



Chairman's Introduction

Hello everyone and welcome to my February CDAS Newsletter.

Last month we welcomed Dave Johnson, licensee of the wreck of HMS Hazardous in Bracklesham Bay, for a talk on HMS Hazardous. You can find out more from the Maritime Archaeological Trust's website here; <https://maritimearchaeologytrust.org/projects-research/warship-hazardous/> and thanks to Ken Parry who reminded me HMS Hazardous had previously featured on Digging For Britain it is the last item in this episode; <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b09gym75/digging-for-britain-series-6-2-east>.

I've not been yet but plan to visit this exhibition at Portsmouth Museum, thanks Sally Church for the reminder to share with CDAS members who might not be aware of cultural activity in Portsmouth <insert your own joke here about Portsmouth's cultural heritage!> ; <https://portsmouthmuseum.co.uk/what-to-see-do/special-displays/ancient-sudan-enduring-heritage/>

Talks and Lectures Schedule

The New Park, Chichester 2025

26th February: Elke Raemen, Finds Officer Archaeology South East the archaeological team associated with Institute of Archaeology of University College London on 'Finds from the hinterland of Chichester: a Neolithic pin, Bronze Age hoards and Roman satyrs.' : Recent finds in the Westhampnett area



26th March: Mark Roberts, Archaeology and planning on the great estates of West Dean and Goodwood

Anne Bones is busy finalising future talks in the schedule, for our May members talk evening, I have discussed with Anne about a slot during that evening for a Q&A with the Fieldwork Committee and General Committee, I would like to get a feel for what we're doing well; what we could improve on and what could we do in addition to our current schedule of Fieldwork, Activities and Talks.

All talks start at **7.30 pm** . The bar will normally be open after the lecture for drinks (hot, soft or alcoholic). The bar is a cash free bar, so, payment by card only.

Activities

25th March 2025: Visit to the War Dyke at Whiteways - (2nd chance to visit) led by William Foot, author and CDAS Member. War Dyke at Whiteways is one of the South Downs greatest surviving Iron Age earthworks and possibly the least well-known.



10 April 2025: Bosham Church Tour - the historic building stones of Bosham Church - led by our very own David Bone, recognised local geologist. In this walk, we will discover the many different types of building stones in the church walls and the stories they tell us from the 1st/2nd C Roman occupation through to the consequences of the construction of the Hayling Island bridge in 1823. For additional interest, we will then drive a short distance to the shore of Chichester Harbour to view an unusual boulder with its origins in Ice Age Britain.

We are also in early stage talks with Fishbourne Roman Palace about CDAS getting involved with activities during the Festival of Archaeology which runs from July 19th – August 3rd. I will update members when /if details get finalised.

We also recently received a note from ASE inviting CDAS members to their 50th Anniversary event. Rather than try and paraphrase, I've including the invite below and the attachment from ASE should be included with this newsletter (if they are not they will follow shortly with an email headed "oops, now with attachments!")

Dear CDAS Committee

At Archaeology South-East we are currently in our [50th anniversary year](#) and are planning on closing the celebrations with a [conference day event](#) on 5th April 2025 in Portslade near Brighton.

As one of the key archaeological societies in the region in which we work, I hope the forthcoming ASE 50th conference will be of interest to your members and wonder whether you would kindly be able to circulate information to your membership?

The day provides the opportunity to hear about past and recent ASE projects and research from across the south-east, as well as from external guest speakers Profs Paul Garwood, Melanie Giles and Martin Bell. The full programme and outline of the day is available on our conference page linked above.

Links and booking also available via the QR codes on the attached.

We hope to see you and CDAS members in April

Many thanks and Best wishes

Louise

Please see the [Activities Page](#) on our website for the latest details and booking information.

Fieldwork

Due to the late scheduling of the Fieldwork Committee meeting I do not have an update for this month

CDAS 100 Club

Don't forget the CDAS 100 Club is a great way for you to support us.

Join the 100 Club by giving £2 a month (or £24 annually) to CDAS. This buys you one membership number which is included in the monthly draw. All participants must be over 16 and a member of CDAS.



The draw will take place each month at a CDAS meeting. Winnings will be paid to you by bank transfer.

The prize money will be 35% of the membership fee taken that month. The remaining 65% goes to CDAS to help fund equipment, resources and opportunities for members.

Membership Update /Member Mojo

We are at a relatively high level of members currently so welcome any new members, I hope you get the opportunity to get involved in Fieldwork opportunities; attend some of the planned activities or come along to our monthly talks.

Have you Seen?

If you have found a particularly interesting or useful website that you think Members might not have seen, then please feel free to forward to me and I'll include here. A lot of links are already included on our main website;

<https://www.cdas.info/Links.html>

This talk/webinar may be of interest: "Evidence of Life in Death: 20 years of research at RAF Lakenheath" with Jo Caruth and John Hines" ;

<https://youtu.be/ZosuJWMvgT0?si=J5yAab8At9XzIBht>

Cotswold Archaeology Society are holding this online talk in March ;

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-tale-of-the-unexpected-the-discovery-of-a-roman-villa-in-bristols-north>

This also from Cotswold Archaeology, posted on the BAJR website;

<https://www.bajr.org/pits-pits-and-more-pits-cotswolds-dates-alignment-in-northamptonshire>

Join Dr Andy Needham (Department of Archaeology at the University of York) for the next in our series of free talks in association with our current exhibition, **Star Carr: Life after the ice.**

<https://www.yorkmuseumtrust.org.uk/whats-on/events/mesolithic-art-and-personal-ornamentation-insights-from-star-carr-and-beyond>

This has been quite widely publicised, you may have already seen this on BBC News - Archaeologists find 'significant' [BBC wording] Viking building

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cew597dz92lo>

...and finally remains of London's Roman Forum have been unearthed at 85 Gracechurch Street in the City of London.



<https://historicengland.org.uk/whats-new/news/roman-forum-85-gracechurch-street-london/>

Thanks for taking the time to read the newsletter – any ideas for future inclusion please let me know.

Dickie

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Anniversary Conference

Saturday 5th April 2025

Join us for a journey
through time and be
part of our 50th
anniversary finale!



**Celebrate 50 years of archaeological discovery and innovation
at the Archaeology South-East 50th Anniversary Conference!**

- Open to anyone interested in the archaeology of south-east England
- Our story from Sussex Archaeological Field Unit to ASE
- Keynote talks from ASE staff and external guest speakers showcasing our research and projects past and present
- Networking opportunities for professional and local community archaeologists
- Displays highlighting recent finds and innovative techniques
- Bookstall and much more.....



**To book tickets scan the QR code or visit:
<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/archaeology-south-east/ase-50>**

