

ASHFORD ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY OCTOBER 2018

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Tonight we welcome KATE CLOVER, the Senior Archaeological Consultant to the Otterpool excavations, to tell us of their discoveries in the region of the Folkestone racecourse. We know that the CAT team have found a Roman Villa in Eastwear Bay so who knows!!

Next month, on Monday 19th November we have Dr SIMON ELLIOTT who is talking about "Empire State: How the Roman Military built an Empire". He has recently published a book on this theme and will bring some with him to sell to us at 'bargain' price! Simon has been to us before in his early days and talked about ragstone, I think. He has now finished his doctorate and become involved with a lot of archaeological business. Posters are available, as usual.

OTHER MEETINGS-

Sunday 21st October there is a talk at Charlton Park at 3.30 'Caesar to Pink Floyd' Info on the board.

Lyminge Historical Society are unveiling a sign commemorating the huge amount of archaeological discovery undertaken in their village on Saturday 27th October and Gabor Thomas will give an update in the Methodist Church that afternoon.

Mersham History Society meet on November 14th for a talk by Paul Cumings and Wendy Rogers on 'Recent Archaeological Discoveries in Mersham and Ashford.'

KAS has a Place names conference on Saturday 17th November at Old Sessions House, Canterbury Christchurch, 9.30-4.30

They also have a conference on Saturday 24th November entitled 'Using artefacts to explore life in Kent from the Bronze Age to AD 1100.' This is at Rutherford College, University of Kent. Don't forget that if you apply for any KAS conferences you get a discounted ticket if you say that you are a member of this society.

There will be a lot of commemorative events on November 11th. I would just mention the Shorncliffe Military Cemetery where the Shorncliffe Trust are holding their Light in the Darkest Hour starting at dusk. Further details should be forthcoming and I will let you know.

OTHER MATTERS

I am glad to be able to report that John Hammon is now home and making steady progress.

There are copies of the 'What's On' diary on the bench along with other books and magazines –help yourself. There are also WEA booklets about their courses.

I also have the latest 'Journal of Kent History' –only £1.50 –money to me and we now have some further old copies of 'By-Gone Kent' -50p –money to Gloria.

I haven't forgotten Lympe Castle. I hope to have something sorted by next meeting.

I have had some info from a Sussex Wealden Buildings Study Group. I have put it up for interest and maybe we could get them to come to us in the future.

Malcolm Horton has recently published a book covering the villages of Kent not covered by Sir Charles Igglesden. He is making a special offer to societies of copies for £14.99 including postage. Let me know if you are interested.