

CDAS – Chairman’s Monthly Letter – October 2017

Warblington Excavation

The weather was quite a challenge with some high winds and heavy rain. Thanks to Hugh 3D images of the three trenches could be viewed on our web site a couple of days after the close down. At the talk on 28th February Trevor Davies will review what we have learnt about this site since we first became involved about 10 years ago.

60 CDAS members were involved for at least 1 day contributing around 220 days. Once again there was a high volume of finds. In particular, we extracted, processed and recorded 590Kg of Ceramic Building Material; this is up 20% on last year.

Emsworth Museum

CDAS exhibition proved to be a great success and though I don’t yet have the figures I understand we attracted lots of visitors. The Cist and supporting information boards have been installed in the Discovery Centre at Fishbourne

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.

Oct 25th CDAS members Mark Seaman and Mike Kallaway are speaking. The title is “The impact of LiDAR on archaeology: studies from the South Downs.”

Mike and Mark were both volunteers on the Secrets of the Highwoods project initially working on Kingley Vale and Stansted Forest. Both made extensive use of LiDAR in these projects making interesting discoveries about human history and use of the landscape. They have also applied the skills gained to other projects.

The talk will include an introduction to LiDAR, where the data can be obtained and ways to view and interpret it.

Nov 22nd Matt Pope will speak on Neanderthals of the English Channel Region.

Christmas Party and AGM

This is being held on 5th Dec (note: this is a Tuesday) in Bosham. We are trying a larger venue as it got a bit cramped last year. We try to keep the business aspects to a minimum (say just over ½ an hour) before moving onto the party. Glasses, paper plates, napkins, wine & soft drinks are organised by the committee; members are asked to bring a plate of food that can be shared.

Activities/Events

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

1. 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.

2. 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

Two potential geophys projects are being planned for October. One on the Goodwood Estate is being organised by Steve Cleverly treasurer@cdas.info and the other at Petworth by Trevor Davies surveying@cdas.info. Those of you who have expressed an interest in surveying should have been emailed by them. Get in touch with them if you have not heard and want to get involved.

Other possible projects are being investigated.

Coastal Monitoring

Peter Murphy has emailed this schedule to those on his mailing list. He has concerns that his list may not be up to date. In particular, he received an email from a new member while away and it had "disappeared" when he got home. So, if you want to be on Peter's list and have not heard contact him on lecture@cdas.info. There is no need to book in advance - just turn up.

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 Citizan	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 Citizan.	Explosion Museum car park, Priddy's Hard (SU 615 013 approx.) May need a car shuttle - let's see.

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