

Friends Update

*May 2024*

* AGM held: enjoyable talk by Peter Bates on *Farming in the ‘40s and ‘50s*.
* Committee re-elected, minus David Smith and Leo Jago. Peter Bates elected Vice Chair.
* *Mudlarks in Henfield*: a very successful event in collaboration with Graham duHeaume and London mudlarks, with over 300 visitors during the day, a decent profit turned, the talk oversubscribed (over 100) and several new Friends gained.
* 3D scanning of the next three objects (Wilberforce Waistcoat, 13th century lead weight, early Anglo-Saxon silver ring) now completed and objects back in museum. Uploading these larger files will have some additional cost.
* Palstave axe head and hoard returned from Exeter Uni along with student’s pXRF report on chemical composition. Next steps: cleaning of bronze disease/patina, hopefully at East Dean, re XRF to compare with prior results, and ideally scan Maggie Parnell’s additional locally found partial palstave as point of comparison.
* Website updated in various places inc. Arborea, Friends page, Marjorie Baker Collection, Historic Photo collection.
* Marjorie Baker collection: two images of RAF and ‘Carry On’ veteran Talbot Rothwell restored, uploaded and shared on socials. All MB photos from 1932-1953 uploaded and now accessible from the museum Google Drive.
* Partial article on Woodard received from Lancing student.
* Roving Display Case due to move from Free Church to Library with current Devil’s Dyke display.
* Oral Histories: call out in recent magazines for new volunteers to interview and/or edit.
* Borrer Transcription project: accepting new transcription volunteers now.
* Summer Fair – table to be shared with History Group, quoits to be available.