



CDAS – Chairman’s Monthly Letter – April 2019

Fieldwork

Priory Park

We have had a very good response to our request for Volunteers and Trevor and Ann Davies are working on the detailed schedule.

We are also currently updating the Stewards Packs and Publicity material.

In this year’s excavation in Priory Park we will open up the trench on Monday 20th May and backfill on Tuesday 4th June. Excavation will take place between 21st May and 3rd June. The Novium’s Roman Week coincides with the second week of our dig.

Warblington

Assuming the necessary permissions are given the excavation is scheduled for 9th to 23rd September inclusive.

Coastal Monitoring

Peter Murphy will lead the next outing at Medmerry West on 18th April, details below

Date	Low tide	Meeting time	Study Area and aim	Meeting place
Thursday 18 th April No need to tell Peter Murphy in advance just turn up	16.49	14.45	To monitor recent changes on this beach. Some sites previously recorded will have been eroded away by now, but others may have been exposed. We hope to be able to see the Chalk lined well that we have seen in the past	RSPB Car Park at Earnley adjacent to Earnley Concourse (SZ 816 967 approx.). To minimise disturbance to birds we will take a minimum number of cars down to the shore.

Talks

You may want to put the following dates in your diary

24th April	Daryl Holter	His work as Sussex Police Heritage Crime Advisor
22 nd May	Member’s Evening	David and Anne Bone “A Roman Corinthian capital from Bognor Regis” Steve Cleverly “Geophysical Surveys and trial excavations at Chilgrove” Mike Kallaway and Brian Tomkinson “WW2 Auxiliary Unit Hideouts in the District”

For the Members Evening we are planning to add a further topic

Non-members are welcome to attend our talks for a fee of £5. I would encourage Members to bring along their friends.

Activities

Bookings are now being taken for the following events. To reserve your place, please contact Pauline Blagden at activities@cdas.info

Study Day - The Origins of Coinage and Celtic and Roman coins in Britain led by David Rudling (Sussex School of Archaeology)

This is now fully booked so if you want to go please contact Pauline immediately

Date: Sunday 7 April 2019

Time: 10:30 – 16:30

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

Outline: This study day will start by examining the development of coins and primitive currencies in different parts of the world, especially in Asia Minor, Greece and Republican Rome. Thereafter participants will look in more detail at the coins and other types of currencies used in Britain during the Late Iron Age and Roman periods. By the end of the session they should be familiar with the main sequences of coin types for these periods.

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

Half day guided visit to Butser Ancient Farm

Almost fully booked so if you want to go please contact Pauline immediately

Date: Wednesday 15 May 2019

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Location: Butser Ancient Farm, Chalton Lane, Chalton, Waterlooville PO8 0BG. There is plenty of parking.

Outline: Butser Ancient Farm has extended its original remit of the British Iron Age, with the construction of experimental buildings from the Neolithic, Romano-British, and Early Medieval periods.

Of particular interest at this time are the ongoing extensions of the interpretation of the Sparsholt Romano-British villa, and the construction of the second building from the Church Down 'Anglo-Saxon' site. The villa's interior is undergoing major refurbishment, with the objective of better representing – so far as our understanding permits – a 4th century Romano-British domestic villa. Included in the work is the installation of a representation of the mosaic floor from the villa's 'reception room'. We will have a detailed guided tour of the site giving an insight into the experimental archaeology done at the centre for all the periods of history represented.

Cost: Members £15, non-members £20 (if places are available). Payment is due by 1st April 2019. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

Guided Walk: From quarry to church; the greensands of West Sussex led by David and Anne Bone

Almost fully booked so if you want to go please contact Pauline immediately

Date: Tuesday 25 June 2019

Start time: 10:00. This is a full day event.

Location: Meeting point to be confirmed

Outline: During this day-long excursion, we will visit several sites that illustrate the variety of building stones, informally known as 'greensand'. Locations will take in sites of rock extraction to understand the geology, including underground in the historic Marehill Sand Mines near Pulborough, and also visit two churches where the stone can be seen in use.

The provisional itinerary (subject to access permissions being obtained) is:

Amberley – river cliff and castle

Parham – sandpit and house

Marehill – sand mines. We will also stop here for a lunch as we need to use the pub car park.

Pulborough – church

Stopham – church

Participants will need to provide their own transport or arrange a car share, and have a good torch and hard hat to access the Marehill sand mines. Also, but not essential, a high visibility jacket as we need to walk up a narrow public road to get to the site. Parking will be limited at some sites.

Cost: Members £2.00, non-members £7.00. Please book in advance by contacting Pauline at activities@cdas.info and pay in cash on the day.

Autumn Activities

Study Day – Coins Part 2: The Coins, Tokens and Jetons of England, c. AD 600-1971 led by David Rudling (Sussex School of Archaeology)

Date: Sunday 13 October 2019

Time: 10:30 – 16:30

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

Cost: Members £25, non-members £30 (if places are available). Payment is due by 15th September 2019. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

Outline: Led by David Rudling, this follow on/Part 2 day school will continue examination of the development of coinage in Britain from Saxon to post-medieval times. Participants will also examine the issuing of private tokens made of pewter, lead, copper and silver, and briefly review the use of casting counters or Jetons. By the end of the session participants should be familiar with the main sequences of coin, token and jetton types for the post-Roman periods in England.

Note: It is not necessary to have attended Part 1 on 7 April to benefit from this study day.

Study Day – Medieval Towns of Sussex led by Simon Stevens (Archaeology South-East)

Date: Saturday 9th November 2019

Time: tbc. This is a full-day event.

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

Cost: Members £25, non-members £30 (if places are available). Payment is due by 7th October 2019. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

Outline: The Medieval towns of Sussex are some of the most widely archaeologically investigated settlements in the country. Recent developments in our urban centres have offered numerous opportunities to excavate the buried remains of the period c.1066 to c.1500, and place them within the context of the surviving townscapes and above-ground remains.

Other Events

Here are some other events that CDAS Members might be interested in

Worthing Archaeology Society

Talk April 9th - Roger Cordiner and Anthony Brook - Medieval Building Stones in Parish Churches of the Worthing Area

All talks at Worthing Library Lecture Theatre at 7.30pm

Talk by Dr Beccy Scott at Fishbourne Roman Palace on 27th April at 2pm 'Neanderthals and their environment'

Dr Beccy Scott is from the British Museum's Prehistory and Europe Department at Fishbourne Roman Palace. The cost is £4.

Beccy specialises in the behaviour of early Neanderthals in N W Europe and is a member of the Jersey 'Ice Age Project' team. We had a talk on that subject by Matt Pope in 2017

If anyone is interested can they please contact fishbournefriends@googlemail.com

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CDAS Chairman

30th March 2019

