



Chairman's Introduction

Happy New Year! At the time of writing it's still ok to be saying this, I realise at the time of reading it may have worn a bit thin. Welcome to the January 2024 Newsletter.

It was good to see everyone at the AGM, it seems a long time ago now but thank you all that came along and ensured we meet our constitutional obligations. Primarily the re-election of all the Committee members, President and Chairman. It was also a good opportunity to catch up with members over some festive nibbles and a glass of wine.

I mentioned on the night that I was due to have surgery on my back (prolapsed disc), thank you for all that wished me well, I'm pleased and relieved that I had my surgery last week and all has gone well. I will have a number of weeks recuperation and then more physio to build my strength but I am hoping to be fit (it's all relative!) by the spring. In the meantime I am signed-off work, unable to drive and under orders to take things easy which I am. We're still catching up on TV from over the holiday period but as I've had time during the day, I've binge-watched this year's serving of Digging for Britain. Thoughts on the 'mystery' Roman dodecahedron ?

[Digging for Britain dodecahedron - Press Office - Newcastle University \(ncl.ac.uk\)](https://www.ncl.ac.uk/press-office/news/2024/01/digging-for-britain-dodecahedron)

I don't know myself, but I don't subscribe to the what the programme seemed to be suggesting that it could have been some kind of 'fidget spinner', I don't think it was a serious suggestion...

Talks and Lectures Schedule

The New Park, Chichester 2024

24th January: Neil Linford - Recent results from the Historic England Geophysics Team - Neil Lindford, will talk on recent work on a range of sites including a Cornish henge, a lost Norman keep and a Tudor water garden beneath a golf course.

Having worked for Historic England (formerly English Heritage) for over 30 years, Neil has used a range of techniques over the years and in July 2022 revisited Kirby Hall in Northamptonshire to conduct a Ground Penetrating Radar survey, 30 years to the day since his first survey at the site!

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

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** prompt. 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

Full details are on the website here <http://www.cdas.info/Activities.html>

Study Day: Post-Medieval Archaeology: 'Well it isn't that old, is it?'

With Simon Stevens, Senior Archaeologist at Archaeology South-East (a division of University College London Centre for Applied Archaeology)

Date: Saturday 10th February

Time: 10.30am – 4pm

Location: Eames Farm, Thorney Road, Emsworth, PO10 8DE

Cost: £25 to members, £30 to non-members

'The archaeological study of the recent past has often been seen as something of a 'poor relation' in the discipline, but luckily times have changed. The Post-Medieval period offers a wide range of remains both buried and in standing structures, often backed-up by surviving documentary evidence. From burials to buttons and from privies to pill-boxes, there is plenty to look at in Sussex and beyond'

Fieldwork

No update this month. News will be included in future Newsletters once the Fieldwork Committee's 2024 meetings schedule is underway.

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

No update this 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>

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

This mosaic and its dating were featured on Digging for Britain. Archaeologists at Chedworth have been revisiting their find from 2020 and is still available on iPlayer.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/Chedworth>

This next ambitious event might interest members with interests in historic buildings, tickets available on Eventbrite;

One Man Conference: Buildings Archaeology, A continuous 12 hour series of talks on mediaeval architecture delivered by just one buildings archaeologist...

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/one-man-conference-buildings-archaeology>

This Oxford Archaeology Youtube channel has some interesting resources from short videos to full lectures and talks;

<https://youtube.com/@oxfordarchaeology>

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

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