



## 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>

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

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