



CDAS – Chairman’s Monthly Letter – July 2019

Fieldwork

After Priory Park we have had a bit of a lull in fieldwork before the Warblington dig starts in September.

We have continued our work on surveying and recording WW2 Auxiliary Hideouts and completed the survey of the one in Houghton Woods last week. This follows on from the Kingley Vale one surveyed in May. The ones at Stansted and Eartham Thicket will be scheduled in the coming months with Stansted the more urgent of the two.

Warblington

The excavation is scheduled for 9th to 23rd September inclusive. Invitations for volunteers have been sent out and Trevor and Ann Davies will circulate draft schedules for diggers and finds processing in the coming weeks.

Coastal Monitoring

No further Coastal Monitoring sessions are planned at the moment. Peter Murphy is reviewing the future schedule and when available it will be published in the Monthly Newsletter.

Medmerry remains our priority where we intend to arrange regular visits. Most other areas that we have visited in the past are not subject to rapid change and visits will be arranged when we become aware of a need.

Talks

The Autumn schedule is filling up fast and will be published on the website during the summer.

Autumn Activities

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

Guided Walk: a morning walk around Arundel led by John Barkshire plus opportunity to visit Arundel Museum in the afternoon

Date: Thursday 26 September 2019

Time: 10:30 – 12:30 plus afternoon visit to the Museum

Location: Meet at Arundel Museum, Mill Road, Arundel, West Sussex BN18 9PA. There is a large car park next to the Museum. You will need to pay for parking.

Cost: Members £7.00, non-members £12.00. Payment is due by 23rd August 2019. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

Outline: We will start by having tea/coffee and biscuits at the Museum and meet our guide. Then we will have a walk around Arundel with a commentary on buildings of interest and visiting St Nicholas’ Church and Arundel Cathedral. The walk will last about one and a half hours. There is a good choice of cafes and restaurants if you wish to buy lunch afterwards. Anyone who would like to visit – or revisit – the Museum will have the opportunity to do so in the afternoon. The Museum closes at 4pm.

Study Day – Coins Part 2: The Coins, Tokens and Jetons of England, c. AD 600-1971 led by David Rudling (Sussex School of Archaeology)

Date: Sunday 13 October 2019

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 (if places are available). Payment is due by 15th September 2019. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

Outline: Led by David Rudling, this follow on/Part 2 day school will continue examination of the development of coinage in Britain from Saxon to post-medieval times. Participants will also examine the issuing of private tokens made of pewter, lead, copper and silver, and briefly review the use of casting counters or Jetons. By the end of the session participants should be familiar with the main sequences of coin, token and jetton types for the post-Roman periods in England.

Note: It is not necessary to have attended Part 1 on 7 April to benefit from this study day.

Study Day – Medieval Towns of Sussex led by Simon Stevens (Archaeology South-East)

Date: Saturday 9th November 2019

Time: tbc. This is a full-day event.

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 7th October 2019. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

Outline: The Medieval towns of Sussex are some of the most widely archaeologically investigated settlements in the country. Recent developments in our urban centres have offered numerous opportunities to excavate the buried remains of the period c.1066 to c.1500, and place them within the context of the surviving townscapes and above-ground remains.

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

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A Members Request for Flint Samples

One of our Members Sabine Stevenson is seeking worked flint finds (diagnostic Neolithic and Bronze Age) that she could record for the People of the Heath project and her PhD. If you have any finds that you are willing to share please contact Sabine at andrea.stevenson@live.com.

Other Events and Items of Interest

Butser Ancient Farm are now planning to build a replacement for their **Neolithic house**. The current building is coming to the end of its useful life and will be replaced it with a different design based on recent archaeological evidence. A crowd funding campaign has been launched and if anyone is interested in learning more or contributing please see

<https://chuffed.org/project/build-a-stone-age-house>

The **Weald and Downland Museum** are running a course, **Chichester 1066 to 1603**, taught by Dr Ian Friel on Thursday 18th July. There is more information about the course on the link below:-

<https://www.wealddown.co.uk/courses/mere-village-rural-city-medieval-tudor-chichester/>

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