



CDAS – Chairman's Monthly Letter – February 2019

Annual General Meeting

The Draft Minutes of the AGM have been sent out with this Newsletter.

Fieldwork

Houghton Woods Auxiliary Unit Hideout

Following the initial visit to the site in December, Mike, Hugh and Peter King made a further visit in January supported by Sue Harris from the Sussex Bat Group. Although Bats were not present on the site it is deemed to be a likely habitat. We will make a further visit probably in late spring to make a proper survey and photographic record. We will have to use non-intrusive surveying techniques to minimise any potential disturbance bats.

The Forestry Commission are still keen for us to survey a number of unrecorded sites that they are aware of

Priory Park

We have provisional dates for this year's excavation in Priory Park from 20th May to 4th June. Further details will be released when available.

Warblington

We are working on a plan for a further excavation at Warblington in September.

Coastal Monitoring

Peter and Anne lead a Coastal Monitoring visit to the shoreline at the northern end of Bosham Channel. This area is known for flint working with finds being made on a previous trip by CDAS members in late 2018.

It was a wonderful clear winter's day and we managed to find some more flints.

We have one meeting scheduled for March at Medmerry East when Mike will be the Leader. Peter will be adding further events on a month by month basis and they will be included in future Newsletters. There is no need to contact anyone before the events, just turn up on the day.

Date	Low tide	Meeting time	Study Area and aim	Meeting place
Tuesday 19 th March	15.26	12.30	To monitor recent changes on this beach. Some sites previously recorded will have been eroded away by now, but others may have been exposed.	Bunn Leisure West Sands Holiday Centre. Leave B2145 in Selsey, turning right and then left onto Paddock Lane. Follow signs to Bunn Leisure West Sands At Security Gate say you are from CDAS, then head as far as you can NW to end of car park About SZ 836938

Bar Staff at New Park

Following last month's request for volunteers to run the Bar at New Park I am pleased to say that John Pilkington and David Uffindell have come forward and I would like to express our thanks to them.

Talks

You may want to put the following dates in your diary

27 th February	Archaeology South-East	Finds from the Chichester Sewer Expansion
27 th March	Judie English	The South Downs Cross-ridge Dyke Project
24 th April	Daryl Holter	His work as Sussex Police Heritage Crime Advisor
22 nd May	Member's Evening	Speakers to be confirmed

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

Flint Recognition Study Day, led by Bob and Gillian Turner

This Study Day is **now fully booked** but contact Pauline if you want to go on the waiting list in case a place becomes available.

Date: Saturday 2nd March 2019

Time: 10.00 to 16.00.

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.

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.

Visit to Arundel Museum

Date: Wednesday 6 March 2019

Time: 10:30 – 12:30

Location: Arundel Museum, Mill Road, Arundel BN18 9PA. There is a car park in Mill Road. A charge is payable for parking.

Outline: After coffee on arrival, there will be a talk by local author Rosemary Hagedorn on the history of Arundel. You will then have an opportunity to explore the museum with its wide-ranging local collections at your own pace and there will be a steward on hand to answer your questions.

Cost: £5.00 members, £10.00 non-members. Payment is due by 1st February 2019. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

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

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

Half day guided visit to Butser Ancient Farm

Date: Wednesday 15 May 2019

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Location: Butser Ancient Farm, Charlton Lane, Charlton, 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

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.

Other Events

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

Worthing Archaeology Society

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

Talk March 12th - Tom Dommett - The Clandon Park Project

This talk will consider the challenges of archaeological salvage, restoration and the rebuilding of The National Trust property Clandon House in Surrey after the devastating fire of 2015.

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

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CDAS Chairman

3rd February 2019

