

CULVER ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT

On Saturday 18th October the 'Winchelsea and Area Archaeological and Historical Society' (WAAHS) held the second of their planned series of autumn and winter talks in the New Hall. On this occasion the Speaker was Blake Galloway, a young, extremely confident and engaging Archaeologist and Heritage professional who in his downtime doubles as the Stadium Announcer at Ipswich Town Football Club.



Blake gave a confident, thoroughly detailed and well-received audio-visual presentation on the Culver Archaeological Project (CAP) and Bridge Farm Project near Lewes. CAP was started in 2005 to investigate the historic landscape surrounding the Barcombe Villa complex, a 1st – 4th century Romano-British settlement.

Twenty years later continuing archaeological research now seeks to understand the historical environment present within the greater alluvial plain of the Upper Ouse Valley. CAP has become internationally renowned as a major open area archaeological excavation site, with university students, professionals and local volunteers all engaged in trying to interpret the local landscape and the archaeological remains.

Simultaneously, surrounding fields have also undergone extensive geophysical surveys that have uncovered additional areas of potential interest, including Roman Roads (and junctions).

Blake, who clearly retains a boundless enthusiasm for his subject matter, started at CAP and Bridge Farm as a volunteer and now works in a supervisory capacity. Some of the images he displayed included those of a surprisingly well-preserved wood-lined Roman well, numerous Roman coins, shards of pottery and even complete pottery vessels.

At the conclusion to his talk Blake compared CAP with the recent uncovering of sections of the Icklesham Roman Road, as well as earlier excavations in Icklesham that uncovered Roman tiles and iron-ore bloomeries.