



CDAS – Chairman’s Monthly Letter – August 2018

Priory Park

We had a very successful dig in Priory Park revealing a large part of the Roman Bathhouse. It was very much a team effort involving over 60 CDAS members as diggers, stewards and finds processing.

The stewards did an excellent job in engaging with the public and there was rarely a time when they were not all occupied. Including those attending James Kenny’s talks and visitors to the site we probably engaged with more than 1,000 members of the public in one way or another. We managed to collect nearly £350 towards our Fieldwork Fund and added at least 5 new members.

Professional Archaeologists who visited the site complemented us on the quality of the excavation and the professionalism of our approach. I would like to thank in particular James Kenny for his leadership and support during the dig and commend the efforts of all our members. It was quite hard physical work at times in very hot conditions (I can still feel it!).

Hugh Fiske has added a 3D Interactive Model of the site onto the CDAS Website.

We will now reflect on this year’s dig, analyse and report on the findings and plan for future excavations. As Arnold Schwarzenegger said “We will be back.....”

Warblington

I have previously sent out a call for Volunteers for the Warblington Dig and have repeated it here for new members and in case any of you missed it. There are a couple of additional points that I did not cover in my original e-mail:-

- The General Committee has approved a daily dig fee of £5 the same level as last year. We review this every year and it is possible that it will have to increase at some point in the future to cover increased costs for fieldwork.
- All CDAS Members will be covered by insurance during the dig for accidents (damages awarded) on the Public Liability part of the policy, this has a max claim limit of £10m. In addition members aged 74 and under have personal accident cover geared towards assisting people back to work after a work-place accident (at a max amount of £15,000).

Call for Volunteers

Timing. It is our plan to excavate from Monday 10th September to Saturday 22nd September inclusive.

10th September is the set up day, when we will de-turf; remove the topsoil; collect tools and equipment from Fishbourne. 24th September is the day when we will fill in the trenches; return tools and equipment to Fishbourne; and re-turf. There will be an excavator on hand to help on both days!

We plan to excavate every day except the Sundays 16th and 23rd September.

Director. As in 2017, Trevor Davies will direct the 2018 excavation. James Kenny will support Trevor as consultant archaeologist visiting the site on a regular basis

Excavation. CDAS propose to open three trenches in 2018. The main trench will be over the bathhouse that we partially excavated last year. There will be two smaller "research" trenches on other parts of the site where ground penetrating radar has revealed features of possible interest. We will confirm the exact location of the trenches nearer the time.

Volunteering. Please let Trevor (trevor.davies28@btinternet.com) know the dates when you will be available, and whether you would prefer to excavate, process finds or a mixture of both. Previous experience is not necessary as training will be given on site by pairing with more experienced members.

On Monday 10th and Monday 24th we need volunteers to help with de-turfing/re-turfing and transport of equipment from and to the Fishbourne store. If you are willing to help on these days please let Trevor know.

Talks

Our talk schedule resumes in the autumn, as before the talk will start at 7.30pm in the New Park Centre, Chichester.

26 th September	Michael Walsh	Pudding Pan and Roman wrecks in the UK
24 th October	Gordon Hayden	Gobblestubs Copse, Arundel and the end of prehistory?
28 th November	William Foot	The Boudican campaign of AD 60/61: some new ideas
4 th December	AGM & Christmas Party at St Nicholas Hall, Bosham	

Activities

We have spaces on the following activities. To book contact Pauline Blagden activities@cdas.info

Pauline will also be happy to answer any queries about CDAS activities and receive suggestions for CDAS activities in the future.

Guided walk in the Duncton area; exploring the history, archaeology and geology, led by David and Anne Bone

Date: Wednesday 10th October 2018

Time: Starts 1000, finish by lunchtime (passing the Cricketers PH on return to the cars).

Parking and meeting is at the roadside in Willett Close, Duncton GU28 0LA (near the school) - [SU 9598 1725](#). Total distance about 3 miles on footpaths and tracks, mostly flat with two short steep bits. Can be muddy.

Cost: Members £1, non-members £6, payable in cash on the day but please book in advance.

LiDAR Study Day, led by CDAS members Mike Kallaway and Mark Seaman

Date: Saturday 20 October 2018

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

Location: Eames Farm, Thorney Road, Emsworth, PO10 8DE. 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 15 September. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

The Course outline:

This is an introductory course to accessing and manipulating the Environment Agency and Secrets of the Highwoods LiDAR data. The course will cover the different types of LiDAR data available (DTM, DSM, LRM), how to access them and choose which is most appropriate. This will lead on to further processing of the data to generate enhanced views including 3-D models, multi-coloured images and contour maps.

This is a practical course and delegates should bring a laptop with them with QGIS installed. Delegates will need to have a working knowledge of QGIS to get the best out of the course. LiDAR data for the examples used during the workshop will be provided on USB memory sticks. Extensive 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.

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

Date: Saturday 3rd November 2018

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

Location: Fishbourne Roman Palace (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.

Flint Recognition Study Day led by Bob and Gillian Turner

Date: Saturday 2nd March 2019

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 1st February 2019. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

The course outline:

This study day will give you an overview of flint tools from the early Paleolithic with special emphasis on the flints you find on an excavation. The focus will be on recognition of different flints not how they were made, so even if you attended Bob's recent practical course at Butser, you will still find this study day useful and interesting. It will be a fun day with lots of hands-on things to do.

Sad News - Arthur Wilson

Arthur Wilson who passed away in July was an enthusiastic, supportive member of CDAS.

In the days when CDAS did more field walking than is possible under today's farming regimes, the finds were processed on Arthur and Diane Wilson's farm in Sidlesham. A retired market gardener, Arthur allowed us to use his greenhouses for finds processing. The greenhouses became known as the Crystal Palace because of the facilities Arthur and Diane laid on for CDAS members. Arthur also gave us a huge number of green stacking trays that the finds processing team have used extensively.

Although Arthur has battled with poor health in recent years, his cheerful, positive approach to life in general and CDAS in particular will be sadly missed.

His funeral is on August 9 at 14.45 Chichester crematorium.

Other Events

Here are some events that might interest CDAS Members

Friends of Idsworth Church are organising a 5-mile walk on Friday 10th August from **St Hubert's Church to Butser Ancient Farm** led by Sue Webber, Education Team, Butser Ancient Farm.

The walk starts at 9.30am, meeting at Butser Ancient Farm for car shuttle to St Hubert's. Tickets are £5, for further information and booking please contact friends-idsworthchurch@mail.com

Petersfield Museum, People of the Heath - Bronze Age Barrows in Petersfield.

Date

12th June, 2018 - 24th November, 2018

Tickets

General admission fees apply

Start and end times

10:00am - 4:00pm

This special exhibition will showcase some of the amazing finds and discoveries which have been made over the four years of this Heritage Lottery Funded project. See what archaeological techniques were used, learn from the volunteers who worked on the project and learn about the people who created this barrow complex on Petersfield Heath 4000 – 3500 years ago.

Part of the People of the Heath project see www.petersfieldmuseum.co.uk/whats-on/people-heath-bronze-age-barrows-petersfield

Worthing Archaeology Society

Talk on 9th October 2018, Anne Friend - Saved by the Waves.

Discover how waterlogged preservation and archaeology has developed our understanding of life and society in the past.

Worthing Library Lecture Theatre at 7.30pm.

If you want to keep up with our latest news please click on the Facebook or Twitter links at the end of this letter.

Mike Kallaway

CDAS Chairman

1st August 2018

