

CDAS – Chairman’s Monthly Letter – September 2017

Warblington Excavation

The excavation is scheduled to run for 2 weeks starting on 4th September. All those who have volunteered should have had their joining instructions; if not please contact Trevor Davies.

Members will have an opportunity to visit late afternoon on Thursday 14th; we will issue details nearer the date as much depends on the state of the excavation field and the field we cross to get to the site (currently under a dense covering of 6ft high maize).

Emsworth Museum

CDAS exhibition on the CDAS Warblington excavation in Emsworth Museum has been extended until 1st October. The museum is open Saturday morning & afternoons and Sunday afternoons. Those new to the society and who have volunteered for Warblington should find that it provides a useful introduction.

Autumn Talks

These are held in New Park cinema and start at 7.30; the bar is opened afterwards. Remember that the next door car park charges up until 8.0pm.

September 27 th	Neil Linford	Advances in Geophysics
October 25 th	Mark Seaman and Mike Kallaway	The impact of LiDAR on archaeology: studies from the South Downs.
November 22 nd	Matt Pope	Neanderthals of the English Channel Region
Tues 5th December	AGM and Christmas Party	This will be held in Bosham

Activities/Events

For these three CDAS events, please book your place in advance by emailing Pauline Blagden pauline@blagden.info. Further information is available on our web site.

1. Coultershaw Heritage Site - Date: Sunday 24 September 2017 Start time: 10:30.

Location: Coultershaw Heritage Site, Station Road, Petworth, West Sussex GU28 0JE.
Directions at <http://www.coultershaw.co.uk/find-us/>

Cost: Members £3.00, non-members £8.00 (if places are available).

In the heart of the South Downs near Petworth, Coultershaw Heritage site includes a waterwheel, 18th century waterpump, 21st century water turbine and historic buildings set around the mill pond. The visit will last about one and a half hours.

2. Vernacular Architecture at the Weald and Downland Museum -

Date: Tuesday 10 October 2017 Start time: 10:15

Location: Weald & Downland Living Museum, Singleton, PO18 0EU. We will meet outside Museum entrance and enter on a group ticket.

Cost: Members £16, non-members £21. Payment is due by 10 September. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

We will explore the Museum's collection of historic buildings with a guide who will focus on vernacular architecture. The tour will last about one and a half hours.

3. Petworth in Autumn - Date: Tuesday 17 October 2017 Start time: 10:00

Meeting point: Main Petworth town car park GU28 0AP. Parking costs £2 per day and there are public toilets in the car park.

Cost: Members £1, non-members £6. Please pay Pauline in cash on the day. The correct change would be appreciated.

Henry Wakeford will lead the walk. He will concentrate on the many different buildings in North Street, and the locations of some that are no longer there, and then proceed into the countryside behind North Street for some of its history. Please wear suitable footwear. Stout walking boots are probably best. The walk will last between two and three hours.

Fieldwork - Surveying

Three potential geophysics projects have been identified for later in the autumn. Those who have signed up to be involved will be contacted as soon as plans are further advanced.

Coastal Monitoring

Peter Murphy organises the Coastal Monitoring and those who have expressed an interest will be on his mailing list. If you want to volunteer or for further information contact him on lecture@cdas.info

Date	Low tide	Meeting time	Study Area and aim	Meeting place
Monday, October 16th	14.58	13.45	Bosham shoreline – continuing coverage of Chichester Harbour	Car park at corner of Lower Hone Lane and Smugglers Lane, known as Ferry Car park (SU 800022 approx)
Wednesday November 15th	14.26	13.35	North shore of Portsmouth Harbour, west of Portchester Castle. Initial reconnaissance with Citizen	Portchester Castle English Heritage Car Park (SU 624047 approx.) We will need to carry out a car shuttle, with some cars going to the Wicor Lake car park - to be arranged on the day.

Wednesday November 29th	13.01	11.45	Medmerry West Repeated monitoring	RSPB Car Park at Earnley adjacent to Earnley Concourse (SZ 816967 approx.) To minimise disturbance to birds we will take a minimum number of cars down to the shore.
Wednesday, December 13th	13.04	11.45	West shore of Portsmouth Harbour Initial reconnaissance with Citizen.	Explosion Museum car park, Priddy's Hard (SU 615 013 approx.) May need a car shuttle - let's see.

There is no need to book in advance - just turn up.

Invitation from Lauren Tidbury of CiTIZAN

CiTIZAN are organising a guided walk along the route developed for the Saltworking project on the 13th September. It's in collaboration with the Harbour Conservancy and starts at Paynes boat yard, details are online <http://www.citizen.org.uk/events/2017/Sep/13/outreach-guided-walk-chichester-harbour/>

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