



Chairman's Introduction

Hello everyone and welcome to my May CDAS Newsletter.

Last month at New Park, David Bone gave his talk on Studies in Tufa - Roman Baths, medieval churches and the place-name of Steyning. I don't know about anyone else but since David's talk I've found myself paying much more attention to the constituent elements of old walls! David is leading a walk around Boxgrove later in the year but he has also asked if I could share details of a walk he is leading in July for the West Sussex Geological Society. David says CDAS members are invited to join them in a visit to the historic sand mines at Marehill, near Pulborough (these are not open to the public). Full details are in the document that will accompany this newsletter.

You may remember our talk last year from Judie English, I was sad to see that she recently passed away. David Rudlin posted this on the Sussex School of Archaeology and History Facebook page and other social media ;

DR JUDIE ENGLISH (1948-2025)

It is with great sadness that we report the death yesterday of Dr Judie English following long-term health problems. Judie was an active field archaeologist in both Sussex and Surrey and published extensively on her findings, most recently on a project to investigate Cross-Ridge Dykes on the South Downs. Judie was also a popular adult education tutor and taught various archaeology courses for the Centre for Continuing Education (CCE) at the University of Sussex, for us at the Sussex School of Archaeology and History, for the Rottingdean Whiteway Centre, and many other centres. She was a long-standing Trustee of the Council for British Archaeology South-East and was for many years the editor of its newsletters. Judie was also a Vice-President of the Surrey Archaeological Society. In the absence of any close relatives, our thoughts are with Judie's good friends Jenny Newell and Rose Hooker who visited her regularly during her long stay in hospital. Judie will be much missed.

I can of course only echo David's sentiments.

As I write this, preparations are being finalised for the Priory Park dig and it is already attracting a lot of press coverage;

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cpqe7xjd48do>

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/money/other/archaeological-dig-in-chichester-s-priory-park-will-further-examine-the-city-s-norman-castle/ar-AA1EBZYK>

James Kenny was recently seen being interviewed by 'Greatest Hits Radio' ! You'll have your own archaeologically linked greatest hits I'm sure but surely nothing can knock 'Can you dig it?' by The Mock Turtles off the top spot?

If you are on site at **Priory Park** over the coming weeks, as well as photos, why not take short **video clips** and share on our **CDAS Whatsapp Group**. Our committee has been considering creating a short promotional video for social media and our web site. We are aiming to produce this from a number of short clips showing a range of activities that members get involved with and of course Priory Park is an ideal opportunity.

I can only be at Priory Park for a couple of days, at the beginning and end of the dig as I'm off on my hols, a return trip to Lewis and the stones of Callanish. Here's some gratuitous holiday pics of last time I visited;



Talks and Lectures Schedule

The New Park, Chichester 2025

May 28th Members evening. Anne Bone is finalising the details of the member's evening but it will be the usual showcase of CDAS activities and work linked to CDAS Members. As I've mentioned above, unfortunately I cannot be there, I'll be on a return visit to Lewis visiting Callanish Stones

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

25th May Priory Park (12:00 – 14:00) - it is proposed that on the middle Sunday of the Priory Park dig, we have an informal member's picnic in the park. An opportunity to bring along family and friends and have a picnic adjacent to the dig. This is now confirmed as a dig-day, Steve Cleverly has requested volunteers, I'd hope those participating on the day could participate in some way should they so wish and if they have family joining the picnic. I know diggers often do this anyway on days when family are in the park.



21st June 2025 Walking Tour of Roman (and Medieval) Chichester - Part 2 - led by our President, James Kenny, Archaeology Officer, Chichester District Council, this is the first opportunity to complete Part II of the walk that James first led (Part I) last year.

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.

We are also continuing talks with Fishbourne Roman Palace about CDAS getting involved with activities on 25 July during the Festival of Archaeology which runs from July 19th – August 3rd. I will update members when /if details get finalised. I'll be in Italy on the 25th July so Richard New is co-ordinating our representation at the event.

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

Fieldwork

No update this month – all efforts are focused on Priory Park

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

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>

Apologies, no links this month, I collate them through the month but over-wrote the file.



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

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