



Chairman's Introduction

Welcome to the February 2023 Newsletter. A light month for updates this month. I would welcome submissions of articles in future, I've had a few enquiries about writing short pieces so please feel free to submit ideas so we can discuss, the only editorial constraints will be around appropriate relevance to Chichester ...and District and Archaeology! Also if you have any photos of activities, it might be good to include here too. I'm conscious the Newsletter (or at least my version of it) is often biased to forward looking activities. It would be nice to include views of activities that have taken place. I know the Mary Rose 'behind the scenes' visit was very popular and included an informative talk by Alistair Miles, Head of Collections, in the ward room about the ship

As part of our Condition Assessment programme members visited WW2 sites on Thorney Island to clear away overgrown vegetation working on a pillbox and three gun emplacements.

Whilst photos of both these activities are public on social media, I've not reproduced here as I've not had time to check permissions.

Talks and Lectures Schedule

The New Park

2023

February 22nd – Dr Matt Pope MCIFA FSA - The Future of Archaeology in Sussex

Many of you will know Matt but for those that don't, Matt is a Principal Research Fellow in Palaeolithic Archaeology UCL Institute of Archaeology

The Future of Archaeology in Sussex; *The heritage sector is vulnerable and under threat, nationally but very much so in Sussex. While the last half of the 20th century saw the emergence of a broad-based professional archaeology and protection of the historic environment, the first two decades of the 21st century saw expertise and heritage under increasing threat. In this lecture Matt Pope considers the challenges archaeology faces in Sussex and considers how we can best respond to issues such as under funding, climate change, and threats to expertise.*

March 22nd – Hayley Nicholls - Excavation by ASE in Chichester

April 26th – Elke Raeaman - Finds and Artefacts from ASE excavations in Chichester

(provisional title)

May 24th Member's evening

Sept 27th – Simon Stevens Working with Children and Animals–The Stiances
Archaeological Project

Oct 25th – Jaime Kaminski - Bronze Age finds from Chichester and Sussex (provisional)



Nov 22nd – Jane Evans, Finds Liaison Officer Sussex - Recording our Past – recent finds from the Portable Antiquities Scheme in Sussex (provisional)

Dec – date tbc AGM

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.

Activities

Please book your place in advance by emailing **Ros Cheetham** at activities@cdas.info

Full details are on the website here <http://www.cdas.info/Activities.html>

Study Day - The Bayeux Tapestry: Saturday 25th February

- a unique archaeological artefact and historical document rolled in to one, a story of regal splendour, power politics, sexual intrigue, graphic violence and even some full-frontal nudity. Presented by Simon Stevens, Senior Archaeologist, Archaeology South-East (a division of University College London Centre for Applied Archaeology)

Hands-on Rope Making Demonstration - Saturday 25th March

Traditional Rope making Demonstration using a rope making jack donated to Emsworth Museum. Tony Douglas (CDAS member) has designed and constructed the other parts of the ropewalk so the process can be demonstrated. Come and help to make the longest piece of rope made so far with this machine. Led by **Trevor Davies**, CDAS President.

Suitable for Members and Members/children/grandchildren.

Walking Tour of Chichester - Saturday 24th June

A walk around Roman (and medieval) Chichester. Led by **James Kenny**, Archaeology Officer, Chichester District Council.

Study Day - Dangerous Waters and Golden Sands - Saturday 23rd September
The maritime history of the Chichester area. Led by Dr Ian Friel, writer and historian.

Fieldwork

At this months Fieldwork Committee meeting David Uffindell was welcomed to his first FWC.

New Bartington.

A number of projects are in the process of being planned where Bartington will be used live.

Priory Park Archaeology Project (JK)



2023 Excavation – scheduled for 22nd May to 6th June; this will coincide with Roman week.

Old Idsworth, Main/Church Field (SC, MS)

There are plans to survey the area (30x30) around the church in early April.

Coastal Monitoring – Medmerry & East Head (MK/AD)

On-going monitoring at Medmerry to resume though not clear how much remains. Timings depend on birds' breeding Season

Condition Assessment inc. Sea Defences – Chichester Harbour (MK/AD)

- Some sea defences failing round the harbour. CDAS to re-establish the program it undertook some years ago with CiTIZAN and formally walk sections of harbour to check whether any archaeology is being revealed.
- Thorney – There was a good turnout for the WWII site clearance visit on 1st Feb

Hoyle Farm (MK/SC/TD)

Plans for a Mag survey of top end of field possibly w/c 27th March:

Chich YAC (SC)

A visit to PP planned. Membership is growing as is number of supervisors.

Fieldwork Training

Excavation – planning to re-run the course from some years back. Given that Priory Park might be quite a gentle dig we could possibly use the opportunity for on-site training as well.

CDAS 100 Club

A great way for you to support us whilst having a bit of a flutter! Here's how it works...

Join the 100 Club by giving £2 a month (or £24 annually) to CDAS.

This buys you one membership number (that we will allocate), which enters you into the monthly draw. All participants must be over 16 and a member of CDAS.

The draw will take place each month at a CDAS meeting.

If you win, your winnings will be paid to you by bank transfer and the winning numbers published in CDAS's monthly newsletter.

The prize money will be 35% of the membership fee taken that month. The remaining 65% goes to CDAS to help fund equipment, resources and opportunities for members.

Membership Update /Member Mojo

Important information about this year's renewal

I would just like to remind members about the decision in our 2022 AGM, that the annual membership fee for CDAS is increasing from £20 to £25 with this year's renewal on 1st April



2023. Please can you remember this when paying this year, and crucially, could members who pay by annual Standing Order please check that their instruction to their banks have been amended accordingly. Thank you in advance for your co-operation, Richard New as new membership secretary would greatly appreciate a smooth renewal process this year.

Have you Seen?

I get a lot of emails and links on social media and I never know how much you might be sent by being members of various other groups or by following on social media. In this new section to the newsletter I thought, rather than forward emails throughout the month, I'd include the links here.

If you have found a particularly interesting or useful website that you think Members might not have seen then please feel free to forward to me and I'll include here. A lot of links are already included on our main website;

<https://www.cdas.info/Links.html>

The Prehistoric Society have a YouTube Channel which contains many talks and lectures;

<https://youtube.com/@theprehistoricsociety6046>

They also have an upcoming 'hybrid' Event which can be attended in person or online;

The Prehistory: Past, Present and Future conference series

<https://www.prehistoricsociety.org/events/2023-03-04>

This BAJR Guide was shared recently on social media;

http://www.bajr.org/BAJRGuides/56_Shells/56_ArchShellGuidance.pdf

there are more BAJR guides are available here:

<http://www.bajr.org/BAJRead/BAJRGuides.asp>

and Historic England also shared this guide;

<https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/curating-the-palaeolithic/>

which includes specific reference to the Chichester area;

<https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/curating-the-palaeolithic/cs-west-sussex-coastal-plain/>

There are little or no changes to the following items in the Newsletter but I've left them in, for new members or in case you have not read before and as they remain pertinent

Second-Hand Book Sale



This is still generating much needed funds and is proving very popular. So much so that we need to provide some support for Brian on the night at New Park . If anyone wants to volunteer to assist Brian on the stall please let me know (or Brian at membership@cdas.info) .

Moving large quantities of books is becoming quite a task on the night of talks so going forward I'll publish our catalogue before the meeting; **if you would like any of the journals or series of books, please let me know** and we'll arrange to bring them along, **otherwise we'll only be bringing the individual books** which will be more manageable for Brian and I.

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).

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.

Affiliations

CDAS has affiliations with the following organisations. Where possible we share the news and activities put on by these groups including;

- CBASE monthly newsletter
- Sussex Archaeology: Sussex past & present and their Collections, when published
- Association of Roman Archaeology: ARA news
- Hampshire Field Club: Newsletter and Hampshire Studies

We (I) might sometimes miss forwarding these to members via email so if there is a particular communication you are aware of but haven't seen, please let me know and I'll check we've forwarded all that we've received.

Whilst not formally affiliated to CDAS, Chichester YAC (Young Archaeologist Club) is now formally approved and will be run by CDAS Members Sam Joy and Steve Cleverly.

Thanks for taking the time to read the Newsletter – any ideas for future inclusion please let me know.

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