

CDAS – August 2017 – Letter

Emsworth Museum – Warblington Exhibition

CDAS will be holding an exhibition on the CDAS excavation at Warblington in the Emsworth Museum from 11th August until 3rd September. It may be that we will be asked to stay on a further 2 or 4 weeks; I will keep you posted. Havant have given permission for us to include what is referred to in the publicity as the “mystery find”. If you are new to the society and in particular if you are joining the excavation the exhibition should provide a useful introduction to the site. The main section of the museum is well worth a visit in its own right.

The museum is open: Saturday morning & afternoons, Sunday afternoons and in August, Friday afternoons. For times see www.emsworthmuseum.org.uk. The Museum itself is fully manned by their volunteers; however, two years ago we provided 1 or 2 stewards per half day session and this was appreciated by the visitors and the Museum. A steward’s briefing pack will be provided. Some of you have already volunteered but the weekend of the 2/3rd could do with some more stewards. Please contact me if you are able to help for a half day. ann.davies34@btinternet.com Thank you.

Emsworth Show 28th August

We have rented a “wall” of Emsworth Museum’s gazebo. The objective is to promote CDAS and our exhibition. If you attend the show then do call by I will be there most of the day.

Warblington Roman Villa - Excavation

We have received the formal document approving our application to excavate, which is good news. Those of you who have volunteered should have received the draft schedule in the last few days. Can you please check carefully to ensure that our interpretation of your availability is correct and that you can still attend on the days shown. If there are any problems please contact Trevor Davies trevor.davies28@btinternet.com.

About a third of our membership has signed up so far. If you have not yet volunteered but realise that you now have the time then contact Trevor; he might possibly be able to find a place. He would particularly welcome some more volunteers for Tuesday 5th. We will have taken the turf and the top layer off with the digger the previous day so we should not be far from the archaeology.

A revised schedule and full joining instructions will be issued nearer the time.

There will be an opportunity for Members to visit later in the afternoon of Thursday 14th September. Details will be provided near the time.

Suggestion for Study Day

Last month I suggested that a friend who is basically into weaving but also looks at the history & ancient history of the subject leads a study morning/day. Thank you to those who came back to me. Sufficient interest was shown to make it worthwhile to consider in more

detail how it might run. Once we have a draft agenda I will circulate it for comment & suggestions. This event will not take place until the New Year.

Other Fieldwork

We don't undertake surveys and coastal monitoring at this time of year but plans are being developed for the autumn.

Have a good summer

Ann Davies - CDAS Chairman

WEA Introduction to Archaeology

I know no more about the course than the description below but if you are new to archaeology and want to learn more it may be of interest.

The Havant Branch of the WEA is running a course – “An Introduction to Archaeology” at Emsworth Community Centre, Church Path, Emsworth, PO10 7DP. The lecturer is Michael Pengelly who met some of our members on the High Woods Project. Activity Start Date: 01/11/2017 at: 14:00 Activity Finish Date: 29/11/2017 (5 Weekly 2 hour sessions). Enrolment Online at “enrolonline.wea.org.uk” or Phone: 0300 303 3464.

“Archaeology is all around us if you know what it looks like. Over five weekly sessions, the principles and practice of archaeology will be explored with opportunity to handle artefacts, as well as practical sessions on flint and pottery recognition. Local archaeology will be considered and placed into its wider context. No previous experience of Archaeology is necessary and after the course participants will have the skill set necessary to carry out independent research.”

Since his retirement from the Civil Service, Mike Pengelly has completed Diplomas in Archaeology from the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge and gained an MRes in Archaeology from the University of Winchester. Apart from lecturing for the WEA, he also gives talks to local Archaeological societies and the U3A.

CBA Home Front Legacy

The CBA has sent details of this project. CDAS will not be becoming involved as a society but some may wish to get involved on an individual basis.

Dear Colleague,

I'm writing to tell you about the Home Front Legacy project coordinated by the Council for British Archaeology. The Home Front Legacy project helps local communities find out about, and map, the remains of the First World War, and raise awareness of the wide range of archaeology that survives across the UK.

If you are one of the 100's of groups and individuals that are already taking part in the Home Front Legacy project, we'd like to thank you for all your support, and ask for your continued help spreading the word and getting more people involved in the project by sharing this message with other societies and groups in your local area who may be interested in taking part. We would also like to ask for your help recruiting a network of Champions who make a real difference to the project through their commitment and enthusiasm.

By recording sites you are making a valuable contribution to the archaeological record and ensuring that the story of these sites is preserved for future generations. It's also a great opportunity to develop new skills, creates an opportunity for teamwork, and can be tied in with other research you may be involved with in your local archives and museums.

There are a number of ways you can get involved and encourage your members to take part:

- Have a look at the [website](#) and see what has already been recorded near you.
- Host a Home Front Legacy meeting to work through the training guide together, go on a site visit, or carry out some desk based research to find out about sites you could record in your local area.
- Work with your local branch of the Young Archaeologists Club using our [resources for young people](#).
- Share information about the project with your members and encourage them to get involved via your newsletters and social media.

To find out more please take a look at the Home Front Legacy [website](#) where you will find out all about the recording app, be able to search the sites that have been recorded so far, access useful resources, and discover all the latest news and research via our blog. When you do get involved, please share your pictures and news about what you have been doing on our social media sites.

To spread the word about this project, and get more people involved, we want to build up our network of Home Front Legacy Champions. We would like to find 5 champions in each region of England, who have made an outstanding contribution to the project by inspiring and supporting others to get involved, researching the history of sites, or showing a high standard of recording. They might be members of CBA groups, county, or local societies, or from another First World War project. If you know someone who would make a great champion please contact Claire Corkill at clairecorkill@archaeologyuk.org

If you have any questions about recording or using the app you can contact Chris Kolonko, our Home Front Legacy Project Officer. Chris's email address is chriskolonko@archaeologyuk.org

Kind regards,

Claire Corkill



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