



Introduction

Hello everyone and welcome to the March 2026 CDAS Newsletter. As I mentioned at New Park last month, I will not be at this month's talk due to a theatrical commitment appearing at The Barn in Portsmouth in a Southsea Shakespeare Actor's adaptation of Cabin Pressure. I will leave you in the capable hands of our Chair Mark Seaman and Mike Kallaway, ably supported by Ken Parry.

I did receive a query last month, asking why I was still introducing the talks now I am no longer Chair. I did mention at the AGM that in order to make the role of Chair less onerous, I was happy to continue with Introducing Talks and for that matter producing this Newsletter and Mark took me up on that offer for the main but will be your host in my absence this month.

I was pleased to be able to join the teams performing the Geophysical Surveys on Halnaker Hill in the last couple of weeks. My two days couldn't have been more different; the first was dry but we caught the tail end of the cold snap and endured very strong winds. Then on Tuesday this week it was glorious on the hill with clear blue skies and a strong sense that spring had finally arrived. I spent both of my days on Mag but I know there have been lots of opportunities for CDAS members to get involved in using the Mag and Res machines. The preliminary results are looking good but we await the formal sharing of the results from Steve, once the images have been tidied and properly interpreted.



Brian calibrating the Bartington



Resting Bartington

Talks and Lectures Schedule

The New Park, Chichester 2025

2026

25th March - Miles Russell – An Iron Age cemetery of the Durotriges.

22rd April - Simon Coleman and Dr Rebecca Welshman - 'Heathfield Down: An Alternative Location for the Battlefield of Hastings,1066'.

May 27th – Members evening – general call to members for anyone who wants to give a 10min talk on research they're working on together with reports back from Fieldwork Committee on CDAS activity in the last year.



June/July/August – Summer recess, no lectures.

September 23rd – **Francis Wenban-Smith** - Giant hand-axes and other recent Palaeolithic discoveries.

October 28th - **Martyn Allen, Oxford Archaeology** – Post-excavation of the discoveries at the Westhampnett Rolls Royce excavations.

November 25th – **Helena Griffiths and Andy Bliss** - Prehistoric hunters of the High Weald.

December 9th - **AGM** at the hall in Bosham

All talks are at New Park Cinema, Chichester, from 7:00 pm, 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

No specific CDAS update this month, Committee are considering a number of potential activities which will be featured in future Newsletters.

If you have any suggestions for activities or want to get involved arranging an activity, please email activities@cdas.info For full details see the CDAS website [here](#)

Fieldwork

We plan to make a topographical survey and fingertip search of the **Flint Mines on Kingley Vale in March/April**. The project has been agreed with the Nature Warden but does require approval from Historic England.

We are working on plans for **Coastal Monitoring and Condition Assessment** activities in the Spring.

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. We'll be holding the 'catch up' draws on our return to New Park.

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

It's that time of year again – Renewal ! You will have received (or will shortly receive an email detailing the process of renewal. It is a two-step process; i) you must log onto Membermojo and indicate that you wish to renew your membership (there is a link in the email from Richard New) then ii) you need to pay your subscription, again all the details of ways to pay are in the



email. Simple, or so it should be, I hope, for Richard's sake, the process is trouble free but if you have any concerns or queries, please reply to Richard's email.

Competition Time

This is a final call, entries close 31 March. This year marks our 35th Anniversary and Committee have been discussing how we might mark this milestone (Covid put pay to any celebrations of our 30th). James Kenny our President mentioned at a recent Committee meeting that our CDAS logo has served us well, but could do with bringing up to date with a re-brand. Now, we could pay *Tens of Thousands of Pounds for a Consultancy to come up with a new logo...that in my business experience would look very similar to the old one! Or we could invite Members, their family and friends to have a go at creating a new logo that encapsulates CDAS in the 21st Century.

*actually, we couldn't!

Competition Detail;

What we are asking you do Design a new CDAS Logo

When Submissions November 25 – March 26

We will announce a winner at our May Members Talk

Who can participate Members, Members Family or Friends (must be submitted through a CDAS Member)

Prize 1 Year's Free CDAS Membership
Cash /Gift Token equivalent

Terms and Conditions 1.The Committee's Decision is final. 2. CDAS Committee reserve the right to amend the winning entry to arrive at a final new logo. 3. Entries should be in a format that can be subsequently modified. 4. There is no fee payable by CDAS for any work submitted as part of the competition. 5. The Copyright of any winning logo will be gifted to and owned by CDAS.

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>

Our very own Sam Joy is giving an online talk for The Sussex Archaeological Society on 31 March on Chichester YAC ;

<https://sussexpast.co.uk/event/spring-talk-sam-joy-the-young-archaeologists-club-bringing-young-people-and-the-past-together/>

The Novium Museum has been in the press recently announcing the news that the Stopham Mount will now be on display to the public . A good excuse (if you need one) to revisit The Novium.



[West Sussex: Rare Anglo-Saxon artefact to go on display | The Argus](#)

Worthing Museum are also due to re-open their doors on 28th March, full details of their phased re-opening is on their website;

[Worthing Museum & Art Gallery | Worthing Theatres and Museum](#)

I received notification recently about this course from Jane Russell;

Hello,

At a recent Brighton and Hove Archaeology Society Day-school a request was made for a day-school on writing archaeological reports, as some local society members do not feel confident in doing this.

I have fixed a date for the Day-school on 'How to write an Archaeological Report' with Simon Stevens from ASE, for Saturday 31st October. It will be held at the Patcham Community Centre, Patcham, Brighton (just off the A27, main Brighton junction). It will be from 10 - 4pm and cost £25.

More detailed information will follow at a later date but thought that I would inform those that might be interested in advance, so you can put the date in your diary!

Please do contact me if you have any queries.

*Best wishes,
Jane Russell*

I will pass on any updates as I receive them but I thought I'd share now in case you wished to put it in your calendars

Thanks for taking the time to read this Newsletter, please feel free to get in touch with suggestions and / or content of your own.

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