



Chairman's Introduction

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2023. I hope you all enjoyed the festivities, is it too late to wish folk a happy new year? As it is the first contact I will anyway, Happy New Year everyone!

The AGM seems a while ago now and since then we have had our first General Committee meeting welcoming our new committee members supported by their predecessors in the first instance.

Bartington Training

Since purchasing the equipment, Mark Seaman has been running a series of training sessions where people can get to understand how to use the equipment and we now have a significant cohort of folk ready and able to man the equipment in future and a number of members who are also now able to provide the training which in future can now be absorbed into the fieldwork as required 'on the job', so if you still want to learn and get experience of this equipment, look out for calls for volunteers and make it known that you would like to some training in the use of the equipment as part of the work being carried out.

Talks and Lectures Schedule

The New Park Centre, Chichester

2023

January 25th – Trevor Creighton - 'Recreating the Sparsholt Mosaic at Butser Ancient Farm – shedding light on mosaic making in Roman Britain.

Trevor Creighton talks on the background and processes recreating the 4th century Sparsholt Mosaic at Butser Ancient Farm.

The replica, constructed during 2018 and 2019 by staff and volunteers, allowed the ways in which mosaics were designed and constructed in the Roman world to be explored.

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

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>

Behind the Scenes Tour of the Mary Rose: Friday 27th January

- an opportunity to see items in the Reserve Collection, not usually on display in the Museum, plus free entry to the Museum after the tour. Led by Alastair Miles, Collections Manager.

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

The following is a summary of other activities currently being carried out under the governance of the Fieldwork Committee (thanks to Mike for the summary)



New Bartington

Following the training sessions, the Bartington is ready to use in earnest. There are a number of suitable projects, and we are working on a schedule for the coming months.

Condition assessment

We have had a good response to the request for volunteers to clear vegetation on WW2 sites on Thorney Island on February 1st or 8th.

Coastal Monitoring

We intend to resume our work at Medmerry in the Spring.

Priory Park Archaeology Project (JK)

Planning well advanced for possible excavation in 2023

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

5th -10th September – Report has been drafted and is currently under review

Warblington Full Report

The draft report is now undergoing a full review which will take some time due to the scale of the task.

Chichester Young Archaeologists Club (YAC)

This club, though formally separate from CDAS has close ties. It is now operational and up to 30 members. We are planning for YAC to participate for a few hours on one day at Priory Park

CDAS 100 Club

Welcome to our 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.

Full details are in the additional documents included with this month's Newsletter



Membership Update /Member Mojo

Brian is in the process of handing over responsibilities to Richard New

Skills Matrix / Skills Passport

Thank you to those of you that have already completed their skills matrix and returned to Brian. This has already identified some skills we didn't know members had and also common areas where people would appreciate additional training. We can look to address this in the future programs of activities. Brian has provided a report to the General Committee summarizing the current status and how we might focus our future training /study days.

As we have said before , this is a voluntary scheme that is intended to help both members and the society – it is not a report card !

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 ...and it's a good way of bolstering this month's Newsletter which is otherwise a little light on content !

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>

Ken Parry sent me this interesting report which is a very thorough summary of the known archaeology of central Havant. I believe you will need to register on the Havant Borough Council site to access.

https://planningpublicaccess.havant.gov.uk/online-applications/files/11090A23D006093DE80844EF041FD48C/pdf/APP_21_00601-ARCHAEOLOGICAL_EVALUATION_REPORT-1529208.pdf

I had an email exchange with a member about Finds identification (on site and also 'in the wild' for example if out on a walk). Whilst pondering whether a CDAS Finds Guide might be feasible and useful, I found the following which are a good starting point;

- Kent County Council produced this guide on behalf of the Portable Antiquities Scheme. Jessica Bryan September 2010

<https://finds.org.uk/documents/guide.pdf>

- Conservation advice for finders;

https://finds.org.uk/documents/file/PAS_ConservationAdviceForFinders2018-all.pdf



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 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**. The book catalogue will not have changed much since last issued as we did not take the books to the AGM. An updated list will be issued under separate cover.

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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