

Welcome to the February CDAS Newsletter.

Firstly, I must start with an apology for those that attended, or attempted to attend, the on-line New Park talk last month. The technology is, I'm afraid, a limiting factor and the combined technical minds of Hugh, Steve and I have concluded that the pinch point of the New Park WiFi and available Broadband is at present an unsurmountable obstacle to pursuing live streaming of our talks and beyond our control. Regrettably therefore there will be **no live stream of this month's talk**. We will however try an alternative option of recording the talk and making that available via our YouTube channel (though note; this will be a recording of the Zoom Meeting and will not feature a camera view of the guest speaker). Of course, if you feel comfortable, are fully jabbed and remain symptom free it would be great to see folk coming back to New Park in person.

Since our last New Park talk we have not had a Fieldwork Committee or General Committee meeting so there is some repetition in this month's Newsletter but I have updated where I have had offline updates.

Reminder

The February lecture will be at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 23th February in New Park

Talks and Lectures Schedule

Note; All Subject to change – we will continue to try and provide a broad selection of talks whilst respecting our invited speakers constraints around Covid restriction and of course our members.

23rd Feb – Trevor Creighton, Project Archaeologist at Butser Ancient Farm, will talk about the recent experience of **“Reconstructing a Neolithic House – the Butser Experience”**. We're very fortunate to have such an important site for experimental archaeology almost on our doorsteps and Trevor is a good and lively speaker so we do encourage you to come along.

23rd March – James Sainsbury “Recent Discoveries at Edburton – Roman and Mesolithic” – excavations in a waterlogged site near Petworth have revealed a previously unknown Roman site including Roman timbers.

27th April – to be confirmed

25th May – Member's evening – hear about some of the work the Society and individual members have been doing to explore the archaeology of the Chichester area. May's meeting is traditionally a chance for members to tell us all about archaeology they have recently been involved with – whether it's as members of the Society or your own research. It can be as short as 10 minutes and doesn't have to have a presentation or anything fancy – if you want any help or advice do ask Anne as Programme Secretary or let her know what you'd like to talk about.

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.

The arrangements will be the same as for the lectures last year;

- We will ask you to sign in as usual

- We will ask you to wear masks unless you are actually speaking or exempt or when drinking in the bar afterwards!

Activities

Mark Seaman has kindly offered to lead a guided walk near Rowlands Castle to see the remains of a motte and bailey castle, on Saturday 30th April at 10.00 am. It is described as one of the most complete and perfect of the Norman remains in Hampshire (see attached for further information).

Guided Walk – **Motley Copse**

Date: **Saturday 30th April 2022**

Start time: **10:00 am**

Meeting point: At the corner of Holt Gardens and Links Lane, Rowlands Castle, post code PO9 6BH (see below). People should park in Holt Gardens, leaving room for vehicles to pass and not obstructing any driveways. If that gets too busy, then Greatfield Way 150m to the south.

Leader: Mark Seaman

Cost: Members £1.00 (payable in cash on the day)

Non-members £6 (payable in advance by bank transfer to Chichester & District Archaeology Society, (Account 31438158, Sort code 40-17-16, Reference – Walk Motley)

Please book your place in advance by emailing Ros Cheetham activities@CDAS.info

Fieldwork

Priory Park Archaeology Project

James is progressing the 2021 Excavation post-ex and reporting. A team has recently completed the Geophysics (Res) of the area to the North of the Guildhall

All other Fieldwork updates as per last month's Newsletter in lieu of next committee meeting.

Non CDAS Geophys. opportunity

There is an opportunity for members to take part in further geophysics outside of CDAS. **Dr Stuart Needham**, who you may remember gave a most interesting talk on the Golden Barrow of the Sun in December, is carrying out further work near the **South Downs Way near South Harting**. This is a combination of **mag and resistivity** on prehistoric structures. He already has a team of volunteers but is after some more help. There is no commitment, he does 1 or 2 days a week and people go along when they have some time. If you are interested please **Mark Seaman** for details.

Member Mojo

Brian Tomkinson has continued his work developing Member Mojo and migrating the data from the old Membership database. As a reminder, the main benefits of Member Mojo are:

- It simplifies the membership monitoring process, so in future it will need less time from the Membership Secretary.
- It makes the CDAS GDPR protocols more robust. Committee Members who need to do so because of their role can email the members without seeing any contact details.

Brian will be issuing guidance shortly, prior to its use in renewing members' subscription in March 2022.

Social Media

We currently have a presence on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to supplement our main CDAS Web page, if you haven't already, please engage in the chat and comments on these forums. It is as the name suggest, a more *social* way of interacting with other members and a good way of engaging new members.

Simon Walton needs you! ...to let him know how you prefer to interact with CDAS. Simon has prepared a **Survey/Questionnaire**. Please take a few minutes to complete the form and let us know how you want to interact with CDAS and fellow members. Simon will be **emailing** the form shortly but we will also have some paper forms for completion at New Park on 23 Feb. **See Brian Tomkinson for a form** and he will happily collect once completed.

Funding CDAS

As per previous updates, some members of the committee have been experimenting with the use of "Easy Fundraising" as a method of generating funds for the Society. It works as follows:

- Go to: www.Easyfundraising.org.uk
- The cause you wish to support is "Chichester and District Archaeology Society" which has already been registered.
- Create an account
- Download the donation reminder

Most sites do support Easyfundraising. Then when you go to a supporting site, a reminder will pop up. Just click on this and a donation will automatically be generated for CDAS at absolutely no cost to you!

Fieldwork Project Managers

I am keen to maintain momentum on this item that Trevor raised last year. We have a concern that the effort of organizing Fieldwork projects falls on the shoulders of relatively few people. The need to be able to spread the load to other members might be made easier if we had documented processes, templates and a library of worked examples so as not to re-invent the wheel. This is something that I am pursuing with the General Committee to make it easier for people to assist in this area.

If anyone is interested, please contact me.

Second-Hand Book Sale

We did have a number of books and journals brought to last month's talk and all monies raised go to the society. If you have any unwanted or duplicate books or journals please bring them along to New Park (let me know if you have a large collection as we may need to ensure we can crate and transport for future meetings if necessary, I could also arrange collection if necessary). Thanks Brian for manning the fort last month

Magnetometer

To support our proposed work on the Hill Top Project we need to replace our old Mag kit. The Fieldwork committee have agreed that Bartington best meets our requirements and financial support would be sought on the strength of the Hill Top project. This has been approved by the General Committee. A number of options are being explored , primarily via the Heritage Lottery Fund but we may explore leveraging our partners including The National Trust, Heritage England, The South Downs National Park, Goodwood Estate and Sussex County Council.

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