

CDAS – Chairman’s Monthly Letter – January 2017

All committee members can be contacted via our web site CDAS.info

The AGM went well with 48 (about 1/3 of our membership) attending. I will circulate the draft minutes shortly.

Chichester Council is planning to change the car parking arrangements for their New Park car park whereby charges will apply until 8.0. This is due to apply in a few months time; as you can image protests are being made. I will keep you posted.

Martyn Canfield

Ken Mordle has contacted me with the sad news that Martyn has died. Martyn and his wife June, took part in a number of the digs George Anelay ran when with CDC, for example at Selhurst and the Bishop’s Palace, so any CDAS members who came on those digs may well remember him. To quote George “he was a keen digger and a lovely chap”. His wife particularly asked that CDAS members be informed.

Talks

The talks take place in the cinema at New Park at 7.30; the spring schedule is shown below. Please note that the charge for non-members is now £5 as this better reflects the running costs to the society. If a visitor subsequently decides to join then this charge is refunded.

Date	Speaker/Activity	
25th January 2017	Lauren Tidbury	The Coastal and Intertidal Zone Archaeological Network (CiTIZAN) - a National Community Archaeology Project. As many of you are aware CDAS has a significant involvement in this project.
22nd February 2017	David Staveley	A Radar Survey of Roman Chichester
22nd March 2017	Guy Salkeld	Archaeology in the Ministry of Defence Estate
26th April 2017	Mark Roberts	The Forest of Arundel and the Fitzalan Earls' Deer Park at Downley, Singleton, West Sussex
24th May 2017	Members evening	

CDAS Study Days

David Bone - From villa to church, the building stones of Warblington - Saturday 18 March 2017

Start time: tbc, full day event - Meeting point: Fishbourne Roman Palace Cost: Members £25.00, non-members £30.00 (if places are available). Payment due by 4 Feb.

The building stones used in the construction of Warblington Roman villa and the medieval church have many similarities. This study day will provide guidance on stone identification and their geological background. We will also explore what they can tell us about historic building practices and stone supply. The morning will be a classroom session at Fishbourne Palace and the afternoon session will be outside at Warblington church for 'hands on'. Lunch will be at Fishbourne and you may bring a packed lunch or use the café.

If you would like a place then please contact Pauline Blagden at training@cdas.info. Options for other events are being investigated. If you have suggestions then please contact Pauline.

Member Lead Walks

To book a place on either of these walks please contact Pauline Blagden at visits@cdas.info also contact her if you would be interested in leading your own walk

Guided Walk - LIDAR around Stansted Forest - Wednesday 8 March 2017.

Start time: 14:00. Meeting Point: the entrance to Stansted on the corner of Finchdean Road, Rowlands Castle. This is about 100m east of the "Tea on the Green" café and the Castle Inn. Parking is along Finchdean Road opposite the Castle Inn or around The Green in Rowlands Castle. Leaders: Mark Seaman and Brian Tomkinson. Cost: Members £1.00, non-members £6.00 (if places are available) payable in cash on the day

A walk round Stansted Forest to view various historical features, many of which have been discovered through Lidar. Features will vary from WW2 trenches through to prehistoric field boundaries. Lidar maps will be provided and a basic description of Lidar given including its importance to archaeology. The walk will be about 4 miles and will take about 2 hours though there will be an option for those who wish to do a shorter walk finishing at about 15:00 when there will be a path they could take back to the entrance. Walking boots are recommended as the ground will be quite rough and muddy in places.

Guided Walk in Kingley Vale - Wednesday 5 April 2017.

Start time: 10:00. Meeting point: West Stoke Car Park, Downs Rd, Chichester PO18 9BE. Leader: Mike Kallaway. Cost: Members £1.00, non-members £6.00 (if places are available) payable in cash on the day

Kingley Vale is a well-known National Nature reserve within the South Downs National Park. Most visitors are aware of the ancient yew tree forest, Devils Hump Bronze Age Barrows and Iron Age settlements. Less well known is Kingley Vale's past as a military training site particularly during World War 2.

During this walk we will explore a number of military sites from the 19th Century rifle range to Auxiliary Unit WW2 hideouts. We will look at the evidence that still remains of its military use and the efforts made to clear munitions from the site after WW2. The walk will be illustrated by the use of old maps, aerial photos, LiDAR images and other documents.

The walk will start and finish in West Stoke Car Park and take around 2-3 hours. The total climb from the car park to the top is around 150metres and is quite steep in parts so appropriate footwear should be worn. There are no facilities on site.

Coastal Monitoring

Peter has prepared a spring schedule outlined below. This provides a basic framework; extra ones are arranged when the weather is particularly stormy. If you are not yet on Peter Murphy's list and would like further information then please contact him on lecture@cdas.info

Date	Time	Location
20th January	930	Langstone Harbour eastern shore Hayling Island
10th February	1200	West shore of Chichester Channel opposite Dell Quay
27th March	1400	Medmerry Breach West
26th April	1400	Chidham

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Options are being investigated. 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.

Ann Davies
CDAS Chairman