



Chairman's Introduction

Welcome to the September 2023 Newsletter.

Just as I was preparing to re-immersify myself in the world of archaeology my daughter had an emergency delivery of my second Grandson. He and she are both now doing well but my attention was again diverted to family matters and we are still therefore having to spend a lot of time looking after our first Grandson. Apologies, this month's Newsletter is therefore necessarily brief. I did however manage a swift visit to Langford Farm to see the fruits CDAS Member's labours there. I'll leave it for the Steve and the Fieldwork Committee to share the initial findings in due course but suffice to say there's plenty to share.

Talks and Lectures Schedule

The New Park, Chichester

2023

Sept 27th – Simon Stevens Working with Children and Animals– The Stiances Archaeological Project

Oct 25th – *** Stop Press *** **Jaime Kaminski** - Bronze Age finds from Chichester and Sussex will be **rescheduled due to Jaime's being out of the country.**

Instead, we have; **David Bone** - "**Roman building stone; re-use in Chichester and locating the Quarry**" – David recently delivered a version of this talk to the BAA Conference and it was very well received.

Nov 22nd – **Jane Evans**, Finds Liaison Officer Sussex - Recording our Past – recent finds from the Portable Antiquities Scheme in Sussex (provisional)

Dec 6th AGM – 7:00 to 9:00 pm

All talks start at **7.30 pm** prompt. The bar will normally be open after the lecture for drinks (hot, soft or alcoholic). For the time being it remains a cash free bar, so, payment by card only.

Activities

Full details are on the website here <http://www.cdas.info/Activities.html>

Paper mosaic one day workshop - Thursday 12th October - led by Sue Eames - make your own mosaic in a traditional hand made Roman style.

Please book your place in advance by emailing **Ros Cheetham** at activities@cdas.info

And for something a bit different, Rob Symmons, Curator had Fishbourne Roman Palace has contacted us about an art workshop being hosted at Fishbourne on the 28th Oct. The idea is that folk spend the day thinking about the animals that would have been at the Palace and their relationship with the human inhabitants, and then design and paint



(watercolour, gouache and gold pigment) a page in the style of a medieval bestiary. The day is led by a couple of really well respected natural history artists.

More importantly, it's a chance to meet the project team and learn first-hand some of the results of the project that relate to Fishbourne (there are some REALLY amazing stories coming out of the work. It will also include artefact handling, talks and tours.

A nominal £5 fee includes all materials AND entry to the Palace!

For full details see;

<https://sussexpast.co.uk/event/modern-bestiary-art-workshop/>

Fieldwork

No report since last newsletter

CDAS 100 Club

Don't forget the CDAS 100 Club is a great way for you to support us whilst having a bit of a flutter! Here's how it works...

Join the 100 Club by giving £2 a month (or £24 annually) to CDAS.

This buys you one membership number (that we will allocate), which enters you into the monthly draw. All participants must be over 16 and a member of CDAS.

The draw will take place each month at a CDAS meeting.

If you win, your winnings will be paid to you by bank transfer and the winning numbers published in CDAS's monthly newsletter.

The prize money will be 35% of the membership fee taken that month. The remaining 65% goes to CDAS to help fund equipment, resources and opportunities for members.

Membership Update /Member Mojo

We welcome a few new members who have joined us following our Priory Park dig but generally this is a quiet time for Membership

Have you Seen?

If you have found a particularly interesting or useful website that you think Members might not have seen, then please feel free to forward to me and I'll include here. A lot of links are already included on our main website;

<https://www.cdas.info/Links.html>



I've probably missed a lot on social media recently as I haven't been 'glued to my phone' as my wife says, as we've had other priorities. There is just one link to share this month, in discussion at a recent Committee meeting we were guilty of using acronyms that not all committee members understood. If there is anything you don't understand or haven't heard of, at a talk, during an activity or during fieldwork, please ask! Rather than create our own glossary of acronyms, I found this very useful list on the British Archaeological Jobs Resource (BAJR) website;

<http://www.bajr.org/BAJRGuides/6.%20Acronyms%28in%20Archaeology%29/Acronyms.pdf>

Thanks for taking the time to read the Newsletter (normal service will be resumed shortly) – any ideas for future inclusion please let me know.

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