

## **CDAS – Chairman’s Monthly Letter – April 2016**

Firstly, a reminder that membership renewals were due 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Two of our Bar staff are standing down at the end of the current series of talks so I am looking for replacements. You would be formally trained by New Park. Please contact me if you might be interested. At this point I particularly want to thank Dorothy Lawson, who has co-ordinated the bar team for a number of years.

With the tourist season fast approaching I should like to draw members' attention to the CDAS guidebook to the visible archaeological remains in Chichester. The handy A5 guide, 'Walk Into Chichester's Past', was produced in close cooperation with the District Archaeologist, James Kenny, and is on sale, at a very reasonable price, at the Novium district museum in Tower Street. A French edition, 'Découvrir Chichester à Pied', is also available. CDAS makes 50p on the sale of each booklet so by buying them you are also supporting the Society.

### **Talks**

These take place at New Park Cinema and start at 7.30. Non-members are welcome for a contribution of £3. On 27<sup>th</sup> April our speaker is Luciana Carvalho and her subject is "Process and techniques of conservation at UCL." Luciana has been co-ordinating the research into our star find from Warblington.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker/Activity</b>	
25.5.16	Members evening	Will include updates on CDAS activities

### **Study Days**

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> May - Background to Warblington excavation. This is new and will be run by CDAS members. The objective is to provide a background understanding of: the site, how a dig is organised, why you are being asked to do things in a certain way and how the resulting data is recorded. There will be a charge of £15. There are a few places left; please contact Jenny Harvey via our web site if you are interested:

### **Member Lead Walks**

Please contact Jenny Harvey via our Web site if you are interested in either of the following:

- Petworth Estate on 9<sup>th</sup> April. This is a rerun of Henry Wakeford’s tour round Petworth Estate; it is scheduled for a Saturday so as to accommodate those who have commitments during the week. This was a great success last year. Henry has lived on the estate all his life and has a wealth of anecdotes.

- David Bone will lead “A ramble around Duncton, history and archaeology from a geological perspective” on 19<sup>th</sup> May – this will include a stop at a pub around lunch time. There will be a small charge depending on the numbers.

### **Coastal Monitoring**

If you would be interested in becoming involved then contact Peter Murphy via our web site. No experience is required but you will need some wet weather clothing. The weather should be quietening down so there will only be a limited number of visits until next autumn's equinoctial gales.

### **Other Fieldwork Activities**

Plans are in abeyance; not only had it been too wet for our kit but most sites are waterlogged. Trevor Davies will get in contact with those on his list as soon as an opportunity arises.

### **Warblington Excavation**

We are planning to set-up the excavation on 5<sup>th</sup> September and close-down, including turf replacement, on the 19th. As always we need to get various permissions. More detailed information and requests for volunteers in a few months.

Regards

Ann Davies