



Chairman's Introduction

Welcome to the April 2023 Newsletter.

It was great to have Hayley Nicholls with us at New Park and really interesting to see the initial findings of her work over the last few years. Hayley has kindly shared a link with us of a talk she gave covering much the same content. As this aspect is in the public domain, we can share it with you here;

[UCL IoA-ASE Seminar 8: Hayley Nicholls - A new lowland hillfort. Presenting the Late Bronze Age encl](#)

The talk was an opportunity for some CDAS members to watch and take notes as Steve walked us through the tech set up. It really is very straight forward so I'll repeat my call, if you think you can help in this respect, please let me know.

Apologies, last month I forgot to include this reflection on the Study day with Simon Stevens, on the Bayeux Tapestry. Ros reported that it was "*absolutely fascinating - amazing how much you could tell about life at that time by looking at the detail in the embroidery. Simon was an excellent speaker- very knowledgeable - he delivered the whole study day without notes. Eames Farm proved a superb venue too and we'll look to use this again in future.*"



Picture: Ros Cheatham

One of our recent activity days was our Introduction to Archaeology Training Day aimed at members who have limited or no experience of practical excavation. Providing a background to archaeological excavation it covered; preparations for a project, conducting an excavation, processing finds, recording and publication. Here are a few images of the day, I think it's fair to say it was a huge success.





Finally, Mike Kallaway drew my attention to the spring edition of "Harbour Life" which included an article on the work CDAS has been doing to protect the heritage in Chichester Harbour. It covers our work on Fish Traps at East Head and the Condition Assessment Programme on Thorney. I thought I'd include this here rather than it being lost in the links shared later in the Newsletter.

<https://www.conservancy.co.uk/page/harbour-life>

Talks and Lectures Schedule

The New Park, Chichester

2023

April 26th – **Alice Dowsett** – “The Wantsum Channel in North East Kent” - the geoarchaeological investigation and palaeoenvironmental data analysis of the Wantsum Channel in North East Kent.

May 24th Member's evening

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

Oct 25th – **Jaime Kaminski** - Bronze Age finds from Chichester and Sussex (provisional)

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

Dec – date tbc AGM

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

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

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



Walking Tour of Chichester - Saturday 24th June

A walk around Roman (and medieval) Chichester. Led by **James Kenny**, Archaeology Officer, Chichester District Council.

Down Farm Thursday 8th June –

A private visit to Down Farm Musuem, with guided tour by Martin Green of excavations at Fir Tree Field, early Bronze Age pond barrow **plus** afternoon tea and cakes.

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

Study Day - Saturday 23rd September- Dangerous Waters and Golden Sands
The maritime history of the Chichester area. Led by Dr Ian Friel, write and historian.

Fieldwork

Due to the timing of this month's Newsletter and the Fieldwork Committee Meeting, there is no further update from last month.

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

Thanks you for everyone that has renewed and thank you for bearing with us as we negotiated some unforeseen problems with MemberMojo. This may have resulted in members getting erroneous emails chasing renewals or incorrectly alerting you that your membership had expired. Thank you Richard New for battling through this process and special thanks to Brian Tomkinson for lending a hand and assisting Richard in ironing out problems. Lessons have been learnt for next year but please remember these processes are



handled by member volunteers who give their time to enable the society to function as it does.

Have you Seen?

I get a lot of emails and links on social media and I never know how much you might be sent by being members of various other groups or by following on social media. In this new section to the newsletter I thought, rather than forward emails throughout the month, I'd include the links here.

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>

This link has been shared a lot on Social Media to Support the Sussex Archaeological Society's appeal to acquire the 'near Pulborough' Iron Age gold torc for Barbican House Museum in Lewes.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/sussex-torc>

Interesting urban rescue dig in Colchester

<https://www.gazette-news.co.uk/news/23459662.colchester-queen-street-bus-depot-archaeological-dig-huge-success/>

This month I've also been taking a look at what Talks are freely available online;

Landscape of Roman Britain – A Talk from Gresham College

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/roman-landscapes>

A Talk on Prehistory and after Lives - A Talk by Chester Archaeology Society

<https://youtu.be/SphmH-HNITA>

Recording the Past for our Future: The Portable Antiquities Scheme in Cheshire (whilst the talk is based on the Cheshire PAS the themes and contents are relevant to us in West Sussex)

<https://youtu.be/YNSljGW9Bo4>

New insights into old hoards – Another talk from Chester Archaeology Society

<https://youtu.be/wFdqLOANenw>

Wooden Objects at the Edge of The Roman Empire – A Talk from The Vindolanda Trust

[\(246\) Wooden Objects at the Edge of the Roman Empire - Dr Rob Sands - YouTube](#)



Thanks for taking the time to read the Newsletter – any ideas for future inclusion please let me know.

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