



CDAS – Chairman’s Monthly Letter – December 2019

Fieldwork

Fishbourne

Unfortunately we had to postpone the geophysical survey due to the waterlogged ground.

Coastal Monitoring

Peter Murphy will arrange further sessions as and when and these will be included in the monthly Newsletter. Our current focus is on developments at Medmerry and we expect to plan the next visit probably in January

Talks

You may want to put the following dates in your diary

4 th December	AGM & Christmas Party at St Nicholas Hall, Bosham	
22 nd January	Trevor Creighton	The Roman Anglo-Saxon Transition
26 th February	John Smith	Battle of Britain over Chichester, 1940: Aerial action and archaeological implications
25 th March	Professor Josh Pollard	Living with Monuments: recent work on the Neolithic of the Avebury region
22 nd April	Judie English	Place-names in the archaeological and historical landscape
27 th May	Members Evening	

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 Wednesday 4th December at 7.30pm 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.

The formal invitation, AGM Agenda, Chairman’s Report for 2019 and the CDAS Accounts have been sent to all members

Future Activities

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

Behind the Scenes Visit to Fishbourne

Date: Thursday 6th February 2020

Time: 1100-1200

This course is now fully booked if you want to be added to the waiting list please contact Pauline at activities@cdas.info

Location: Discovery Centre, Fishbourne Roman Palace, Roman Way, Chichester PO19 3QR. There is plenty of parking.

Cost: Members £6.00, non-members £11.00. Payment is due by 3rd January 2020. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

Outline: This is a great opportunity for finds processors and others involved in excavations. We will have a behind the scenes tour of the store, focusing on recent research topics and providing the opportunity to handle some of the artefacts from the reserve collections. Our guide will also touch on the subject of collections management in general, and issues such as pressures of space, deposition charges, archive preparation etc.

I hope the Cafe will be open for those wanting to stay for lunch afterwards. (It was open in February 2019.) Please note that the tour does not include admission to Fishbourne Palace and you will have to pay for this separately if you wish to visit the Palace.

Study Day – Roman Sussex led by David Rudling (Sussex School of Archaeology)

Date: Sunday 22 March 2020

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. Payment is due by 22 February 2020. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

Outline: This day school will introduce participants to aspects of the archaeology of Sussex immediately before and during the Roman period (AD 43-410). We will examine: historical sources, the 'Conquest' of Claudius, the client kingdom of Togidubnus, the Flavian Palace at Fishbourne, the tribal civitas capital at Chichester, other nucleated settlements, roads, villas, farmsteads, field systems and farming, industry, the army, religion, burial practices and the 'End of Roman Sussex'. These topics will be considered from the perspectives of both the Romans and the native population.

Guided Tour of Bignor Roman Villa

Date: Wednesday 22 April 2020

Time: 14:30 – 15:30

Location: Bignor Roman Villa, Bignor, West Sussex RH20 1PH. There is free parking available and also a café on site.

Cost: Members £12, non-members £17. Payment is due by 20 March 2020.

Outline: The tour will cover the historical and archaeological context of the site, interpret the figures and motifs of the mosaics and touch also on the rediscovery of the Villa and its current preservation by Bignor Roman Villa Charitable Trust. After the tour you are welcome to stay on and peruse at your leisure.

Guided Tour: Southampton Old Town and Tudor House

Date: Thursday 14 May 2020

Time: 10:30 - 15:00

Location: Meet at Tudor House and Garden, Bugle Street, Southampton SO14 2AD. The Tudor House is in Southampton City Centre and travel options can be found on their website.

Cost: Members £15, non-members £20 (if places are available). Payment is due by 17th April 2020. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

Outline: The day begins with a one hour walking tour around and under the Old Town, exploring stories of merchants, mayhem and murder along the way! This tour visits some of the medieval vaults beneath the town. Returning to the Tudor House, participants may have lunch in the café or make their own arrangements. A special deal is available in the café if you choose your meal in advance and details will be sent to those who sign up. In the afternoon we will have a one hour guided tour of the Tudor House and Garden which includes behind the scenes access to the attics and cellars. There will be time to explore the house and garden on your own after the tour.

PLEASE NOTE: You need to be reasonably fit to participate in this activity. You will need to be on your feet walking and standing for the walk in the Old Town and there are some uneven surfaces, slopes and steep steps to negotiate. Most of the Tudor House is accessible to people with mobility impairment. However the attics and cellars are only accessible by steep steps. Some areas of the garden are also accessed by steep steps.

To reserve your place at any of the activities, please contact Pauline Blagden at activities@cdas.info

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Other activities Members might be interested in

Worthing Archaeology Society

Talk Tue, 14 January 2020, Professor Naomi Sykes - **Fishbourne Roman Wildlife Park: new questions from old bones**

Over the last 20 years Fishbourne's animal remains have been subject to large-scale reinvestigation through a series of projects funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council. This talk by Professor Naomi Sykes will present the results of this work, highlighting their importance for our understanding of the past but also their significance for modern international animal conservation policy.

Talk starts at 7pm in the Gordon Room, Stoke Abbott Rd, Worthing BN11 1HA, please note that this is a ***new venue for WAS***

Course "Introduction to Archaeology"

The Chichester WEA is running a 5 session course starting at the end of January. The course will be led by Michael Pengelly with each session on successive Friday afternoons. Full details are in the poster at the end of this Newsletter

Archaeology Books and Publications

Valerie Singer the former Deputy Director of Excavations, for Coventry Museum amassed a collection of books and publications on Archaeology during her lifetime. Following her death her brother Philip has offered the collection to CDAS.

The books were available to view and purchase at November's Meeting and will also be able to view and purchase at the AGM.

Sally Christian Grants

Sally Christian Grants are available to individuals starting out in archaeology as either amateurs or students which would include sixth formers or undergraduates to assist with the costs of various types of training, both practical and academic and to enable such individuals to gain experience in archaeological fieldwork and other forms of research in East and West Sussex. Funding is NOT available to meet the training needs of professional archaeologists.

Grants are available for: short training courses (normally lasting from one to five days long, but sometimes longer) covering such subjects as surveying, excavation methods, environmental sampling, identifying, recording and interpreting finds, etc.; day schools covering either practical skills or relevant academic information; attendance at relevant conferences; and research projects which provide students and/or amateurs with expert supervision and some training. Feedback will be required from the successful applicants.

For further details regarding applications contact Luke Barber, Research Officer, research@sussexpast.co.uk.

All applications should be submitted at least five weeks before a proposed funded course or project takes place.

Mike Kallaway

CDAS Chairman

28th November 2019



AN INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGY

Tutor : Michael Pengelly

Chichester WEA is delighted to add this new subject area to its range of adult learning offers.

Following his successful courses elsewhere, Michael Pengelly will introduce us to the principles and practice of archaeology, and will give participants the skill set to undertake independent research.

Students will handle and analyse flint and pottery artefacts during this 5-session course.



Venue: St Paul's Church Hall,
Churchside, CHICHESTER
PO19 6FT

When:
Fridays from 24 Jan – 21 Feb
2020

Time: 14:00 - 16:00

Cost: £45

(This course is FREE if you are in receipt of income related benefit)

Please book in advance (ideally by 23 December):

Online at: wea.org.uk
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