

Chairman's Introduction

Hello everyone and welcome to my summer CDAS Newsletter.

Since my last Newsletter, the Priory Park dig has concluded, well done to everyone involved. Judging by the numbers attending James's public talks we appear to have surpassed all previous events in terms of public engagement – it of course helps when we have great archaeology to show off;



Photos: Brian Tomkinson via Whatsapp

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As I mentioned in my previous Newsletter, I was away for most of the Priory Park dig visiting Lewis and the Callanish Stones, apologies for some further gratuitous, but more recent holiday snaps;



Talks and Lectures Schedule

The New Park, Chichester 2025

24th September James Kenny - Priory Park

22nd October; William Foot "Of George and Allectus" – writing an archaeological novel

26th November; Lawrence Shaw - Forestry England and Archaeology

tbc Dec; AGM



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

Recent activities included another of James Kenny's guided walks of Chichester and a visit to Emsworth Museum incorporating a guided walk of Emsworth. Thanks to Ros for these photos;





Photos: Ros Cheatham

Summer Social ?

We have discussed at committee about an informal social gathering over the summer break. This will be in the form of an evening at a local hostelry. I'll send an email invite nearer the time (and start a discussion in our CDAS Whatsapp Group).

6th September Walking Tour of Roman (and Medieval) Chichester - Part 2

led by our President, James Kenny, Archaeology Officer, Chichester District Council, this is the second opportunity to complete Part II of the walk.

25th July – **Fishbourne Roman Palace – Festival of Archaeology** event - CDAS Members will be attending with a stand including our finds trays – see link below for more details of the Festival including activities at Fishbourne.

To book any of the above, please email activities@cdas.info For full details see the CDAS website [here](#)

Fieldwork

My thanks to Mike Kallaway for this summary of activities currently under the governance of the Fieldwork Committee;

Priory Park Archaeology Project

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West Marden



Resistivity survey of possible Roman remains and medieval church yard at West Marden was completed. The results of April's survey were presented at Members Evening and a report has been prepared.

Coastal Monitoring

With the support of Mark Roberts and his GPS equipment we managed to make an accurate recording of the potential fish trap at Medmerry East.

Future Fieldwork Activities

A number of projects are being investigated but in general it is difficult to get access to sites until late summer/early autumn. However, it may be possible to undertake condition assessments for some WWII sites on Hayling and to monitor stretches of Chichester Harbour coastline.

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.

To join please email 100club@cdas.info

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

I am very please to hear from Richard New, our membership secretary that we have 8 new members; new, returning and student members. Welcome to you all, I hope you will find talks and Activites to interest you and you get the opportunity to join us in some of Fieldwork activities, keep an eye out on this Newsletter and you should receive direct emails calling for volunteers as activities become scheduled.

Student Member ? I'd like to understand what we can do more/better for our student members – look out for an invite to a Zoom/Teams meeting over the summer, probably during August. It will be a short discussion with me and members of our Committee(s) to find out what we could do to better meet student needs.

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>



There are lots of activities during the Festival of Archaeology which you may have already heard about but just in case ;

I mentioned in a Newsletter some time ago that CDAS will have a stall at Fishbourne on 25th July as part of their Festival of Archaeology Celebrations.

Further details of the event at Fishbourne can be found here;

<https://sussexpast.co.uk/event/festival-of-archaeology-meet-the-experts/>

and it's also listed on the Council for British Archaeology website;

<https://www.archaeologyuk.org/festival/festival-event-listing/meet-the-experts.html>

Other activities as part of the FoA;

Changing Landscape Exhibition

This exhibition tells the 900-year story of the landscape at Petworth, the people who lived and worked in it, and explores what landscape means to people now and in the past.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/sussex/petworth/events/1fe51447-25bf-4fd6-ace8-b76924f3aaa9?origin=search>

Archaeology in the [Petworth] Park Guided Walk

Find out about some of the archaeological findings in the Park on this two hour guided walk.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/sussex/petworth/events/75bff038-3b49-4d86-ae1-83efd4d6c4fa?origin=search>

Highdown Big Dig (Chichester YAC also involved)

Meet members of our archaeology team and witness live excavations at Highdown Hill.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/sussex/cissbury-ring/events/358543f3-cb75-40a3-929b-3a050d4c80a7?origin=search>

Fort Cumberland have a day of talks happening at the D-Day Museum on the 19th July;

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-person-portsmouth-research-festival-tickets-1419268583539?aff=erelpanelorg>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/online-portsmouth-research-festival-tickets-1423280312729?aff=oddtcreator>

This popped up on my social media feed and I thought it might interest members - Peter Symonds College are introducing a new Anglo-Saxon course, launching this autumn. Led by Historian, Dr James Connelly, learners will explore the history, culture and legacy of the people who shaped early England, including their migration to Britain and the rise of powerful kingdoms that dominated the landscape for 500 years. Details;



[Latest News: Peter Symonds College](#)

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

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