



CDAS Circular – June 2021

Hello Everybody

IT'S FLAMING JUNE!

Well at least the first couple of days.

At long last some fine, dry, warm and not windy days which means the garden chairs can emerge. Hopefully this is the start of summer and one in which we will be released from lockdown. Fingers crossed that the Covid infection rate doesn't escalate or we will be suffering from the wrong sort of Indian Summer!

Fieldwork

Just under two weeks until the start of our geophysics work at Seeley Copse on the Goodwood Estate. I am sure, like me, you are eagerly awaiting Trevor Davies's roster of which days we will be working and the opportunity to see each other again. Many thanks to Trevor for doing the roster and to Steve Cleverly for making the arrangements. We shall be doing a mixture of magnetometry and resistivity which many of us are now familiar with – though we approach the 'partials' with trepidation!

There will be some other opportunities during the summer including our excavation work in Priory Park but we must give the Fieldwork Committee some time to catch their breaths before another one gets arranged.

Talks programme

I hope you all enjoyed learning about the bridge at Pulborough. Who knew there was so much to discover! My particular thanks to John Mills who stepped in at very short notice when our booked speaker couldn't make it. Hopefully we will catch up with that speaker in the future. At least the archaeology won't disappear!

Other on-line opportunities

I am very grateful to our member Libran Williamson who has drawn my attention to a free on-line course. She writes:

Hi Malcolm,

Just a thought - I know you send out links to talks by ourselves and other Archaeological groups - well this is a little different, but I have done a number of FREE Archaeological on-line courses by FutureLearn. My favourite by far was Homo Florensensis - but I notice that at the moment they are advertising Star Carr: https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/exploring-stone-age-archaeology-the-mysteries-of-star-carr?utm_source=Iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=fl_bau&utm_term=210530_BOM_HIST

The course doesn't start until 28th June but you can sign-up and you receive e-mails once a week (this one is for 4 weeks and lasts roughly 4 hours per week). You then work through the tasks/learning at your own pace and tick off the parts as you go.

Although you can pay for certificates etc. if you wish, the course itself is free and run by a university - in this case the University of York.

Best wishes

Libran Williamson

ButserAncient Farm has launched ButserPlus: a way to enter the world of ButserAncient Farm online with professional video content. Details here:

<https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/butser-plus>

There is also a blog about the completion of the Horton Neolithic House just in time for visiting:

<https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/blog/2021/4/18/neolithic-house-project-the-completion-of-the-orton-house>

Keep well and I hope we shall be able to meet again soon.

Malcolm Pheasey

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