



CDAS – Chairman’s Monthly Letter – December 2018

Fieldwork

November was a quiet month for Fieldwork with Coastal Monitoring the only event.

Medmerry

The latest session at Medmerry West was invigorating! We saw a good deal of erosion, so that the Neolithic woodland was better exposed than usual, but the timber-lined well is now in the main breach channel and the fish traps have almost gone.

Coastal Monitoring

Peter Murphy has prepared schedule for the period up until Christmas. As mentioned during November’s talk Peter will no longer be issuing this schedule directly, in future it will be published in the monthly Newsletter only.

Peter is in the process of preparing a schedule for the period after Christmas and I will include it in the next Newsletter.

Date	Low tide	Meeting time	Study Area and aim	Meeting place
Tuesday 4th December	1426	1230	Systematic survey of an area of the west Shore of Thorney Harbour to collect lithics, ceramics and briquetage around SU 74648 02950	Junction of Thorney Lane and Thornham Lane by sewage works. SU 757049 (Note 1)

Note 1. For the Thorney meeting it is essential that you provide information to us on your car (make, model, colour, registration) before we access MoD land at Thorney, so we can notify them. You cannot decide to bring a car at the last minute, but you can come as a passenger in another car.

If you have not passed on this information already then you should contact **Anne de Potier** immediately at condition.assessment@cdas.info

Talks

You may want to put the following dates in your diary

4th December	AGM & Christmas Party at St Nicholas Hall, Bosham	
23 rd January	Simon Stevens	How Many??? Bronze Age, Iron Age and Roman Buildings at Chalkers Lane, Hurstpierpoint
27 th February	Archaeology South-East	Finds from the Chichester Sewer Expansion
27th March	Judie English	The South Downs Cross-ridge Dyke Project
24th April	Daryl Holter	His work as Sussex Police Heritage Crime Advisor

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

AGM

The AGM and Christmas Party will be on 4th December at St Nicholas Hall, Bosham. This is the same venue as we used last year. We will try to keep the formal business as short as possible so that we make it much more of a social event.

Glasses, paper plates, napkins, wine & soft drinks are organised by the committee; members are asked to bring a plate of food that can be shared.

You should have already received the AGM Agenda, Chairman's Report for 2018 and the CDAS Accounts.

Activities

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

Applications for this course have not been as many as we had hoped and there is a risk that we may have to cancel it if we fail to reach the desired numbers. If you are thinking of attending but have not yet applied it is best to apply now to ensure that the course will run.

Other Events

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

Worthing Archaeology Society

Talk Dec 11th – Jane Russell – The Construction of a Neolithic World on Orkney

Talk Jan 8th - Edwin Wood - The Roman Army in Sussex

Talk Feb 12th - John Skelton 'BHAS investigations of medieval remains in Hog Croft, Ovingdean'

All talks at Worthing Library Lecture Theatre at 7.30pm

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CDAS Chairman

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