

CDAS – Chairman’s Monthly Letter – January 2018

Annual General Meeting

The AGM went well with a slightly lower attendance than last year, just over of a quarter of the members were present.

The make-up of the General Committee has seen five changes. Mike Kallaway has taken over from Ann Davies as Chairman. Mark Seaman has taken over as Treasurer from Steve Cleverly. Brian Tomkinson has taken over from Pat Ferris as Membership Secretary. Colin Wheeler has taken over the responsibility for Talks from Peter Murphy. Finally, David Blagden has taken over responsibility for Publicity from Mike Kallaway.

This means that more than half the Committee has changed and it make take us a little while to get fully up to speed.

You can see the full list of Committee Members on our website

Talks

You may want to put the following dates in your diary.

January 24th	Iain Grant and Daniel Pascoe	New excavations at two Solent Wrecks: Hazardous and Invincible
February 28th	Trevor Davies	The Roman villa at Warblington: a review after 10 years of investigation
March 28th	Edwin Wood	Archaeological finds from Sussex: Portable Antiquities Scheme finds 2016-17
April 25th	Stuart Needham	Bronze Age Barrowscapes in the Rother region
May 23rd	Members evening	

Activities

**Roman-period pottery found in West Sussex (c.AD70-410).
A Study Day led by Gordon Hayden.**

Date: Saturday 10 February 2018

Time: 10:00 – 16:00

Location: Fishbourne Roman Palace (David Rudkin Room), Roman Way, Fishbourne, Chichester PO19 3QR. [Directions](#) There is plenty of parking.

Cost: Members £25, non-members £30 (if places are available). Payment is due by 10 January. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

The course outline:

The day will consist of the identification of the most common pottery types found in West Sussex, from the formal absorption of this particular area into the Roman Empire (c.AD70), until the end of Roman period.

Through the use of presentations and a sorting session, the most common pottery types will be studied with the aim of differentiating between local, regional and imported wares.

This course is filling up fast and if you want to go you need to book your place by emailing Pauline Blagden at activities@cdas.info

Introduction to QGIS, a Practical Guide: a study day led by Mark Seaman, Mike Kallaway and Brian Tomkinson

Date: Saturday 24 February 2018

Time: 1000-1600

Location: Eames Farm, Thorney Road, Emsworth, PO10 8DE. [Directions](#) Free parking is available. You will need to bring a packed lunch.

Cost: Members £25, non-members £30 (if places are available). Payment is due by 24 January. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

The course outline: This is an introductory course to the most commonly used graphical information system, QGIS. The objective is to introduce delegates to this powerful set of tools and use QGIS to achieve basic but very useful results. It is a practical course, and delegates should bring a laptop previously loaded with QGIS. Instructions to load up QGIS will be sent out beforehand. Course notes will be provided for future reference.

Assistance will be provided on the course if any difficulties are encountered. If a laptop is not available then one can be shared. We will use one of our laptops to project on to the screen and work through the course material.

To book your place email Pauline Blagden at activities@cdas.info

Textiles: A study day led by Sue Wallis

Date: Tuesday 6 March 2018

Time: 1000-1530

Location: Eames Farm, Thorney Road, Emsworth, PO10 8DE. [Directions](#) Free parking is available. You will need to bring a packed lunch.

Cost: Members £25, non-members £30 (if places are available). Payment is due by 1 February. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

The course outline: Textiles require a huge amount of time and resources to produce. Surviving evidence of textiles and textile technology is often scanty. The significance of textile production to our ancestors is easy to overlook. An understanding of the history of textiles is fascinating and gives insights into the levels of interconnectedness of ancient societies. The study day will give an overview of the evidence for ancient textiles and an opportunity to have 'hands on' experience of some of the technology. The leader of the Study Day has a strongly scientific background and is currently Chairman of the Cambridgeshire Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers. She has always had an interest in textiles and has been a weaver since 2010.

To book your place email Pauline Blagden at activities@cdas.info

Flint Knapping - an opportunity to have a go

CDAS is organising an activity day at Butser led by Bob Turner on 9 June 2018. There will be a practical demonstration followed by everyone trying their skills with flint. Bob will give you a flavour of life in the Mesolithic / Neolithic showing how people lived and he will try to cover the full range of tools.

The cost is likely to be around £25- £27 for CDAS members, £30-£32 for non-members. This will include entry to Butser Ancient Farm.

If you are interested in attending (no commitment at this stage) please email Pauline Blagden activities@cdas.info as soon as possible.

Timber-framed buildings of the Weald, their development and dating for beginners. A Study Day led by Jeremy Clarke.

Date: Saturday 3 November 2018

Time: To be confirmed. This is a full day event.

Location: Fishbourne Roman Palace (David Rudkin Room), Roman Way, Fishbourne, Chichester PO19 3QR. [Directions](#) There is plenty of parking.

Cost: Members £25, non-members £30 (if places are available). Payment is due by 10 September. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

The course outline: This study day will cover terminology, how to approach dating a building, useful resources and a group practical session using site photographs and plans to try out the knowledge gained.

To book your place email Pauline Blagden at activities@cdas.info

Fieldwork

We are planning a number of Fieldworking activities in the coming months. These will include completing the recent geophysical survey at Idsworth which revealed some interesting features.

Please contact Trevor Davies surveying@cdas.info if you want to be on his mailing list of possible volunteers and are not already registered.

Coastal Monitoring

Peter Murphy has prepared a provisional schedule, the first meeting will be on January Friday 26th at 1300, on the west shore of Portsmouth Harbour at around SU 615 013, on Heritage Way near the RN Explosion Museum, PO12 4LF. We abandoned that session last year, and rightfully so, for the weather was dreadful.

After that some sessions are planned which you might like to put in your diaries.

February Thursday 27th 1300

March Thursday 29th 1300

April Friday 13th 1300

The locations for survey will depend on the weather. In recent visits to Medmerry West and East there had been significant accretion of beach sand, which obscured the archaeology. A few good gales should strip that away but we must wait and see what happens. Otherwise we will continue in Chichester Harbour.

If you are not yet on Peter's mailing list and would like to be included in future please contact him on coastal@cdas.info

Mike Kallaway CDAS Chairman

3rd January 2018