

STUDYING HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY IN LYMPNE

England & Wales · Charity number 1168727

Details

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Activities

Objects: 1) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE RESIDENTS OF LYMPNE AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS, IN THE ARCHAEOLOGY, HISTORY, HERITAGE, GEOLOGY AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE AREA2) TO PROMOTE THE PRESERVATION, ENHANCEMENT, CONSERVATION AND ACCESSIBILITY OF LOCAL IMPORTANT HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

Activities: To advance the education and knowledge of the residents of Lympne and the surrounding area, in the archaeology, history, heritage, geology and natural environment of the area.To promote the preservation, enhancement, conservation and accessibility of local important historical and archaeological sites.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£11,632	£3,463	-	-
2024-03-31	£3,864	£3,595	-	-
2023-03-31	£2,066	£1,843	-	-
2022-03-31	£937	£861	-	-
2021-03-31	£407	£262	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alison Jane Jackson		2022-05-05
Annalaura Amaranth Murphy		2025-05-15
GUY BRANSON TOPHAM		2016-04-08
JUDITH EAST		2016-04-08
Jeanne Bryer		2024-09-10
Margaret Pearson		2017-01-05
Michael Pearson		2017-01-05
PAMELA CLARK		2016-04-08
Peter James Murphy		2025-05-15
ROSEMARY STUTCHBURY BA MA		2016-04-08
SALLY POTTER		2023-02-14

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Report for SHAL year ending 31.03.25

Another exciting and busy year for SHAL with over 60 members now and an increasing reputation for the local archaeology we are carrying out, as well as the range of speakers at our monthly meetings.

Mike has reported on many of the highlights of the year but I have to add the Christmas Dinner at the Castle which was not only a splendid meal, but a chance for lots of chat and catch up.

The January meeting too, when many of our members contributed their memories of the 50s and 60s in Lympne, informative and amusing. Next time perhaps we will remember the year 2000 when there were lots of happenings and events. Only 25 years ago not really ancient history, but significant!

This I think is what SHAL is about, not a dull academic group, but a lively and exciting delve into the past, both ancient and more recent. We have to thank the members of the Committee for their hard work, brilliant ideas and ability to eat biscuits. In particular Guy and Fiona and their team of diggers and pot washers. Organising a dig on this scale is complicated and time consuming, so many thanks to them both. We also have to thank the generous donors who have contributed funds both for the dig but also for the post dig analysis and preparation of the report.

This is still in the preparation stage, and we are rather sad that Richard Taylor, General Manager of the Kent Archaeological Society, who has been a stalwart supporter and director of our excavations, has recently resigned and is moving to France. He has promised though to leave the report in good hands at the KAS, and we hope he will visit in the summer to steer the project forward.

And of course our great thanks to you the Members for your support and enthusiasm.

SHAL has come a long way since its inception and I have every confidence that it will continue to inform and enthuse its members with the History and Archaeology of Lympne.

Rosemary Stutchbury

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Unaudited Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

INCOME	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024/25	Total 2023/24
Membership Fees	665.00			665.00	1470.00
Donations on the Day	98.00			98.00	77.40
Other Donations					118.97
Roman Dig Donations			8845.23	8845.23	653.80
Plaque Replacement Donations					121.20
Gift Aid		575.78		575.78	
Smile Amazon					
Christmas Meal	1320.00			1320.00	900.00
Visits and Events					500.00
Interest on Savings Account	128.28			128.28	22.92
Total Income	2211.28	575.78	8845.23	11632.29	3864.29
EXPENDITURE					
Venue Hire	375.00			375.00	358.00
Speakers and Events	475.52			475.52	860.00
Roman Dig			974.01	974.01	916.80
KAS Membership	50.00			50.00	50.00
Insurance	157.00			157.00	151.22
Refreshments	46.16			46.16	51.11
Remembrance Wreath	20.00			20.00	23.98
Renewal of Domain Name					38.39
Christmas Meal	1328.00			1328.00	945.00
Capital -Plaque,Boxes, Poles	37.02			37.02	189.20
Other Expenditure					10.97
Total Expenditure	2488.70	0.00	974.01	3462.71	3594.67
Surplus	-277.42	575.78	7871.22	8169.58	269.62
ASSETS AND LIABILITITES				2024/25	2023/24
Cash in hand and bank B/fwd	1832.89	0.00	0.00	1832.89	1563.27
Income	2211.28	575.78	8845.23	11632.29	3864.29
Expenditure	-2488.70	0.00	-974.01	-3462.71	-3594.67
Balance Carried Forward	1555.47	575.78	7871.22	10002.47	1832.89
REPRESENTED BY					
Metro Bank - Current Account				341.27	299.97
Metro Bank - Savings Account				9651.20	1522.92
Cash in Hand				10.00	10.00
Total				10002.47	1832.89

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Report for SHAL year ending April 2024.

By Rosemary Stutchbury

This last year has been full of excitement for SHAL members now over 50 strong and the coming year, also holds lots of possibilities for exploring our lovely historic village.

We've had a wide range of talks this year starting with a

A Visit to Dover in May to see the Bronze Age boat and Painted house. We were all impressed by the Museum and the display of the boat, but disappointed to find that the Painted house was closed temporarily so another visit in due course perhaps.

In June John Jarvest kindly organised a visit to the National Trust Fan Bay Site on the Dover cliffs. Lots of steps and a network of tunnels used during the second world war, during the defence of the Dover Strait. John has been involved in digging out the site and we really appreciated his guidance,

In July our own member Janet Powell, gave a talk on the tithe revolt of the 1930s. Who knew that the local farmers and landowners were such a belligerent group and staged lots of local protests . Eventually these tithes were stopped, but before that farmers could be imprisoned for non payment so not surprisingly they objected, especially if they were non conformists and didn't support the local C of E Church.

In August the highlight of the year, our dig on Beacon field from August 14th to - 27th . Richard Taylor is coming to talk to us at this year's AGM on April 16th to tell us about the findings, so I won't elaborate here, but the whole experience was amazing, well worth the hard work put in by diggers, pot washers and detectorists. Our thanks to everyone.

In September James Holman came to talk to us about Medieval New Romney and its Importance as a town at this early date with three churches and a large harbour area.

The October talk was given by Andy Linklater, who has a collection of glass slides from a local newspaper archive illustrating life in Kent during the 1940s and early 1950s. Amazing pictures, which some of us recognised from our early life !

Vince Williams returned in November to talk to us about places of worship in Folkestone that have disappeared or been converted. More than 30 places ranging from small chapels to large Victorian Churches. Patronised by everyone from railway workers to fishermen as well as wealthy tourists and residents.

In December we were able to hold our Christmas dinner and social evening at Lympne Castle courtesy of the new owners. An amazing evening thoroughly enjoyed by all in the superbly decorated Great Hall.

In January members and guests were invited to bring information or memories of the two World Wars in Lympne to the meeting. John Simpson of the Airfield Group gave a fascinating talk to open the meeting. He concentrated on the various houses that were taken over by the armed forces to house officers and men, and started a lot of discussion of wartime Lympne.

In February we had a talk by Chris Shaw of Shornecliffe Trust on Shornecliffe Barracks & SE Defences. He has promised a guided tour at some stage too so we will probably take him up on that.

In March Andy Linklater- gave a talk entitled 'The Romans are coming' discussing the two Roman invasions under Julius Caesar and Claudius and the change to the culture from that of the Iron Age.

Lots more talks and events planned for the coming year and out thanks to you the members, the committee and all those who help keep SHAL alive and active .

Rosemary

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INCOME	2023/24	2022/23
Membership Fees	1470.00	710.00
Donations on the Day	77.40	99.00
Other Donations	118.97	50.00
Roman Dig 1 Donations	653.80	1050.00
Plaque Replacement Donations	121.20	
Gift Aid		146.24
Smile Amazon		10.56
Christmas Meal	900.00	
Visits and Events	500.00	
Interest on Savings Account	22.92	
Total Income	3864.29	2065.80

EXPENDITURE

Venue Hire	358.00	206.15
Speakers and Events	860.00	395.00
Annual Dig	916.80	1078.62
KAS Membership	50.00	25.00
Insurance	151.22	96.00
Refreshments	51.11	20.80
Remembrance Wreath	23.98	21.63
Renewal of Domain Name	38.39	
Christmas Meal	945.00	
Capital -Plaque, Dig Boxes	189.20	
Other Expenditure	10.97	
Total Expenditure	3594.67	1843.20

Surplus	269.62	222.60
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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2023/24	2022/23
Cash in hand and bank B/fwd	1563.27	1340.67
Income	3864.29	2065.80
Expenditure	-3594.67	-1843.20
Balance Carried Forward	1832.89	1563.27

REPRESENTED BY

Metro Bank - Current Account	299.97	1553.27
Metro Bank - Savings Account	1522.92	
Cash in Hand	10.00	10.00
Total	1832.89	1563.27

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Report for SHAL year ending April 2023.

By Rosemary Stutchbury

Firstly an apology for not being with you for the AGM but a long planned precovid holiday date clashed.

This last year has been full of excitement for SHAL members now over 50 strong and the coming year, also holds lots of possibilities for exploring our lovely historic parish.

We've had a wide range of talks this year starting with an over view of the Marsh by Andrew Mayfield. His work with the Fifth Continent group was finishing and he is currently working in Greenwich, but clearly there are still lots of questions to be researched about the Marsh and its development.

In May we were excited to hear Joe Ahmet talking about the portable antiquities scheme and his work at the British museum . We were allowed to handle some of the objects, and his explanation of how and why the scheme works was masterly.

At this stage Richard Taylor had confirmed the dates for our dig in August, and we spent the next few months raising funds and organising the various requirements. Our thanks to the landowners and the local firms who supported the provision of every thing from tools to loos. I don't think any of us had realised how complicated the logistics of such a venture would be. A special thanks to the Committee too, who suddenly found themselves with a lot of extra work.

Richard was very pleased with the results of the dig and praised SHAL for its enthusiasm and hard work. All being well a further dig is planned for August.

We managed to fit in a trip to the Cheriton cemetery in June but the planned Rochester trip was cancelled as only six people signed up. Perhaps members would like to let us know, whether long distance trips are not really popular.

After all the dig excitement, we hosted Keith Parfitt to talk about the Dover Guildhall and Andrew Richardson to talk about the Lossenham project. The latter was an inspiration for our own idea of a Lympe project at some stage.

This was further emphasised by Cathy Goodwin, who spoke in November about her authorship of the Stanford History and how she tackled almost singlehandedly researching , writing and published a most impressive study.

We held our usual December social much enjoyed by all, and then in January Imogen Corrigan came talk about the Vikings. Much maligned in popular folklore and history, she was able to correct our misconceptions, and let us admire their art, poetry and music as a counter balance to their bloody reputation.

In February we enjoyed a talk by Andy Linklater on death and burials which contrary to our expectations, was not at all morbid and very informative.

Our March talk saw Richard come to report on the dig findings and enthuse us for more digging this summer, hopefully not in quite such dry, dusty weather. The field felt more like the African Savannah than green, damp Lympe. Lots of excitement about the Dig which all being well will go ahead on August 14th in Beacon field. Richards tells us the Portus Lemanis and the settlements attached to it was very much more important than thought originally and this is partly due to our explorations and the finds. So we should all be feeling pleased with ourselves.

So thank you to members, the committee and all those who have helped us keep SHAL alive and active this year.

Rosemary

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INCOME	2022/23	2021/22
Membership Fees	710.00	710.00
Donations on the Day	99.00	47.00
Other Donations	50.00	30.00
Roman Dig 1 Donations	1050.00	
Gift Aid	146.24	
Smile Amazon	10.56	6.73
Visits and Events		143.00
Total Income	2065.80	936.73

EXPENDITURE

Venue Hire	206.15	86.52
Speakers and Events	395.00	510.00
Roman Dig 1 Expenditure	1078.62	
KAS Membership	25.00	25.00
Insurance	96.00	96.00
Refreshments	20.80	25.54
Tythe Maps and Pens		50.98
Remembrance Wreath	21.63	21.00
Other Expenditure		45.80
Total Expenditure	1843.20	860.84

Surplus	222.60	75.89
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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2022/23	2021/22
Cash in hand and bank B/fwd	1340.67	1264.78
Income	2065.80	936.73
Expenditure	-1843.20	-860.84
Balance Carried Forward	1563.27	1340.67

REPRESENTED BY

Metro Bank	1553.27	1330.67
Cash in Hand	10.00	10.00
Total	1563.27	1340.67

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SHAL Chair's report 2021 -2022

Meetings in 2021

After some cancellations in 2020 due to COVID we were delighted to get back to regular meetings albeit on Zoom until June when we ventured out for a tour of Sandwich keeping in line with the latest Covid regulations.

Zoom meetings covered the history of Cheriton, Rochester Cathedral and Lyminge Church.

The AGM was also run on Zoom. Rosemary Stutchbury took over as Chair and we all thanked Fiona the retiring Chair for her excellent leadership and enthusiasm over the past 5 years. The existing Committee members were confirmed in their posts. The rest of the meeting was enlivened by an account of proverbs and sayings from two of our members.

In July we were able to join Rob Baldwin in Lyminge to actually see the features he had described on the Zoom presentation.

We went to Folkestone for a tour of the seaside in August, and returned to the Village Hall in Lympe for our September meeting when our own Guy Topham described the metal smelting experiment he and some of our members carried out in 2020. We held another Zoom meeting in October, as the speaker was unable to travel, but returned to the Hall in November for a talk by Andrew Richardson on *Finding St Eanswythe* in Folkestone. Sadly our planned Xmas celebration had to be cancelled as Omicron moved in.

Meetings in 2022

Starting in January we were back to our regular meetings in the Hall with a full programme for the year.

We had another Memories meeting in January with contributions from members and a number of other people who kindly sent memories or photos.

In February our own detectorists Simon Read and Andy Fifield gave us a fascinating talk about their methods and displayed some of their finds.

Our most recent meeting in March allowed us to explore the literary figures of Folkestone with Vince Williams. I had no idea so many well known authors had lived in the area and used the town and its surroundings in their work.

Looking forward we have talks and outings planned until December.

Information Board Stutfall

We have now received a very attractive the design for the Stutfall Castle information board which we hope will soon be erected on the cliff path overlooking the site.

Archaeology

The magnetometry carried out on a number of local fields with the help of Richard Taylor has identified a number of interesting areas for exploration and we hope to investigate some of these in August with his help. The detectorists have found a number of Roman coins in the same fields and it looks likely that we could uncover a Roman site; maybe the civil settlement or vicus which has so far escaped detection although it must have at one time supported the Roman military fort. The discovery of yet another Roman villa on the Otterpool site seems to indicate that Lemanis must have been quite a busy Roman settlement 2000 years ago and SHAL is keen to establish and map its remains.

We hope this community dig can be organised in conjunction with Richard Taylor and anyone who is interested will be able to assist.

Going Forward

SHAL seems to have survived the pandemic and is now looking forward to a busy and informative year. Our thanks to the Committee and everyone else who has supported us with information and interest. Andy Fifield joined the Committee for a few months, thank you Andy, but then found his work commitment prevented him attending. He resigned, but I am happy to say remains a member and after his brilliant talk with Simon has promised another talk next year to share their coin finds. Alison Jackson kindly offered to join the

Committee instead, but there is still space for further members, if anyone would like to join us.

We are also very sad that Guy is resigning from the Committee his enthusiasm and energy have fuelled SHAL from the beginning and he has managed our funds brilliantly as Treasurer. We need a replacement and hope someone will come forward. Guy has promised to remain a member and visit us when he can from Canterbury as well as induct someone else into the mysteries of the accounts.

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Income and Expenditure: year ended 31 March 2022

INCOME	2021/22	2020/21
Membership Fees	710.00	100.00
Donations on the Day	47.00	27.00
Other Donations	36.73	5.12
Gift Aid		275.08
Visits and Events	143.00	
Total Income	936.73	407.20
EXPENDITURE		
Venue Hire	86.52	
Speakers and Events	510.00	110.00
KAS and KHF Membership	25.00	25.00
Insurance	96.00	
Refreshments	25.54	
Tythe Maps and Pens	50.98	
Remembrance Wreath	21.00	
Replacement Plaque		110.40
Other Expenditure	45.80	17.00
Total Expenditure	860.84	262.40
Deficit/Surplus	75.89	144.80
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
	2021/22	2020/21
Cash in hand and bank B/fwd	1264.78	1119.98
Income	936.73	407.20
Expenditure	-860.84	-262.40
Balance Carried Forward	1340.67	1264.78
REPRESENTED BY		
Metro Bank	1330.67	1254.78
Cash in Hand	10.00	10.00
Total	1340.67	1264.78

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STUDYING HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY IN LYMPNE (SHAL)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 20 APRIL 2021
CHAIR'S REPORT

Well, what a surreal year this has been. In April last year we were in the first lockdown any of us had ever experienced. Suddenly everything had come to a stop, shops and venues closed, all meetings cancelled and everyone told to stay at home as far as possible. We were very lucky to have entered a long, dry and hot summer, with the most incredibly blue skies; most people were getting out for their daily exercise, meaning we met people from the village (socially distanced of course) who we did not know. As we adjusted to this new 'normal', thoughts of on-line meetings on sunny evenings did not arise. Subs for the year were cancelled, but the decision was made to bring these forward in future to April, in line with our AGM, if this is agreed by those members present.

However, as the evenings drew in we ventured into the realms of Zoom:

- In November **Rosemary Stutchbury** and **Guy Topham** gave an interesting talk "**A Tale of Two Houses - Lympe Hall and Shepmead**" showing the contrast between medieval and modern building methods.
- December saw us taking part in a fun **Christmas Quiz**, the questions having been put together by all members of the committee and designed to be not too taxing on the brain cells!
- In January we gained a good insight into "**Old Cheriton**" by Vince Williams. Once an agricultural village, Cheriton grew rapidly with the coming of the railways and tourism, and became known as "the washtub of Folkestone" due to the number of laundries there in the Victorian heyday, servicing the hotels and boarding houses.
- As the **KAS** launched a series of on-line talks and discussions in February which directly clashed with our own, we made the decision to change our meetings to the third Tuesday in the month to allow our membership to join the KAS ones as well if desired.
- In March, James Dickinson gave a very interesting, although rather fast-paced, presentation on "**Rochester Castle and Cathedral**", making us feel that a SHAL visit would be a good idea when restrictions allow.

Publication of Magnetometry Surveys

Richard Taylor, with SHAL'S and local landowners' agreement, published the exciting results in the Kent Archaeological Society magazine of surveys carried out on fields in the vicinity of Shepway Cross. Further surveys and exploration will continue when restrictions allow.

Village Hall Playing Field

During the summer excitement grew as Guy discovered what he became increasingly convinced was a Roman road across the Village Hall playing field. Richard Taylor had agreed to undertake a magnetometry survey on the playing field, in advance of improvements to increase activities. Unfortunately the magnetometer developed problems on two occasions, so this full survey and its results are still awaited. However partial results indicated no real evidence to support the theory. We just have to wait and see. That's archaeology for you - and even if the result is negative, this is still valuable information.

Noticeboard overlooking Stutfall

Guy and Margaret have been working with a professional artist to produce an artist's impression of what the Roman fort may have looked like, to be placed on an information board next to the plinth on the escarpment. Lympe Parish Council have agreed to pay the cost.

Lympe Airfield Memorial Park and Wildlife

Lympe Parish Council, in conjunction with SHAL and Lympe Airfield History Society, are continuing discussions with Homes England to allow us to preserve the part of the Airfield closest to Lympe as a memorial park to the benefit of both Lympe residents, visitors to the area and future residents of the planned Otterpool Park development. These discussions have been hampered by the Covid-19 restrictions but a postponed site meeting with Homes England is now due to take place later this month.

Recording the Churchyard

Again, Covid restrictions put a stop to recording, which turned out to be a blessing in disguise. Janet Powell was given very comprehensive records which were carried out in 1997 by Folkestone & District Family History Society, so our job is now just to bring it up to date and create a plan.

In addition, Judith East found a fascinating etching of the church with very run-down buildings immediately to the east. Brian Oxley, an artist in West Hythe, has carried out some research, identified the artist and further research is ongoing.

The Committee has continued to meet throughout the pandemic, mainly on-line and once in Guy's garden when restrictions allowed. I personally began to take stock during the first lockdown and made the decision that the time had come for me to step down as Chair and from the Committee, to enable SHAL to continue to evolve, give me more time to develop projects, and to encourage others to get more involved in discovering the wide and varied history of our village. I would personally like to say a huge thank you to **Rosemary Stutchbury** for agreeing to step up to the Chair, and to **Guy Topham, Pamela Clark, Mike Pearson, Margaret Pearson, Judith East and Janet Powell** for their continuing commitment as we begin to move forward out of restrictions.

Fiona Jarvest
Chair

10 April 2021

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Income and Expenditure: year ended 31 March 2021

INCOME	2020/21	2019/20
Membership Fees	100.00	800.00
Donations on the Day	27.00	119.00
Other Donations	5.12	450.00
Gift Aid	275.08	185.96
Visits and Events		122.00
Total Income	407.20	1676.96
EXPENDITURE		
Venue Hire		182.06
Speakers and Events	110.00	274.99
KAS and KHF Membership	25.00	25.00
Insurance		111.72
Professional Archaeological Fees		450.60
Refreshments		24.48
Visits and Events		170.00
Replacement Plaque	110.40	
Metal Detecting Machine		250.00
100m Tape		35.00
Timber for Megabox		61.06
Other Expenditure	17.00	117.00
Total Expenditure	262.40	1701.91
Deficit/Surplus	144.80	-24.95
ASSETS AND LIABILITITES		
	2020/21	2019/20
Cash in hand and bank B/fwd	1119.98	1144.93
Income	407.20	1676.96
Expenditure	-262.40	-1701.91
Balance Carried Forward	1264.78	1119.98
REPRESENTED BY		
HSBC Bank	1254.78	1109.98
Cash in Hand	10.00	10.00
Total	1264.78	1119.98