



Chairman's Introduction

Hello everyone. Welcome to my March Newsletter, if you attended our talk from Jaime Kaminski on Bronze Age finds from Chichester and Sussex in February you'll be aware that he talked about some, as yet unpublished, finds, however this online video is publicly available and covers some of the material that Jaime talked about on the night ;

[The 'Near Lewes Hoard': Capturing, visualising and presenting archaeological artefacts](#)

I'll also repeat of our appeal for more volunteers to help run the bar at New Park on talk nights. 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 on the night.

Talks and Lectures Schedule

The New Park, Chichester 2024

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

Coultershaw is an important example of 18th century industrialisation in a rural area. It has been the site of several corn mills from before 1086 up to 1973. It was on the routes of the Rother Navigation (1794-1888), the Petworth to Chichester Turnpike (1800-1877) and the Mid Sussex Railway to Petworth (1859-1966).

This mill at Coultershaw was burnt down in 1923.

Coultershaw is in the Rother Valley, near the centre of the South Downs National Park. Framed by the dramatic chalk escarpment at Duncton, just south of Coultershaw, the Rother Valley has a wide range of landscapes. These range from wet meadows around the river to open chalk grassland, woodland hangers and heathland. At Coultershaw, the river basin is home to a wide variety of flora and fauna. (<https://coultershaw.co.uk>)

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

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 Dyke 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 Mike for providing the Fieldwork Summary;

Priory Park Archaeology Project

An excavation is planned for 21st May – 4th June. Call for volunteers to go out in next few weeks.

Coastal Monitoring – Medmerry

The group visit on 11th March highlighted the rate of change and amount of erosion along the shore.

Thorney Condition Assessment

16 members participated in the annual assessment on 28th February. The conditions were particularly wet and muddy. A report is being prepared which includes proposed work planned for the autumn.

St Ann's Hill, Midhurst

A week long high-definition resistance survey was carried out during the week commencing 18th March.

Thorney Footpath Closure

The Footpath on eastern shore north of the Great Deep is closed for safety reasons so it is not possible to walk round the Island.

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

Emails are now being issued as part of our annual renewal. These are automated emails generated by Membermojo to remind members to submit their annual renewal payments.



This is never entirely glitch free but mostly a great labour- saving mechanism. If you experience any issues, please contact Richard New in the first instance.

CDAS Connections

I had two requests this month to give a plug to affiliated organisations, I think these are suitably close to CDAS to warrant these features.

Firstly, our President Trevor Davies has asked me to mention the work of Emsworth Museum and what they have to offer (full details <https://emsworthmuseum.org.uk/>);

The Museum reopens on 29th March (Good Friday).

Normal Opening times ;

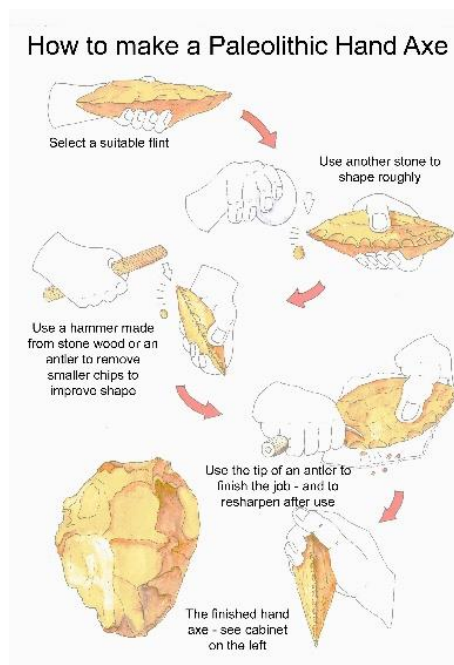
Saturdays (10:30 am until 4:30 pm)

Sundays (1;30 pm until 4:30 pm) plus

Bank Holidays (10:30 am until 4:30 pm).

Over the winter the museum has :

- Redecorated substantial areas of the Museum (picture attached).
- Added to displays, including a palaeolithic hand axe donated by David Bone – the Museum now has two! There is an excellent series of drawings showing how to make a hand axe drawn by Robert Ferry (Source : Emsworth Museum).



- Included a new display about the Emsworth Hospital
- Extended the brickmaking display



- Display featuring P G Wodehouse's recently discovered extra 4 verses to Lewis Carroll's "Walrus and the Carpenter"

Secondly, Stuart from New Park Cinema has asked us to publicise the following information and offer to CDAS Members ;

This is also a good opportunity to make you aware, if you weren't already, that you too can hire the Auditorium for talks, shows or activities.

If you're interested and would like to discuss availability, please do not hesitate to contact [Stuart] operations@newparkcentre.org.uk

Chichester Cinema at New Park would like to offer an introductory discounted Classic membership to you and your group from £30 per year to £20 per person.

We have much to offer that would interest, ranging from historical documentaries, productions from the National Theatre, and the Met, and of course we also show all the latest great blockbuster films.

For all the budding historians and those who have a passion for local as well as international history we show a wide range of documentaries as well as films based on true events.

This season we screened Society of the Snow, retelling the story of the 1972 plane crash carrying a rugby team to Chile and their survival; One Life, mapping the life and amazing works Nicholas Winton achieved through the Kindertransport saving hundreds of children from the Nazi regime, and the chilling The Zone of Interest.

This next season due to popularity, showings will see the return of One Life, Oppenheimer, Wicked Little Letters which was filmed in Arundel, also based on true events, and The Zone of Interest, along with much more fabulous viewing.

Also not forgetting our fantastic International Film festival, with open air viewings for all ages in Priory Park with onsite catering.

We also hold film talks which not only provide film education but the opportunity for those who like to interact and debate the chance to discuss film experiences.



Chichester Cinema at New Park is a not-for-profit independent cinema that prides itself on supporting and working with local charities such as the Apuldram Centre, PACSO (Parents and Carers Support Organisation) and The Chichester Boys Club, believing that film should be accessible and inclusive for all. Becoming a member will help us continue to support these fantastic charities.

What are the benefits of joining?

- £10 discount
- £1.50 discount on film tickets and £2.50 discount on performance tickets
- The seasonal programme through your letterbox 7 times a year.
- Priority booking and no online booking fee

If you would be so kind as to let your members know, they simply have to email Membership@chichestercinema.org, with their contact details and the promo code; MEM20, or pop into the box office or give us a call we can get them set up!

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 couple of links that caught my attention this month;

This is an interesting piece on The Butser Ancient Farm Horton Neolithic Building by Trevor Creighton who you may remember gave a talk on Recreating the Sparsholt Mosaic at Butser Ancient Farm last year

[The Butser Ancient Farm Horton Neolithic Building](#)

There's been a lot of media coverage of Must Farm in recent weeks, this is due to recent publications being made available of many season's work. These are accessible online (note the pdf download(s) is quite hefty so may take some time to download)

<https://www.mustfarm.com/bronze-age-settlement/publications/>

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

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