



CDAS – Chairman’s Monthly Letter – August 2016

Note: all committee members can be contacted via our web site.

General Committee Vacancies

As of the end of the year we will have some vacancies. I am particularly concerned that we find one or two people to take over the “Study Days” from Jenny Harvey as these events are very popular. See the end of this letter for further information. If you might be interested then please contact me.

Local Events

- Secrets of the High Woods is running an event at Portsmouth Museum on 21st August. They have invited us to have a stand. Would one or two members be available to support Steve Cleverley? If so please can you contact him via our Web site.
- Chichester Harbour Conservancy is organising an open day at Eames Farm (Thorney Island) on 17th September. Unfortunately this coincides with the last full day at Warblington so members of the committee are not available. Are there a couple of members who would be prepared to run our display? If so please can you contact me. I would be keen to support this event as over the years the Conservancy has provided us with a variety of support including financial.

Talks

These take place in the cinema at New Park at 7.30; the autumn schedule is shown below. There is a charge for non-members.

28th September 2016	Nick Thorpe	Conflict and Care in Copper and Bronze Age Britain
26th October 2016	Mike Allen	A New Prehistory of Chalk lands: Environmental Archaeology from Microscope to Landscape
23rd November 2016	Alice Thorne	The 'Secrets of the High Woods' project
7th December 2016	AGM and Christmas Party	

Study Days

Possible options for 16/17 are being investigated. If you have any suggestions then please contact Jenny Harvey:

Member Lead Walks

Please contact Jenny Harvey or myself if you would be interested in leading such a walk.

Coastal Monitoring

No more monitoring is planned until the autumn. If you would like to be emailed as soon dates are identified and are not yet on Peter Murphy's list then please contact him.

Peter has written a report for the Environment Agency/RSPB on our activities at Medmerry a copy of which is on our web site (fieldwork/recent fieldwork/Medmerry).

Geophys

Two surveys have been planned; one at Priory Park and the other near Milland. Both are fully subscribed. Opportunities often arise at short notice so please contact Trevor Davies if you want to be on his mailing list of possible volunteers and are not already registered.

Warblington Excavation 5th – 19th September

Preparations are continuing. Many days are fully subscribed but there may be a couple of places some days if you are new to the society and would like give it a try. Contact Trevor Davies.

Talks at 6 - Chichester

This is a local initiative which organises talks on a range of subjects. Admission is free and voluntary donations go to the Charity nominated by the speaker. On 11th August Trevor Davies is speaking about our excavations at Warblington. It will be quite general but if you are new to CDAS you should find it interesting. See their web site for details.

Turn the Tide: 2nd annual CITIZAN conference

The CDAS Coastal Monitoring Team works with CiTIZAN; they have asked us to publicise their conference.

“CITIZAN, the Coastal and Intertidal Zone Archaeological Network is holding its second annual conference in the sunny south west this year. Join us in buzzing Bristol for a voyage of discovery on the world famous SS *Great Britain* on **Saturday 8th October 2016**.

If you're interested in your coastal heritage, in community archaeology or just love the seaside, then come on down. It's a great day out: you'll hear a host of inspiring speakers, be treated to lunch and refreshments and you'll get a chance to visit Brunel's superbly restored ship, all for just £10. Yes, just £10.

Don't miss the boat – book your tickets now via the CITIZAN website”

CDAS General Committee - Vacancies

Members serve on the General Committee (GC) for a maximum of 4 years, where the year starts at the AGM in early December. You will be supported in your role by the other members. The GC meets about every 2 months depending on current activities and issues. The meetings are held in the evening currently at Emsworth.

We need volunteers for three roles; brief outlines of what is involved for each follow. To spread the load it may be that two people could job share a role but one would need to be the lead for reporting purposes. It would be helpful to fill the roles sooner rather than later so that there can be a period of parallel running. In the short term you would be co-opted on the committee prior to ratification at the AGM.

Please contact me if you would like any further information and/or might be interested.

Study Days

These cover a mixture of training and more general topics, which though of interest may not be directly relevant to CDAS activities. They generally involve an element of practical work. Usually they are run at Fishbourne on a Saturday but this does not have to be the case. There is a charge for attending the objective of which is to cover the costs.

The role involves:

- Identifying possible options – support provided by the GC and Fieldwork Committee and members asked for suggestions
- Scoping option in terms of date, speaker, content, costs & attendance fee
- Arranging that event is publicised via monthly letter & web site
- Booking speaker & venue
- Managing the attendees inc. collecting fee
- Confirming Speaker & venue shortly prior to meeting
- Organising coffee/tea/milk/biscuits
- Managing the event on the day

A particular bonus associated is that you attend the Study Day free.

Member Lead Walks

These are a relatively new activity where a member leads a walk through an area pointing out features of archaeological interest and providing a back ground to the history.

The role involves:

- Identifying possible options – support provided by the GC and Fieldwork Committee
- Working with the Leader to develop specification in terms of date, location, duration, level of difficulty, period covered and whether there would be any out of pocket expenses (e.g. handouts)

- Arranging that event is publicised via monthly letter & website
- Managing the attendees inc. collecting any contribution to costs
- Confirming arrangements shortly prior to meeting
- Managing the event on the day

Trips

CDAS has not organised a trip for a couple of years. Certainly we moved away from coach hire some years ago and moved to car sharing. Periodically members point out something that they think would make a good trip. I think one way forward would be for that member to work with the committee member to make the arrangements.

- Identifying possible options – support provided by the GC and Fieldwork Committee and members asked for suggestions
- Scoping option in terms of location, what would be offered (visit/special guide/etc.), travel arrangements, costs
- Booking event as necessary
- Arranging that event is publicised via monthly letter & website
- Managing the attendees inc. collecting fees
- Co-ordinating car sharing
- Managing the event on the day

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