

ANN BEST – IN MEMORIUM

It is with great sorrow that we have to announce the death of our much-valued colleague, Ann Best. Ann was diagnosed earlier this year with Lymphoma and she died peacefully on Sunday 15th May at Haywards Heath hospital.

Ann was an integral part of the CAP finds unit from way back in the Culver Farm Roman Road days of 2009 stepping in with Nancy Wiginton to take on the joint coordinating role at the end of the 2015 season when the unit had been swamped under the deluge of finds from Trench 6. Their joint efforts have made finds processing at Bridge Farm the efficient units we see today.



She was also a regular at local lectures and conferences and never held back from asking difficult and highly pertinent questions of the speakers, as I know only too well! She was particularly interested in Roman iron production and how this impacted on the settlements in the Ouse valley and had a paper, '*Barcombe and Beddingham: Roman villas from Wealden Iron?*', published in the *Sussex Archaeological Collections 153 in 2015*. More recently she completed another paper on the use and development of defended sites on roads and rivers in Sussex during the Roman period which we hope may be published posthumously.

Ann will be remembered both for her unbridled enthusiasm for history and archaeology and her dogged resolve to get things done, even if that meant sitting in cold unit processing finds way beyond the end of the normal season kitted out in multiple fleeces and mittens.

She will be sadly missed by all of us who had the privilege of knowing her and working alongside her.

David Millum 18th May 2022