



Chairman's Introduction

Well, best laid plans and all that, I had hoped that I would be fit and able to attend the January talk at New Park. I was close but technically still signed off work and hadn't started my physio and still at that time quite immobile. I am glad to report that I have now returned to work (working from home) and my physio is ramping up to build my strength. Still no lifting or over stretching but I'm well on the road to full recovery. All being well therefore I should be fine to attend this month's talk (details below).

A few weeks ago our first Study Day of the year was enjoyed by members led by Simon Stevens, looking at Post-Medieval Archaeology



In early February, Richard New and Ken Parry represented CDAS at The Local History Summit at The Spring Arts Centre in Havant (other CDAS members were also in attendance representing other history groups in the area). Details of the event can be found here; [Havant Civic Society History Summit](#)

Finally, an appeal for more volunteers to help run the bar at New Park on talk nights. We have just about enough cover for now...just, but it would be good to add some members to the rota to ease the burden on just a few individuals. Full training and support will be given. If you can help, please let Jon Pilkington know, or approach any members manning the bar.

Talks and Lectures Schedule

The New Park, Chichester 2024

28th February: Jaime Kaminski - Bronze Age finds from Chichester and Sussex

Exploring the production and use of metalwork it will focus on the so-called 'ornament horizon' (c. 1400–1100 BC). A period marked in southern Britain by the deposition of bronze tools and ornaments sometimes inspired by forms current in northern Europe and Scandinavia.

Jaime is part of the University of Brighton's Cultural Informatics Research Group where he specialises in the socio-economic impact of (digital) cultural heritage and the



'business' of heritage. He is also a senior lecturer at the University's School of the Environment and Technology where he teaches on the Geography with Archaeology course. Jaime has a Ph.D. in Archaeology and a first class B.A. Hons in Archaeology from the University of Reading. He is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London. (LinkedIn)

27th March: Tony Sneller - The Coultershaw Story: Water, Water, Everywhere

24th April: Judie English - South Downs and Low Weald; Landscape in the Bronze Age

22nd May: Members evening

25th September: James Brown, National Trust - Recent Excavations at Petworth (tbc)

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

Activities

23rd March (tbc, may be subject to change) - Guided Archaeology and Heritage Tour of Staunton Country Park, led by Simon Walton

22nd June - Walking Tour of Roman (and Medieval) Chichester - Part 1, led by James Kenny

14th September - Walking Tour of Roman (and Medieval Chichester - Part 2, led by James Kenny

19th November - Visit the War Wyke at Whiteways, led by William Foot. See one of South Downs' greatest surviving Iron Age earthworks.

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

Fieldwork

Thanks to Ann for providing the Fieldwork Summary

Three fieldwork activities are planned for the next couple of months. As per usual, the organisers will be emailing members asking for volunteers.

Coastal Monitoring – Medmerry (MK/AD)

Plan for group visit to Medmerry 11th March.

Thorney annual WWII assessment (MK)

Visit planed for 28th February or 6th March.

St Ann's Hill, Midhurst (DU/TD)

High-definition res survey using Geoplot planned for 5 days starting 18th March



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

Welcome to any new members that have joined recently. More details will follow in the next Newsletter but just a reminder that in March and April enter our renewal period, automated emails will be generated by Membermojo to remind members to submit their annual renewal payments. More on that next month.

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>

Quite a few links that have caught my attention this month;

You may be aware of the work done by Operation Nightingale in conjunction with Wessex Archaeology;

<https://www.wessexarch.co.uk/our-work/operation-nightingale>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/operation-nightingale>

“Operation Nightingale is a military initiative developed to use archaeology as a means of aiding the recovery of service personnel injured in recent conflict, particularly in Afghanistan.” Their work recently featured on a Digging for Britain episode and Sam joy asked if this is something we could consider. I think we shouldn't rule this out but would have to be in the context of working with a specialist organisation covering all the correct safeguarding for participants. Steve Cleverly pointed out this online talk on the subject which is available on the CBA South East Youtube channel ;

[Dr Will Rathouse - Archaeology supporting mental health and well-being since 2012 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)



Further unrelated talks are worth exploring on the CBA SE Youtube Channel ;

[CBA South-East - YouTube](#)

I found this very interesting webinar online from Cotswold Archaeology about "Uncovering a Bronze Age Barrow Cemetery in Salisbury" – excavations at Netherhampton"

https://youtu.be/ztOxzUDn32E?si=jDiB_r_uLaVGz5ho

Cotswold Archaeology have some other interesting talks available on their Youtube Channel;

[Cotswold Archaeology - YouTube](#)

Oxford Archaeology posted this interesting blog on the Heritage Burial Services (HBS), a specialist group of human osteoarchaeologists who work to conserve the burial record and promote the value of the scientific study of human remains;

<https://www.oxfordarchaeology.com/blog/burials?fbclid=IwAR0wOkzdl6nRG2WTEXFKeIHc2QsHe4RuAR98EPE6S-OdDGKHNakGTNoTCJE>

The Guardian featured this article on a Roman funerary bed found in London;

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/flat-packed-furniture-for-the-next-life-roman-funerary-bed-found-in-london>

I received notification of this online 'zoom' event from the National Trust. Billed as "A fantastic opportunity to hear about the rich and diverse archaeological sites cared for by the National Trust and the varied work of the National Trust's Archaeologists. The event will feature three presentations followed by an opportunity for the audience to ask any questions about the projects or archaeology at the National Trust. More details in this link;

<https://www.archaeologyuk.org/get-involved/events-and-activities/event-calendar/an-evening-with-national-trust-archaeologists-2024>

and finally this very interesting prehistoric find at the bottom of the Baltic Sea;

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/stone-age-wall-found-at-bottom-of-baltic-sea-may-be-europes-oldest-megastructure>

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

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