



CDAS – Chairman’s Monthly Letter – February 2020

Fieldwork

Things are still very quiet on the Fieldwork front.

We completed the Survey of the Stansted WW2 Auxiliary Unit Hideout and a report has been drafted. The survey of the final one in our area at Eartham is scheduled to start at the end of February.

We still plan to do the geophysical survey at Fishbourne once the weather improves and the field starts to dry out.

Coastal Monitoring

Many of you will have seen the 3-D Model (<http://www.cdas.info/Medmerry.html>) that Hugh Fiske has created of the Coastguard Station that we saw in our recent trip to Medmerry.

The Coastguard station dates from the early 19th Century and was one of two near Selsey the other ironically called “Thorney” was nearer the town.

Other than its presence on OS Maps we have little information about the Coastguard Station and would like to learn more about it. It is a substantial structure whose foundations are largely intact however, it is likely to gradually disappear as the coastline erodes. If anyone is interested in doing some research into its origins and history could they let Peter Murphy know by email at coastal@cdas.info.

Peter Murphy has arranged a further session at Medmerry details are shown below

Date	Low tide	Meeting time	Study Area and aim	Meeting place
Wednesday 19 th February	13.59	13.00	To monitor recent changes on this beach. Some sites previously recorded will have been eroded away by now, but others may have been exposed.	Bunn Leisure West Sands Holiday Centre. Leave B2145 in Selsey, turning right into West Street and then right into Crablands. Follow signs to Bunn Leisure West Sands. At Security Gate say you are from CDAS, then head as far as you can NW to end of car park About SZ 836938

If you are interested in joining us on 19th February please let me know by contacting me at mike.kallaway@cdas.info.

Condition Assessment – Thorney Island

The annual Condition Assessment of the WW2 sites on Thorney Island will be on Tuesday 10th March, meeting at 09:30 at the junction of Thorney Road and Thornham Lane (SU757049).

If you would like to join us and want to bring a car onto the base you need to tell us in advance, so please email the make, model, colour and registration number of your car to annedp@waitrose.com by Friday 6 March. Bring photo ID on the day.

You cannot decide to bring a car at the last minute, but you can come as a passenger. If you send in details and then decide not to come that's no problem.

Talks

You may want to put the following dates in your diary

26th February	John Smith	Battle of Britain over Chichester, 1940: Aerial action and archaeological implications
25th March	Professor Josh Pollard	Living with Monuments: recent work on the Neolithic of the Avebury region
22nd April	Judie English	Place-names in the archaeological and historical landscape
27 th May	Members Evening – Subjects and speakers will be confirmed in April's Newsletter	

Non-members are welcome to attend our talks for a fee of £5. I would encourage Members to bring along their friends

AGM

The draft AGM Minutes have been sent out with this letter.

The updated Constitution including an additional object on publications will be uploaded to the website.

Future Activities

Bookings are now being taken for the following events. To reserve your place, please contact Pauline Blagden at activities@cdas.info

Behind the Scenes Visit to Fishbourne

Date: Thursday 6th February 2020

Time: 1100-1200

This course is now fully booked. The waiting list for the Fishbourne tour is fairly long and it might be viable to organise a second tour later in the year. Please let Pauline activities@cdas.info know if you would be interested in a tour later in the year.

Location: Discovery Centre, Fishbourne Roman Palace, Roman Way, Chichester PO19 3QR. There is plenty of parking.

Cost: Members £6.00, non-members £11.00. Payment is due by 3rd January 2020. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

Outline: This is a great opportunity for finds processors and others involved in excavations. We will have a behind the scenes tour of the store, focusing on recent research topics and providing the opportunity to handle some of the artefacts from the reserve collections. Our guide will also touch on the subject of collections management in general, and issues such as pressures of space, deposition charges, archive preparation etc.

I hope the Cafe will be open for those wanting to stay for lunch afterwards. (It was open in February 2019.) Please note that the tour does not include admission to Fishbourne Palace and you will have to pay for this separately if you wish to visit the Palace.

Study Day – Roman Sussex led by David Rudling (Sussex School of Archaeology)

Date: Sunday 22 March 2020

Time: 10:30 – 16:30

This course is now fully booked. The waiting list for the Fishbourne tour is fairly long and it might be viable to organise a second tour later in the year. Please let Pauline activities@cdas.info know if you would be interested in a tour later in the year.

Location: Fishbourne Roman Palace (Rudkin Room), Roman Way, Fishbourne, Chichester PO19 3QR. There is plenty of parking.

Cost: Members £25, non-members £30. Payment is due by 22 February 2020. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

Outline: This day school will introduce participants to aspects of the archaeology of Sussex immediately before and during the Roman period (AD 43-410). We will examine: historical sources, the 'Conquest' of Claudius, the client kingdom of Togidubnus, the Flavian Palace at Fishbourne, the tribal civitas capital at Chichester, other nucleated settlements, roads, villas, farmsteads, field systems and farming, industry, the army, religion, burial practices and the 'End of Roman Sussex'. These topics will be considered from the perspectives of both the Romans and the native population.

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Guided Tour of Bignor Roman Villa

Date: Wednesday 22 April 2020

Time: 14:30 – 15:30

Location: Bignor Roman Villa, Bignor, West Sussex RH20 1PH. There is free parking available and also a café on site.

Cost: Members £12, non-members £17. Payment is due by 20 March 2020.

Outline: The tour will cover the historical and archaeological context of the site, interpret the figures and motifs of the mosaics and touch also on the rediscovery of the Villa and its current preservation by Bignor Roman Villa Charitable Trust. After the tour you are welcome to stay on and peruse at your leisure.

Guided Tour: Southampton Old Town and Tudor House

Date: Thursday 14 May 2020

Time: 10:30 - 15:00

Location: Meet at Tudor House and Garden, Bugle Street, Southampton SO14 2AD. The Tudor House is in Southampton City Centre and travel options can be found on their website.

Cost: Members £15, non-members £20 (if places are available). Payment is due by 17th April 2020. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

Outline: The day begins with a one hour walking tour around and under the Old Town, exploring stories of merchants, mayhem and murder along the way! This tour visits some of the medieval vaults beneath the town. Returning to the Tudor House, participants may have lunch in the café or make their own arrangements. A special deal is available in the café if you choose your meal in advance and details will be sent to those who sign up. In the afternoon we will have a one hour guided tour of the Tudor House and Garden which includes behind the scenes access to the attics and cellars. There will be time to explore the house and garden on your own after the tour.

PLEASE NOTE: You need to be reasonably fit to participate in this activity. You will need to be on your feet walking and standing for the walk in the Old Town and there are some uneven surfaces, slopes and steep steps to negotiate. Most of the Tudor House is accessible to people with mobility impairment. However the attics and cellars are only accessible by steep steps. Some areas of the garden are also accessed by steep steps.

Study Day: The Archaeology of Death and Commemoration led by Simon Stevens, Senior Archaeologist at Archaeology South-East.

Date: Saturday 6 June 2020

Time: 10:00 – 16:00

Location: Fishbourne Roman Palace (Rudkin Room), Roman Way, Fishbourne, Chichester PO19 3QR. There is plenty of parking.

Cost: Members £25, non-members £30. Payment is due by 1 May 2020. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

Outline: The study of human remains can be one of the most exciting and rewarding elements of archaeology, providing direct evidence of the condition (and indeed conditions) of our ancestors. Skeletal remains can harbour a variety of information ranging from gender and stature, to lifestyle and disease. In the exact opposite method to a modern doctor, the archaeologist may be able to see what was wrong with an individual and then work out the symptoms. Perhaps a less recognised element of the study of death is the archaeological analysis of monuments associated with commemoration and remembrance. From Neolithic tombs to Commonwealth war grave cemeteries, attitudes to the deceased can be literally set in stone. Country churchyards, too, can reveal a surprising array of memorials and approaches to celebrating the deceased.

Member-led walks: Around Petworth in summer, led by Henry Wakeford

Dates: Wednesday 12 August 2020 and Sunday 16 August 2020. The same walk will take place on 2 different days. When you book, please indicate which day you will be coming.

Start Time: 13:30

Meeting point: Main Petworth town car park, GU28 0AP. There is a charge for parking on weekdays. There are public toilets in the car park.

Cost: Members £2, non-members £7. Please pay Pauline in cash on the day. The correct change would be appreciated.

Leader: Henry Wakeford

Outline: The walk will be leaving the confines of Petworth to visit a couple of nearby hamlets to look at some of their historical details.

PLEASE NOTE: You will need to be reasonably fit to take part in this activity. The walk is about six miles long and involves some steep hill walking. It will take between two and three hours. Wear stout footwear, preferably walking boots.

Study Day: Chichester's Maritime Past, led by writer and historian Ian Friel.

Date: Saturday 28 November 2020

Time: 10:00 – 16:00

Location: Fishbourne Roman Palace (Rudkin Room), Roman Way, Fishbourne, Chichester PO19 3QR. There is plenty of parking.

Cost: Members £25, non-members £30. Payment is due by 30 October 2020. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

Outline: Covering the area from Pagham Harbour to Chichester Harbour, and the period from prehistory onwards, this study day will explore Chichester's maritime history through both archaeological and historical sources, drawing on Ian's own research. The maritime history of this area is much richer than sometimes realised. It includes, for instance, an Elizabethan sailor from Chichester who vanished in the Indian Ocean, the Harbour's role as a grain-exporting haven in the 18th century, its surprising history in constructing Georgian warships, the local oyster fishery, and the development of yachting and leisure boating in the 20th century.

To reserve your place at any of the activities, please contact Pauline Blagden at activities@cdas.info

If you want to keep up with our latest news please click on the Facebook or Twitter links at the end of this letter.

EasyFundRaising

Since we started using EasyFundRaising £78 has been raised by six people in three months. This is a significant contribution towards our Fieldwork Budget.

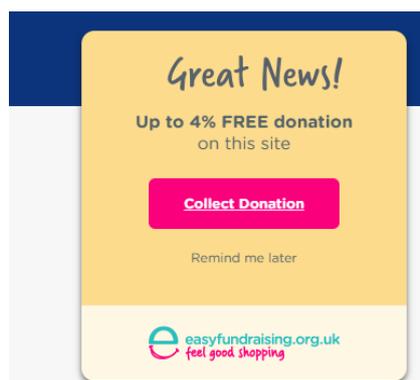
We would like more members to start using EasyFundRaising so I have repeated the instructions below on how to start.

You can shop online with more than 3,600 well known online stores, for example Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S and when you make a purchase, the retailer sends us a free donation, at no extra cost to you.

Instructions:

1. Please visit our new easyfundraising page at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cdasociety/> and click 'support this cause'.
2. Click on "Continue with Facebook" to log in using your Facebook details. Alternatively click "Continue with Email" and enter your name, email address and a password. Agree to the terms and conditions then click "Create my account"
3. You will then get a page "Never Miss a Donation Again". It's well worth getting the reminder, so click "Get the Donation Reminder", then click "Add the Donation Reminder" followed by "Get". This will download an extension to your browser that will give you a reminder whenever you go to a site that makes a donation.

That's it! Then when you go to a site that makes donations, a small icon appears:



If you have any problems or want assistance please contact Mark Seaman at treasurer@cdas.info

Other activities Members might be interested in

Mystery Warrior: The North Bersted Man exhibition has opened at the Novium Museum Chichester

Having seen the exhibition myself this is a "must see".

This will be the first time that this extraordinary Iron Age Warrior and his burial possessions will be on public display. The exhibition explores the life, health and death of this fascinating man. It will attempt to explain some of the questions that have been raised by the circumstances of his burial.

As part of our Mystery Warrior exhibition we will be bringing you an exciting series of free lectures delivered by world-class experts who have analysed and interpreted the finds to tell the story of the Mystery Warrior.

The exhibition is free with donations gratefully received. Booking is essential for lectures.

Visit the Novium Museum website at <http://www.thenovium.org/mysterywarrior> to see the full programme of events on the Bersted Warrior, including Family Days, Lecture Series and Community Days.

The exhibition has been made possible due to Berkeley Homes generously donating the finds, a £50,000 grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, and signature sponsorship from Irwin Mitchell.



Worthing Archaeology Society

Talk Tue, 11 February 2020 Dr Janet Pennington *An Archaeological Childhood in Sussex* -

Janet grew up in the post-World War II years looking at the ground – daughter of Sussex archaeologists Eric and Hilda Holden. Most of her early memories are of Sussex history, field-walking with her parents and observing, later taking part in, archaeological excavations all over Sussex. This talk takes us back to a more peaceful time with little traffic, no health and safety, and when every outing seemed to be tinged with excitement and mystery.

Talk starts at 7pm in the Gordon Room, Stoke Abbott Rd, Worthing BN11 1HA

Talk Tue, 10 March 2020 Richard Osgood *Recovering (from) the past: Archaeology and Operation Nightingale*

Operation Nightingale started in 2011 with the aim of assisting the recovery of military personnel post operational-tours using archaeology. Since then it has worked on sites as varies as Saxon cemeteries in Wiltshire to crashed fighter planes in Sussex. This talk will draw together many of the fieldwork results, and discuss the outcomes for volunteers and heritage

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Archaeology Books and Publications

Valerie Singer the former Deputy Director of Excavations, for Coventry Museum amassed a collection of books and publications on Archaeology during her lifetime. Following her death her brother Philip offered the collection to CDAS.

The last of the books sold at our recent talk and have raised £82 in total for CDAS. The remaining journals have gone to the Oxfam bookshop in Chichester.

Sally Christian Grants

Sally Christian Grants are available to individuals starting out in archaeology as either amateurs or students which would include sixth formers or undergraduates to assist with the costs of various types of training, both practical and academic and to enable such individuals to gain experience in archaeological fieldwork and other forms of research in East and West Sussex. Funding is NOT available to meet the training needs of professional archaeologists.

Grants are available for: short training courses (normally lasting from one to five days long, but sometimes longer) covering such subjects as surveying, excavation methods, environmental sampling, identifying, recording and interpreting finds, etc.; day schools covering either practical skills or relevant academic information; attendance at relevant conferences; and research projects which provide students and/or amateurs with expert supervision and some training. Feedback will be required from the successful applicants.

For further details regarding applications contact Luke Barber, Research Officer, research@sussexpast.co.uk.

All applications should be submitted at least five weeks before a proposed funded course or project takes place.

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1st February 2020

