

CDAS – Chairman’s Monthly Letter – April 2017

Membership for 16/17 has expired; the membership fee for the year “April 17/March 18” is £20. Those of you who pay by Standing Order need to remember to change the amount from £18. Membership form and payment details are on our website.

Priory Park

The dig will take place for 2 weeks starting 22nd May. Those of you who have volunteered should have heard back from Trevor Davies; if you have not then please get in touch. All places on this dig are now taken; but even if you can’t get involved I encourage you to call by and see how things are going. The team will be working over the Bank Holiday Weekend.

Talks

A reminder that Chichester Council is now applying parking charges until 8.0pm at their New Park and Theatre car parks. Current rates for New Park are 50p for ½ hour and 1.20 for whole hour.

The talks take place in the cinema at New Park at 7.30; the spring schedule is:

Date	Speaker/Activity	
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	This will include talks on some of our current projects including Geophys at Aldwick, Coastal monitoring and our fascinating find from Warblington

Activities

Saturday 22 April - Matt Pope – West Sussex landscapes and geology for the archaeologist- This is fully subscribed with a waiting list

A possible activity for June is being investigated; the details will be circulated once finalised. Information on activities is available on the CDAS Web site.

Coastal Monitoring

The spring schedule provides a basic framework; extra visits are arranged when the weather is particularly stormy. If you are not yet on Peter’s list and would like further information then please contact him on lecture@cdas.info

Date	Time	Location
26th April	1400	Chidham

Geophys

Three surveys were organised for the spring. No surveys are planned for the next few months or so partially because most farm land is now under crop or being grazed.

All these were fully subscribed within about a week of the invitation going out. If you think you might like to be involved then you really need to be registered on Trevor Davies's mailing list of possible volunteers rather than wait for the monthly letter.

Warblington Excavation

We are hoping to run the Warblington excavation this year but as always there are a number of issues that need to be resolved. If we go ahead it will run for 2 weeks starting on 4th September.

Talk at Petersfield

Today I have been passed the following by Katherine West, Curator and Manager of Petersfield Museum. If you want to attend you need to contact the museum.

“This Thursday 20th April, George Anelay, co-Director of the People of the Heath project, will give a talk about the latest developments from our project, particularly focusing on the two excavation seasons carried out on Petersfield Heath in 2016.

Highlights from these include the discovery of two Bronze Age cremation urns from different styles of barrow, together with the investigation of two fascinating enclosure monuments.

Time: 7pm

Location: Rose Room, Petersfield Festival Hall, Petersfield

This talk will be **FREE** but booking via Petersfield Museum is essential. Please contact us on 01730 262601 or at education@petersfieldmuseum.co.uk “

Ann Davies
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