentarchaeology.ac

KAS 2012 Place-Names Conference

by Val Barrand-Davies (Hon. Secretary, Place-Names Committee)

Around 60 delegates attended the Place-Names Conference at the Rochester Visitors Centre on 3rd November 2012 to enjoy four fascinating talks on the related themes of Kentish place-names and surnames.

Following an introduction by the KAS President, Ian Coulson, Dr Paul Cullen of the Bristol Centre for Linguistics, University of the West of England, spoke on 'Locative surnames on the move: when Kentish names leave Kent, and when newcomers arrive'. The ongoing research project Family Names of the United Kingdom (FaNUK) is using P H Reaney's Dictionary of British Surnames as a springboard for new work which takes into account the geographical distribution of surnames recorded in the 1881 census as mapped by Steve Archer's Surnames Atlas. Paul gave examples of the importance of distribution, such as Rochester, which might look like a Kentish surname but actually comes from Rochester in Northumberland. Canterbury has become a Dorset surname, and Maidstone has settled in Norfolk, while many characteristically Kentish surnames such as Tapsell, Ayerst, Lowdell and Missing turn out to be well-disguised intruders from other counties. The Surnames Atlas is available from www.archersoftware.co.uk for £15.

Dr Richard Jones of the Centre for English Local History, University of Leicester, talked on 'The case of Northminster and other Thanet

mythologies', examining place-names in which cardinal points of the compass appear as part of the core name, e.g. Eastwell and Westwell, Norton and Sutton. Some are directly aligned, others are not, reflecting a wandering of magnetic north from about AD 600 to 1000, and this variation should be considered when dating place-names and when reading descriptions of boundaries in Anglo-Saxon charters. The derivation of the name of Thanet, the legend of the Anglo-Saxon princess and her pet deer, and the myths about snakes were discussed in the second part of this wide-ranging talk.

Liz Finn, Collection Development Officer at the Kent History and Library Centre, spoke on 'The Canterbury Cartae Antiquae Project: a major source of names'. The aim of the project, completed in 2004, was to catalogue the great collection of ancient documents known as the Cartae Antiquae, which belong to the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury and are held in Canterbury Cathedral Archives. This collection of c. 7000 items dates from the eighth century onwards and includes title deeds, French royal charters, Papal letters and diplomatic correspondence. The title deeds and charters are particularly useful for onomastic, topographical and genealogical study: with the names of the parties, a description of the property, and witnesses' names, they are an invaluable source of both place-names and surnames. The new

catalogue website is <http://archives.canterbury-cathedral.org>

The conference concluded with Paul Cullen's second talk, entitled 'Place-names and boundaries: from Goudhurst to North Woolwich', which looked at references in Kentish place-names to the boundaries of parishes, hundreds, estates, manors, fields, lathes and the county. For example, Staple, a parish near Wingham, has a name which comes from the Old English word *stapol* 'a post or pillar', and it is noteworthy that the church is sited on the parish boundary, at a point where the boundary changes direction, an arrangement which seems to reflect the position and function of the now lost pillar (perhaps of particular importance, as this was also the boundary of a detached part of Downhamford hundred). After asking why Sutton is 'at Hone', why Marden is the 'boundary pasture', why Goudhurst might be the 'battle wood', and what exactly Thanington is 'Without', Paul embarked on an illustrated perambulation, beating the bounds of an Anglo-Saxon estate.

The conference was a successful and enjoyable day, and the wide diversity of the talks shows how much this topic offers to be explored.



Jessup drawing at Nash Court

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVE

The Life and Career of the Revd. James Douglas In the Papers of Ronald F. Jessup F.S.A. (1906-1991)

by Pernille Richards

In February 1934 after my Admission as a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London the late Reginald Smith, then Director of the Society, showed me an untidy bundle of papers which included letters from James Douglas to Henry Godfrey Faussett and suggested that they were worth more attention than I had hitherto given Douglas as an antiquary and excavator of barrows. (Jessup, R. 1975, Foreword, p. 1)

At the suggestion of Reginald Smith, Ronald F. Jessup embarked on a study of this bundle of papers of uncertain provenance, which in due course were mounted and bound to form MS. 723 at the Society of Antiquaries' Library. R. F. Jessup exhibited this in January 1953 and he published the result of his research in a book entitled *A Man of Many Talents*, an informal Biography of James Douglas 1753-1819, Phillimore, 1975. The book is a lively investigation into Douglas' life and career and includes

transcriptions of correspondence from James Douglas to Henry Godfrey Faussett, Sir Richard Colt Hoare and others found among the material, which came to light at the Society of Antiquaries. James Douglas was an antiquary with a varied and colourful career. He is probably best known for his excavations on the Chatham Lines and the publication of the *Nenia Britannica* (London, 1786-93 in parts.) The KAS has two boxes of research material, PMP 30 and PMP 31, assembled by Jessup for the writing of the biography of

James Douglas. The boxes include the correspondence R. Jessup engaged in during his research, a collation of biographical information, photocopies of parts of MS.723 and other original manuscripts held by the British Library. In addition there is a black and white photograph of the Portrait of Douglas held by the Ashmolean Museum and other images reproduced in the published book.

As well as being active in the KAS, Ronald Jessup spent his working life in banking, retiring in 1967 as the manager of the Midland

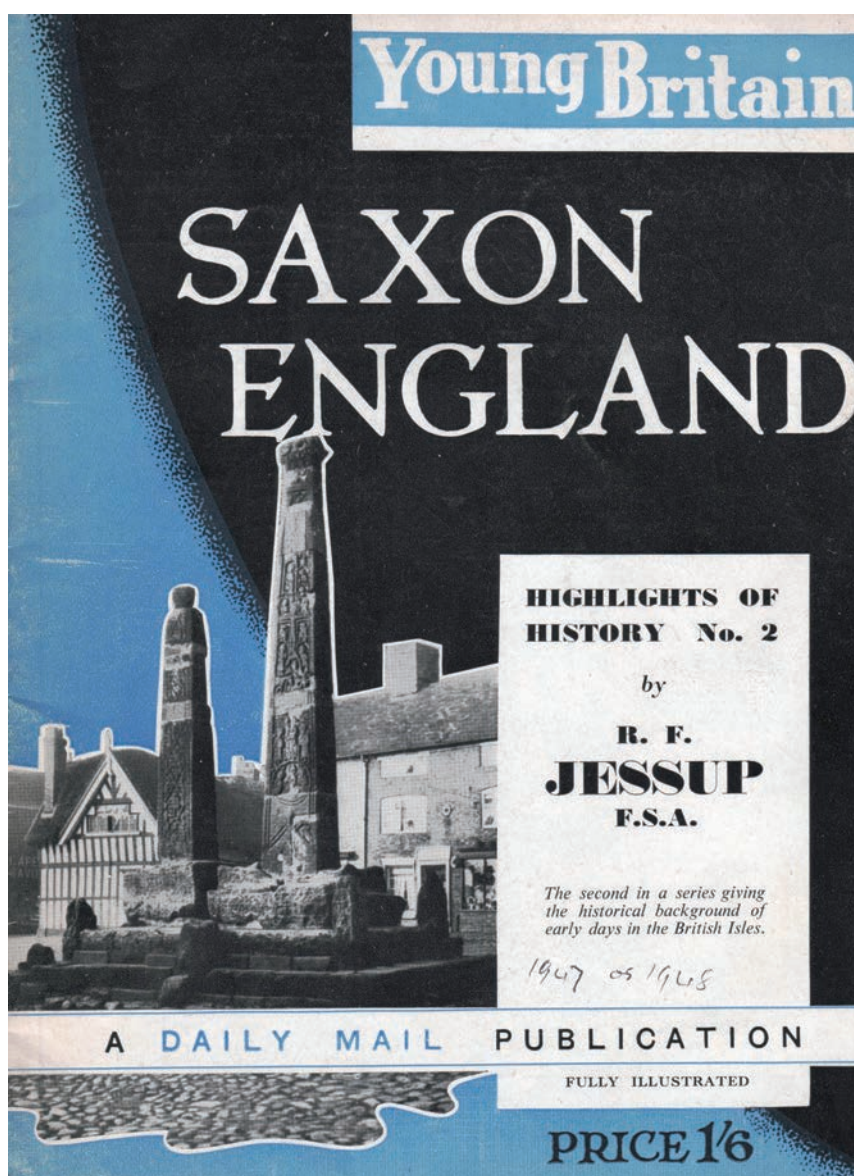
Bank's Queen Victoria Branch in the City. He was dedicated to archaeology and became respected for his knowledge. Like the subject of his book, James Douglas, he had a keen interest in burial mounds; his particular field of interest being Roman burial mounds in Northern Europe. He took part in excavations in Europe as well as being active in Kent. Ronald Jessup is perhaps less known than his brother Frank Jessup, who wrote *A History of Kent* and worked extensively in education, but PMP Box 31 contains a synopsis of his life and career provided by his widow, which goes some way to remind us of his contribution to Kentish Archaeology and his talent for communicating his interests and enthusiasm. The box contains

a list of his publications as well as some lovely photographs of him at work at Nash Court, Boughton, where he investigated two barrows thought to be Roman prior to their demolition to make way for farm land. As the resulting publication, in *Arch. Cant.* vol. LXIV, 1951 showed, this turned out not to be the case, but he and Norman Cook did find the real thing at Holborough, Snodland in 1954, when during an excavation encouraged by the Cement Works they found a Roman lead coffin containing the remains of a child and a folding chair. The excavation was published in *Arch. Cant.* Vol. 68 and the finds deposited at Maidstone Museum. This find received much publicity at the time

and perhaps remains what his name is chiefly connected with.

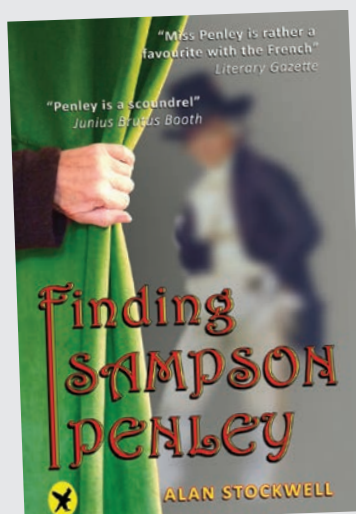
R. Jessup's enthusiasm and ability to communicate is also demonstrated by an educational booklet aimed at children called *Saxon England*, published by the Daily Mail in 1947 or 1948 and found among the papers. It was included and mentioned by his widow, Muriel, as something which was new and exciting at the time. The publication made extensive use of images and had an accessible magazine layout and style. R.F. Jessup was also a 'Man of Many Talents' as this small selection of his papers illustrate.

Correction: Please note that the Obituary of Miss Anne Roper mentioned in the Winter 2012/13 Newsletter 'Notes from the Archive' is in Volume 104 of *Archaeologia Cantiana*, not vol. 100. My apologies for the error.



Jessup with T.G. Redsell and his son, examining finds

NEW BOOKS



Finding Sampson Penley by Alan Stockwell

Published with the assistance of a grant from the KAS Allen Grove Local History Fund.

A cache of 28 playbills for the Tenterden Theatre dating from 1799 to 1817, all for shows presented by the Jonas & Penley company, led to the research presented in this book. A fascinating insight into the lives and work of a theatrical family typical of the late Georgian era and into the entertainment provided by small town theatres of the time. The Kentish towns of their circuit are reflected in the births and baptisms of the children – four at Folkestone, two at Tenterden, three at Sevenoaks, one at Broadstairs and one at Minster. Sampson Penley's was the first theatrical troupe to visit France and the Netherlands after the retreat of Napoleon in 1814. In 1822, his company performed in Paris. Two nights of rioting followed, the French audience hurling abuse and missiles at the actors as revenge for the defeat at Waterloo, driving them off the stage before the army was called in to quell the rioters. **Vesper Hawk Publishing www.vesperhawk.com £9.95**

Addington – the life story of a Kentish village by Patricia Richardson

The first full history to be published of this attractive small village, telling the story of its land, homes and monuments from the Mesolithic right up to the present day.

Available from the author for £14.00, tel: 01732 842303, email: patriciarichardson@tiscali.co.uk, or in Sevenoaks Bookshop, High Street, Sevenoaks and KCC Online Library Shop, www.kentlibraryshop.co.uk.



The Life They Left Behind by Margaret Lawrence | Fundraising in support of Help for Heroes

A tribute to the East Peckham men of two world wars who left behind a life which once held an expectant future. Today the memorial in the churchyard stands in isolation and with the passing of time the once treasured names have become mere historical footnotes. This book presents research into each name, each man, giving their background and context within the village they left behind.

Published by East Peckham County Council. ISBN 978-0-9524828-1-9. £10.00

Available from Barnfield, Church Lane, East Peckham, Tonbridge TN12 5JH.

Cheque payable to Margaret Lawrence (add £1.10 P&P), email: p.lawrence.801@btinternet.com

Under Shrub Hill – a Chestfield Childhood by Christopher Scoble

The story of a young family who moved to the village in 1947 from suburban Buckinghamshire to 'real' country. As seen through the eyes of the author, who roams the land, playing on old tractors, building houses in haystacks and trespassing on dangerous territory, developing throughout a knowledge of the natural world and a special love of country flora. An intimate look at family life in a rural community in the years following WW2, of especial interest to those who know Whistable and surrounds, and East Kent.

BMM Publishing www.sportsbooks.ltd.uk ISBN 978-1-907524-32-5. £16.99

Innovative Rennie building reprieved at Sheerness

By Graham Horner



The CPRE Protect Kent Historic Buildings Committee (PKHBC) is always on the lookout for threats to the County's unmatched stock of listed and other valuable buildings. It speaks on these issues on behalf of the Council for British Archaeology (CBA) who recently described the Committee as one of its most active agents.

Early last year, the Committee joined with a number of other heritage conservation organisations to oppose the demolition of the Grade II* listed Working Mast House at Sheerness Docks to make

way for a wind turbine manufacturing plant. The application was subsequently withdrawn. Meanwhile, the PKHBC had submitted three alternative layouts for the facility, clearly demonstrating that there were solutions which did not involve loss of the heritage assets.

The port itself (supported by the Borough and County Councils) was keen to get planning consent so as to attract alternative investors. Swale now accepted the argument that any new developer might have very different ideas about how to

lay out the site. The demolition applications for the Mast House and the Pumphouse for the dry-docks were withdrawn and outline planning permission for the rest has now been granted. Probably, the case for demolition will be made again should a new developer emerge.

The Working Mast House (1826) is one of the few remaining buildings from the time of the rebuilding of the Royal Naval Dockyard which John Rennie Snr designed. It is a brick-walled two-storey building with a cast iron internal structure and roof. The modular scheme developed by architect Edward Holl, and perhaps Rennie himself, was innovative and must have made for very economic and quick construction. Although parts of the structure are missing, as are many windows, the building still says a lot about the early days of metal-framed structures and the latter days of wooden shipbuilding.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION GRANTS

Canterbury Historical and Archaeological Society

The CHAS has limited funds available to award a grant to individuals researching any aspect of the history and archaeology of Canterbury and its surrounds. A grant would not normally exceed £500.

Preference would be given to work resulting in publication in any media.

Please apply in writing to the Hon. Sec. of the Grants Committee as soon as possible, and not later than 30 June. Your letter should mention:

- » Your qualifications
- » The nature and length of your research
- » The stage you have reached in your research
- » The amount you are applying for
- » Any additional funding anticipated from other sources
- » Your proposals for publication
- » Your anticipated timetable

You may be asked to name a referee whom the Grants Committee could consult. If successful, you would be expected to account for money spent and give a copy of any article, pamphlet etc to the Society. A summary of your research might be published on the Society's website www.canterbury-archaeology.org.uk. Further details from the Hon. Sec., Grants Committee, Mrs C M Short, 3 Little Meadow, Upper Harbledown, Canterbury CT2 9BD.

KEYS TO FAMILY HISTORY MYSTERIES

Our database of churchyard memorial inscriptions ('MIs') is helping family historians all over the world find answers to lines of research that had hit a 'brick wall' until they went online to <http://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk/Research/Libr/MIs/MIslist.htm>. Here are some recent responses from happy genealogists.

I read about your MIs in 'Family History Monthly' and WOW! There



was the transcription of the headstone of my Rowland ancestor in Lewisham and both his wives. I feel like it is Christmas!
Rosemary Harris, Rosebud, Victoria, Australia

The website filled gaps relating to the family of Captain Alexander Steele of the Royal Artillery, born in Edinburgh and based at Woolwich. Many of the family emigrated to the USA or Australia and it was difficult to find the fate of the siblings who remained in the UK.
Sue Dudley, Brisbane

I stumbled across your website and was thrilled to discover the MIs from the churchyard of St Mary Magdalene, Woolwich, detailing the deaths of my direct ancestors, the Icelys of Woolwich. Thank you for providing this wonderful service, particularly to those of us in Australia who descended from ancestors living in the UK and are unable to visit the UK to do our own research.
Gill McMillan, Queensland

Thank you so much for publishing information about my family on your website. I live in Pennsylvania, USA, and it is unlikely I should ever have been able to obtain this information on my own.
Naomi Rehm

I am researching the family of Isaac Tyrrell Baxter and was most interested to find references to Baxter burials in East Farleigh. I thank whoever made these burial details available.
Margaret Beauchamp, Otaki, New Zealand

I have just found details of the inscriptions at East Farleigh for my 6th great grandfather Alexander Osborne (d.1737), my 7th great grandfather Thomas (d.1702) and my 5th great grand uncle Thomas (d.1758). I can't tell you how excited I am! Keep up the good work!
Katy Nott (née Osborne)

Your excellent site has helped me fill in some of the background of the father of John Edward Field, trustee of Edward Brittenden, whose biography I am working on. All your hard work in going online is much appreciated!
Eric Graham

My great-great-great-grandfather, Edward King, a lawyer, lived at Perry Hill in the 1780s and 1790s. I knew from surviving correspondence that several of his children had died young but was unable to trace any record of them. I then discovered the Lewisham churchyard MIs and the record of his wife's burial and of those of their five children who died young.
Walter King

I would like to say how fabulous your website is. I only wish all counties had sites like this.
Zena Lucas-Young

What a blessing this website exists. I have been trying for ages to find relatives who lived in and around Goudhurst and Lamberhurst. I kept hitting a brick wall in my research. Then I found this website - a brilliant idea.
Pam Salzmann

A real 'labour of love', both for the original compiler [Leyland L Duncan and others] and also for those kind souls of your society who transcribed the original material on to computer. I've found details relating to my 5x great grandparents, James and Margaret Spurling, buried at St Mary's, Woolwich and other family members.
Stuart Robson

What an enormous task. Because of you I have found information about my 6 x great grandmother, Mary Wilkinson of Woolwich. Your process in categorising the information was brilliant.
Ann Rennie



Can you identify this Moated House?

This image of a moated house was found in the KAS Library. It is believed to be in the vicinity of Tudeley. Can any Newsletter reader identify it?

Please send responses to Terry Lawson, address details on pp. vii/viii of Arch. Cant. 2012 or email newsletter@kentarchaeology.org.uk.

Letters

Dear Editor

The Early History of the St Clere Estate: unpublished researches of the Revd Lambert Blackwell Larking

In 1928, the late Dr Gordon Ward wrote a short article for Arch. Cant. Vol XL on the early history of the families of de Aldeham and St. Clere, who held land in Ightham and Kemsing. Ward seems to have been unaware though, that the Revd Lambert Larking, the Kent Archaeological Society's first Hon Secretary, had conducted research into these and later holders of the lands some 60 years earlier.

Larking's work, which survives as 164 loosely bound folio manuscript sheets, was entitled "Evidences to prove that a Part of the Estates of the late Mrs Evelyn of St Clere are not in Gavelkind Tenure". Larking seems to have been writing between 1856 and the date of his death in 1868. Although with later land tenure reforms, the intense nineteenth century interest in Gavelkind seems to have died away, this material may be of interest to any modern reader researching the history of the St Clere estate.

I acquired the Larking MSS when it came up for sale recently and have donated it to the Society's Library. Copies of a DVD containing 200 page images of the MSS will also be available from the Library for the convenience of readers.

R. Cockett

Dear Editor

This image is the frontispiece of a book called The Living House by George Oldish, published in 1959. It is a house called Bartons End, Ashwell, in the Weald of Kent, which the book describes, with a summary of the ownership and the various things done by the owners to the house, from 1556 onwards, when it was built.

I am having some trouble locating the house and its inhabitants. It is slightly similar to a house in Images of England called Barton Cottage, Ashford, but is clearly not the same house. I wonder if any of your Newsletter readers might recognise the house, or know something about the book?

Dr Nat Alcock

Please contact newsletter@kentarchaeology.org.uk if you have any information and I will pass it on to Dr Alcock. Ed.





Keith Parfitt with the Award. Photo:Current Archaeology/Aerial-Cam

FOLKESTONE VILLA EXCAVATION WINS RESCUE DIG OF THE YEAR

The excavations that took place at the site of the Roman Villa on East Cliff in 2010 and 2011 as part of the community Archaeology Project 'A Town Unearthed; Folkestone before 1500', have won Current Archaeology magazine's award as the Rescue Dig of the Year. The nomination is the result of an article written by Keith Parfitt of Canterbury Archaeological Trust.

Though the Roman Villa, parts of

which have already been lost to the sea, has always been considered the most important feature on East Cliff, it is now apparent that for 150 years before the Romans arrived in AD 43, the site was occupied by an extensive settlement. With the discovery of hundreds of quern stones used for grinding corn at the site and on the beach, it is now evident that their manufacture was a primary local industry.

Keith Parfitt writes "The area

occupied during the late Iron Age clearly extended well beyond the Roman villa and probably covered about two or three acres, in addition to whatever has been lost to the sea. On the basis of the quantity of coins, and range of imported pottery, we believe that East Wear Bay must have functioned as a late Iron Age trading port, located at the shortest sea crossing of the English Channel."

Just coming to a close, A Town Unearthed: Folkestone Before 1500 was a three year project of community archaeology in Folkestone, organised by Canterbury Christ Church University, the Folkestone People's History Centre and Canterbury Archaeological Trust. It is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Roger De Haan Charitable Trust, with contributions by the Kent Archaeological Society, Folkestone Town Council, and Shepway District Council.

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Copy deadline for the next issue is 1st June 2013

The editor wishes to draw attention to the fact that neither she nor the Council of the KAS are answerable for opinions which contributors may express in their signed articles; each author is alone responsible for the contents and substance of their work.

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Notice of the Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Saturday 18 May 2013 at 11.00am in the Lecture Theatre, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XQ.

Each Affiliated Society is entitled to send one of its members (who must also be a member of this Society) to attend the meeting and vote.

Enquiries about the meeting, please contact Honorary General Secretary: Dr Peter Stutchbury, Lympne Hall, Lympne, Hythe, Kent CT21 4LQ; telephone 01303 266966, 07792 601328, or email: secretary@kentarchaeology.org.uk

Programme and Timetable:

10.30 a.m. Arrival: coffee will be available in the Members Room

11.00 a.m. Annual General Meeting - see the Agenda
Presentations - see the box below

Presentations:

Expeditions and effigies
the case of Sir James Hales in (re)
locating death, burial and family
narratives.

Dr Melanie G Caiazza, Assistant Lecturer, School of English, Rutherford College, University of Kent

Excavations at Folkestone Roman Villa 2010-2011

Keith Parfitt – Winner of Current Archaeology's Rescue Dig of the Year

INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEETING

Location

County Hall is in the centre of Maidstone close to Maidstone East railway station. The AGM will be held in the Lecture Theatre at Sessions House. Further information available on the website:

http://www.kent.gov.uk/your_council/contact_us/our_offices_and_gateways/county_hall.aspx

Refreshments

Coffee and tea will be provided from 10.30am without charge before the Annual General Meeting.

More information from: <http://www.kent.ac.uk/maps/canterbury/maps.html?tab=campus-maps>

AGENDA

1. STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting held on 19 May 2012

- (a) Approval of the minutes
- (b) Matters arising from the minutes

4. REPORT & ACCOUNTS FOR 2012:

The Annual Report and the Statement of Income and Expenditure and the Balance Sheet will be presented and are enclosed with this notice.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following Officers, duly nominated by the Council, will be declared elected under rule 25(c):

President:	Mr I A Coulson BA, PGCE, FSA
Hon Editor:	Mr T G Lawson MA, Dip.Kent Hist.
Hon Treasurer:	Mr B F Beeching BA(Hons), MA, FCA
Hon General Secretary:	Dr P W Stutchbury MSc, PhD
Hon Librarian:	Dr F H Panton CBE, PhD, FSA
Hon Membership Secretary:	Mrs S B Broomfield FSA
Hon Curator:	Dr A F Richardson BA(Hons), MPhil, PhD
Vice President:	Mr R F Legear MIFA

6. ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

6.1. The following will be declared elected under rule 25(c):

Mrs K Kersey BA (Hons)*, Mrs H Basford, Mr P Burton, Dr G Cramp, Mrs P Jardine-Rose, Mrs P Richards.

* indicates a retiring member of the Council eligible for re-election under rule 26

6.2. Ballot to decide which will serve for only 2 years (instead of 4): Two names to be drawn. (rule 26(b))

7. ELECTION OF AUDITORS:

Larkings (SE) LLP, trading as Larkings, Chartered Accountants, 31 St. George's Place, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1XD, to be appointed the Society's auditors, in respect of the audit of the year ended 31 December 2013 accounts.

8. RESOLUTIONS:

As is permitted by rule 14(a) the following resolutions are tabled by the Council:

8.1. Proposed alteration of rules (rule 37):

That this meeting of the Society resolves that rule 39(f) shall be deleted

Note: Rule 39(f) states: A member may (on application to the Honorary Membership Secretary) pay a reduced annual subscription (determined at an annual general meeting) if the member is over 65 years of age and either (i) has been a member for the previous five years or more and the application is made on or before 31 December 1999 or (ii) has been a member for the previous ten years or more and the application is made after 31 December 1999.

An explanation will be given on the economic argument to justify this action.

This resolution requires a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting (rule 37(a)).

8.2. Other resolutions (rule 14(a)):

a.i) That this meeting of the Society shall request Officers to prepare a resolution to the 2014 AGM to change the structure of the Society to that of a Company limited by guarantee.

a.ii) That this meeting of the Society shall request Officers to investigate the option of a change of status of the Society to that of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and then, if deemed appropriate, and beneficial, to put a resolution to a future AGM to that effect.

Note: The AGM will be advised of the independent legal advisor who will be appointed to act on behalf of the Society and its members.

These resolutions require a majority of members present and voting.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Scrutineers: To elect members of the Society to act as scrutineers in any ballots for Officers and Council the next year.

10. PRESENTATIONS

- (a) Expeditions and effigies: the case of Sir James Hales in (re)locating death, burial and family narratives' by Dr Melanie G Caiazza
- (b) Excavations at Folkestone Roman Villa 2010-2011 by Keith Parfitt

11. EXPLANATORY NOTES

Rule 39(f): This concession cost £1,742 in 2012. Additionally, at the reduced rates, members are receiving publications that exceed the cost of their subscriptions. Deleting this rule makes it fairer for all members.

Other resolutions: These resolutions enable Officers to do the preparatory work in order to advise future AGMs of the options on structure of the Society.

MINUTES 2012

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society held on Saturday 19 May 2012, 11.00am, Eliot College, University of Kent, Canterbury, in the presence of 40 members.

1. Statement by the President

The President advised the meeting that it had been an exciting year for the Society with talks, conferences and visits that had been well attended by both members and non-members. There had been some reorganisation of committees. Two new committees had been formed and he hoped that expert groups would be founded that could help archaeological groups in activities. The President then paid tribute to the excellent results achieved by members and gave thanks to the Officers for the administration of the Society.

2. Apologies for Absence: Apologies for absence were received from 14 members.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14 May 2011 previously circulated were approved.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes: None.

5. Report and Accounts for 2011

(a) Annual Report

The Hon General Secretary presented the Report of the Council for 2011, which had been circulated and was approved.

(b) Accounts

The Hon Treasurer presented the Society's accounts for the year ending 31 December 2011, which had been approved by Council. Income for 2011 had risen £88,153, up 8.1% over the previous year and he was pleased to report that subscriptions, investment income and charitable activities had all increased. Expenditure had been contained at £88,957, a modest reduction of £72 on 2010. The deficit for the year was thus £804, reduced from the 2010 deficit of £7,477. This demonstrates that a daily operating income and expenditure position is under control by Council, significantly below the budgeted position approved by Council for the year. The overall performance of the Society's investment portfolio had reduced in value by £88,702 eradicating the gain of £91,104 in 2010. Opening reserves at the start of 2011 were £1,455,212 and consequently the reserves carried over to 2012 were £1,365,706. £184,161 of this figure relates to the General Reserve, which is the amount of monies available for day to day operations.

The Society's auditors, Larkings (SE) LLP, had given an unblemished audit opinion for 2011 that indicated that the accounts showed a true and fair position relating to 2011. The full Report and Accounts for 2011 are on the Society's website at www.kentarchaeology.org.uk or can be requested from the Hon Treasurer or the Hon General Secretary.

The President gave his thanks to the Hon Treasurer and to the Auditors for delivering the accounts on time despite the changes required by a new Auditor and the tight time-scale.

6. Election of Officers

The following Officers, duly nominated by the Council, were declared elected under rule 25(c):

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Vice President:	Dr F H Panton CBE, PhD FSA
Vice President:	Mrs S B Broomfield FSA

7. Election of Members of the Council

The following members of Council were declared elected under rule 25(c):

Mr M L M Clinch BA

Mr P A Harlow

8. Election of Patrons

The following persons of distinction, who had been duly nominated and who had consented to election to the position of Patron of the Society, were elected by the members and affiliated Society's present:

Mr Christopher Ronald Pout

Mr Andrew Ian Moffat

9. Election of Auditors

Larkins (SE) LLP were elected as the Society's auditors for the 2012 accounts.

10. Resolution

The following resolutions, as permitted by rule 14(a), were agreed by a majority of over two thirds of the members present:

10.1 That this meeting of the Society resolves: that the Hon Excursions Officer shall be removed from the list of Officers of the Society in rule 17 and rule 20(g).

10.2 That this meeting of the Society resolves: that rule 31(c) shall be deleted, and replaced with a new rule 31(c):

That no chair of a committee, other than the relevant elected Officer of the Society, may serve for more than three consecutive years, excepting that he/she shall be eligible for re-election for a further three years after he/she has served three consecutive years, but this provision does not apply to any period before 19 May 2012.

11. Any Other Business

(a) Scrutineers: The following were elected from the members of the Society to act as scrutineers in any ballots for Officers and Council the next year: Mr C Broomfield, Mr A Daniels, Mr J Fryer, Mrs M Lawrence, Mr D Murray, Mr B Philp, Mr C Proudfoot and Mr C Tucker.

(b) No notices of any other business had been received, however the following items were discussed:
 Victoria County History of Kent: Two new volumes are prepared for publication and work is in hand to set up a trust to publish further volumes, possibly along thematic lines.
 There is a display of Roman material from Thanet at Quex Park for the next three months.
 The KAS Place Names Committee conference will be held on Saturday 3 November 2012 at the Visitor Information Centre, Rochester.
 The bid to HLF for an Archaeological Resource Centre has been rejected. A new site might be considered.

12. Presentations

Following the formal business, the meeting concluded with inspirational presentations by Dr Sheila Sweetinburgh on Church Study Days, Mike Clinch on the successful formation of the Industrial Archaeology Committee and Peter Clark who gave an up-to-the-minute report and exciting news on the Boat 1550BC project.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2012

The Council of the Society presents its report and statement of accounts for the year ending 31 December 2012.

Administrative details of the charity, its trustees & advisers.

The Society is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under number 223382.

The principal address of the Society is The Museum, St Faith's Street, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1LH. However, correspondence should be addressed to the relevant Officer.

The members of the governing body of the Society (which is its Council whose members are its charity trustees) during the period covered by this report were:

I A Coulson
 President
 M Berg
 P W Stutchbury
 Hon General Secretary
 M Clinch***
 B F Beeching
 Hon Treasurer
 E C Edwards
 S Broomfield
 Hon Membership Secretary & Vice President**
 K J Fryer
 F H Panton
 Hon Librarian & Vice President **
 J M Gibson
 T G Lawson
 Hon Editor
 D J Goacher
 A Richardson
 Hon Curator
 P A Harlow***
 E P Connell
 Vice President
 K H Kersey
 P E Oldham
 Vice President
 R F Le Gear
 R G Thomas
 Vice President*
 P M Reid
 J Saynor
 S M Sweetinburgh
 C P Ward
 S H Willis

* Retired at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 19 May 2012

** Elected Vice President at the AGM on 19 May 2012

*** Re-elected at the AGM on 19 May 2012

The Officers (other than the Vice Presidents) hold office for one year, the Vice Presidents hold office for seven years and the other members for four years.

The Society's main agents and advisers are:

Bankers: National Westminster Bank plc, 3 High Street, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XU

Auditors: Larkings (SE) LLP, 31 St George's Place, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1XD

Stockbrokers: UBS AG (London Branch), 1 Curzon Street, London W1J 5UB

Stockbrokers' nominee company holding the Society's investments: Productive Nominees Ltd, 1 Curzon Street, London W1J 5UB.

Structure, governance and management

The Society is an unincorporated association governed by its rules which are published in *Archaeologia Cantiana* from time to time and copies of which can be obtained from the Hon General Secretary. It is also registered as a charity with HM Revenue & Customs which has made a direction under section 201 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. This permits certain members (generally those whose employment is related to the Society's activities) to obtain income tax relief on their subscriptions to the Society; further details can be obtained from the Hon General Secretary.

The governing body of the Society is the Council whose members are its charity trustees and are elected by the members of the Society at its annual general meeting in May each year. A list of them is set out above.

The Society's activities are carried out throughout the ancient county of Kent. It has no staff and its officers are only paid out-of-pocket expenses. It co-operates with its affiliated societies and the organizations to which it is affiliated or of which it is a member. In particular it co-operates with the Canterbury Archaeological Trust in promotion of education. Its activities are carried out by the Council, committees and Officers.

Members of the Council are nominated by the members of the Society and elected at its annual general meeting. The Council does not consider it proper for it to be involved in this process beyond advising members of their right of nomination.

Objectives and activities | Objects

The Society is established to promote the study and publication of archaeology and history in all their branches, especially within the ancient county of Kent. The Society's area of benefit is mainly (but not exclusively) the ancient county of Kent which is considered to be the administrative County of Kent, Medway Council and the London Boroughs of Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich and part of Lewisham.

Achievements and performance | The main achievements during the year

Annual General Meeting: The Society's annual general meeting was held at Canterbury on Saturday 19 May 2012 when the Council's annual report and accounts for 2011 were accepted and Larkings (SE) LLP were appointed as auditors. The Officers and members of the Council were elected; details are set out above under Administrative Details. After the formal meeting members enjoyed presentations by Dr Sheila Sweetinburgh on Church Study Days, Mike Clinch on the formation of the Industrial Archaeological Committee and Peter Clark who gave the latest news on the Boat 1550BC project.

Fieldwork: In June, a Community History and Archaeology Committee was formed, led by Dr Pat Reid. As a subgroup of the Fieldwork Committee, it will contact local groups to ascertain possible activities such as the provision of themed conferences, study days and training sessions. A variety of fieldwork project activities and reports have been undertaken, continued and supported by the Committee and Society throughout the year. Grants were awarded to a number of individual projects and groups, including Ted Connell to examine finds from the Eccles Villa Dig, whilst Maidstone Area Archaeological Group, Shorne Woods Archaeology Project and the Wychling, Doddington and Newnham Historical Research Group received financial support. A Roman lead scroll from the excavation at East Farleigh has also been conserved.

Publications: Archaeologia Cantiana volume 132 was published in June but with a reduced 'Kent bibliography'; the excluded material will appear in the 2013 volume. Cumulative indexing of volumes 110 to 120 was completed and put online, and a new indexer sought for volumes 121-130. Papers on the Wotton Survey, and The lost tapestries of Knole were published on www.kentarchaeology.ac/. Kent Records New Series will only be published online in future. The committee supported the establishment of a new research and publication fund for investigating and promoting further studies into Kent's past.

Churches: The established series of visits continued including Tonbridge School chapel and parish church; Hinxhill and Wye parish churches, and the Sikh Temple in Gravesend. A Study Day was held at Holy Trinity, Folkestone in April; The Oxford Movement and its Legacy. The Churches Committee webpage was expanded and it can be accessed from the main Society website.

Historic Buildings: The Historic Buildings Committee held a Conference in October 2012 which concentrated on the Cinque Ports. Several visits have been made to Watlingbury, to examine buildings which are either not listed but should be, or which are incorrectly listed. Several discoveries have been made. A study day at the Agricultural Museum at Brook attracted an attendance of more than 80 people.

Industrial Archaeology: This Committee has met three times and has planned the South Eastern Region Industrial Archaeology Conference. Kent has a surprisingly rich and varied industrial past and it is the intention of the Committee to ensure that the record is not lost.

Library and collections: The Library has continued to enlarge its holdings and its unique collection of books, pamphlets, journals, ephemera, and visual records of Kentish archaeology and history, through donation, purchase and a mutual exchange scheme with other local, national and international historical and archaeological societies. Groups of volunteers met in the Library on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. The Visual Records group has continued to digitally record the Society's images. A selection of material from the collection Hop Picking in Kent was put on the website. Further images from the hop gardens of Kent were used in the research for an episode of Channel 4's programme, Restoration Man. Work continues on the recording and indexing of research bequeathed to the Society by past members including those of Anne Roper; the index to these papers is now online. The Library continues to provide the Society's venue for committees and for meetings or courses available to members and for the general public.

Hon Curator: Conservation of a range of artefacts from the Society's collections is now well underway at CSI: Sittingbourne. The work, funded by the Society and assisted by the Library Committee, has proven timely; many of the iron objects from the Anglo-Saxon cemeteries at Bifrons and Sarre are in urgent need of attention. In the last year, there have been some fantastic opportunities to raise the Society's profile whilst advertising Kentish archaeology and conservation at the leading edge of public engagement. Items exhibited, which belong to the Society but which are rarely seen in public, include some Bronze Age ornaments from Aylesford as part of the touring exhibition Beyond the Horizon - the museum exhibition of the Boat 1550BC project which will eventually relocate to Dover Museum. It is hoped that future initiatives will provide further opportunities for both members and the general public to access, engage with, and appreciate the Society's collections.

Websites: The Society's two websites continue to flourish, providing a valuable resource for researchers and all interested in the history and archaeology of Kent. The websites have received a new front page with

greater use of images and more modern graphics. www.kentarchaeology.ac comprises details from a selection of the Society's collections and many original research items. The transcription of the Wotton papers continues to receive publicity and good media reports. Details of unpublished archaeological reports are also available to assist researchers. www.kentarchaeology.org.uk provides information on the structure, activities and meetings of the Society, together with a members' research section of over 18,800 web pages. Work on the Christopher St John Breen Roman and Medieval Pottery Archive continues.

Education: The Committee has supported a number of high profile projects. Canterbury Archaeological Trust's Archaeology in Education Service (CAT, AES) received grants awarded in 2012. The Society is well represented through their work and AES continues to offer a county-wide loans box service, classroom support and web publications to schools. The Society supported events at Maidstone Museum and the Powell-Cotton Museum during the National Festival of Archaeology and the annual Dig held at Bradstow School in Broadstairs. Other activities supported included survey and excavations at Perry Wood, Field Work Methods sessions in association with the University of Kent at Canterbury, and a Basic Archaeology course for the Isle of Thanet Archaeological Society. An excavation project at Lyminge was supported by the Society through CAT. A major contribution has also been made to the A Town Unearthed project, with schools on-site, in the classroom and at Folkestone Museum and the development of resource kits. The North Downs and Canterbury branches of the national Young Archaeologists Club (YAC) receive support from the Society.

Place-names: A one-day conference took place at Rochester, 3 November 2012. The speakers included Dr Paul Cullen of the Bristol Centre for Linguistics at the University of the West of England, whose work now includes locative surnames related to Kent. Dr Cullen also gave two well-received talks at the newly-opened Kent History and Library Centre in Maidstone, on 12 May and 7 July. The latter was part of a BBC event, The Great British Story: People's History of Kent. Dr Cullen also hosted a 'Surnames Clinic', which was very popular. It is hoped that all of these events raised awareness about Kent place and surnames beyond the traditional audience.

Membership: Total membership at 31 December 2012 stood at 1287 (including individuals and joint members but excluding institutional subscribers and corresponding societies); a small decrease on the previous year, reflecting the loss of 44 members and addition of 39 new members.

Communications: The Communications Committee replaced the Membership and Publicity Committee. The new Committee researched and implemented the new, updated, Society logo, and assisted in the new front end design for the Society websites. An Information Technology audit is being undertaken. After much consideration and research a new membership software package has been chosen and this will be in place soon.

Other activities for members:

Newsletter: The popular and informative Newsletter was produced four times this year. Courses in History: Two courses in history have been offered by Dr Jacqueline Bower on behalf of the Society in the library on Mondays: Anglo Saxon England and Jutish Kent, c400-1066; Renaissance, Reformation and Reaction in Europe 1453-1720. Both courses have been well attended by both members and the general public. **Press Releases:** A closer relationship between Committees and our Hon Press Officer has been developed in 2012. The resulting Press Releases have therefore been well-timed and opportune, providing and communicating information on projects and achievements to communities beyond KAS membership.

Relations with other bodies: The Society appoints members or representatives to a number of other organisations. Regular reports have been received from the Council for British Archaeology: South East which had an annual general meeting and conference; Policing The Past, and the Council for British Archaeology: London. The Society has regularly been represented at meetings of the Kent History Federation.

Plans for future periods:

Challenges and Opportunities for 2013: The immediate future continues to provide challenges to improve communications with members and improve administrative efficiency. All committees are encouraged to recruit new members whilst ensuring the continuity of expertise provided by long-standing members. Succession planning for Officers of the Society is in hand.

Business Planning: The Society continues to explore the potential of new media to modernise its image; increase public benefit and membership; to generate income and contain the costs of publishing the Newsletter and Archaeologia Cantiana. By reducing overall costs it is hoped to continue a full programme of activities without the need to increase the annual subscription.

Financial review: The accompanying financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 show the current state of the Society's finances, which its Council considers to be sound. They comply with the Council's understanding of the current statutory requirements and the requirements of the Society's rules.

Investments: The trustees seek, in the management of their investments, a balance between income and capital growth. The Finance Committee oversees the management of the Society's investments. The

portfolio, managed by UBS AG (London Branch), increased by 6.7% and now stands at £1,248,001. They currently yield 3.3%. The COIF investments, which currently yield 4.3% increased in value from £72,556 to £79,299.

Investment powers: The Society's investment powers are those given by the general law; its rules do not give it any special investment powers. The Council has delegated some of its investment powers to UBS AG (London Branch) in accordance with a scheme made by the Charity Commissioners on 18 April 1994.

Allen Grove Local History Fund: The Society administers the Allen Grove Local History Fund given in the will of the late Allen Grove. Its objects are to promote research, preservation and enjoyment of local history. These objects are consistent with those of the Society. It is a restricted fund and is invested separately from the Society's other investments. In accordance with the terms of the legacy, decisions on how the fund is to be spent are taken by the Society's Officers. During the year, six grants were made with a total value of £2,600.

Policy on reserves: The Council has budgeted each year to spend a sum considerably in excess of current income.

Risk Management: The Council considered risk management in accordance with the recommendations of the Charity Commission. It was satisfied that it had appropriate precautions and procedures in place to manage risks and will keep them under review.

Public benefit: The Council has paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the Society should undertake. Council considers that some benefits can be more effectively and efficiently delivered through a membership structure which also provides personnel to carry out its work. The main activities undertaken by the Society in order to carry out its objects for the public benefit comprise:

Publication of its annual journal *Archaeologia Cantiana*, the quarterly Newsletter, and other occasional publications.

Publication of papers and information on historical and archaeological research on its websites.

Making information available in its library and by conferences, study days and lectures to members and non-members.

Granting aid to others to undertake research or publish research results, provide educational programmes, and promote interest in local history and archaeology.

The Society relies on its Officers and other members giving their time freely to organise its activities. Without those contributions a substantial sum would be spent on salaries.

Trustees' responsibilities statement - unincorporated charity:

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required:

to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently

to observe the methods and principles in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice

to make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

to state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements

to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

P W Stutchbury

Hon General Secretary, on behalf of the Council, 18 May 2013