



CDAS – Chairman's Monthly Letter – June 2018

Fieldwork

As we approach the digging season it is inevitable that other fieldwork is taking a bit of a back seat.

Dom Escott gave a talk on his work at Stoughton and other barrows at the Members Evening on 23rd May. The report on the Two Neolithic Oval/Long Barrows at Stoughton Down which were surveyed in March is being finalised. .

We made a further visit to the Drovers Estate as part of the National Trust HART program. We have come towards the end of the pilot program with perhaps one more visit. We expect that the work will resume in the autumn when Tom Dommett has digested the results of the pilot. It is likely that when we restart there will be opportunities for wider participation by CDAS members. This program is a possible candidate for one of our talks in the autumn season.

We made one final search for the Missing Auxiliary Unit Hideout in Kingley Vale without success. We narrowed down the search area based on the previous trip with John Wells, a local historian. We may resume the quest later in the year when the vegetation dies down but without better information on where it might be we may hold back.

As I mentioned at the Members Evening we have a complete set of volunteers for the **Priory Park** excavation planned between **Monday 9th July and Tuesday 24th July 2018**. We expect to issue the volunteer schedules in due course.

Talks

I had some very positive feedback on the Members Evening. It seems that we picked an interesting range of subjects. Each talk was long enough to cover the subject but not so long as to make the evening drag.

We will resume our talks in the autumn. Most of the schedule is now secured and based on what I have seen so far we have the potential for a very interesting program

Activities

Tour of the Mary Rose

Date: Thursday 2nd August

Start 10:30 am, finish at 1pm

The visit will start with tea/coffee and biscuits in the Ward Room/Bridge Balcony with beautiful views over Portsmouth Harbour. There will be a welcome and talk by Alastair Miles, Collections Manager for the Mary Rose Trust, who will talk about the scope and importance of the collections and their conservation. At 11:15 there will be Guided Tour of the Mary Rose exhibition especially for CDAS members.

When the tour finishes at 1pm, you are free to explore the Mary Rose exhibition further on your own, have lunch in one of the cafés in the Dockyard or visit other Dockyard attractions (You will have to pay extra for these.)

Cost £14.25 members, £19.25 non-members. Payment is due by 1st July. Full details will be published on our website shortly

To book your place email Pauline Blagden at activities@cdas.info

Guided walk in the Duncton area; exploring the history, archaeology and geology

Date: Wednesday 10th October

Leaders: David and Anne Bone.

Total distance about 3 miles on footpaths and tracks, mostly flat with two short steep bits. Can be muddy.

Start 10.00am, finish by lunchtime (passing the Cricketers PH on return to the cars). Full details will be published on our website shortly

Cost: Members £1, non-members £6 payable in cash on the day, but please do book your place in advance by contacting Pauline Blagden activities@cdas.info

Timber-framed buildings of the Weald, their development and dating for beginners. A Study Day led by Jeremy Clarke.

Date: Saturday 3 November 2018

Time: To be confirmed. This is a full day event.

Location: Fishbourne Roman Palace (David 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 10 September. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

The course outline: This study day will cover terminology, how to approach dating a building, useful resources and a group practical session using site photographs and plans to try out the knowledge gained.

To book your place email Pauline Blagden at activities@cdas.info

Coastal Monitoring

This year's program has now finished and Peter Murphy will send out a new schedule in the autumn. Hopefully we will get the results of the radio carbon dates for the wooden structures at Medmerry in the next few weeks.

If you are not yet on Peter's mailing list and would like to be included in future please contact him on coastal@cdas.info

Other Events

Here are two other events that might interest CDAS Members

Friends of Idsworth Church are organising a 5-mile walk on Friday 10th August from **St Hubert's Church to Butser Ancient Farm** led by Sue Webber, Education Team, Butser Ancient Farm.

The walk starts at 9.30am, meeting at Butser Ancient Farm for car shuttle to St Hubert's. Tickets are £5, for further information and booking please contact friends-idsworthchurch@mail.com

Worthing Archaeology have notified me about the **Rampion Archaeology Event** on Tuesday 12 June (7pm) at the Ropetackle Arts Centre in Shoreham.

The archaeological work involved with the development and construction of the wind farm has uncovered a number of finds that will enable a greater knowledge and understanding of the local past.

A three-year assessment followed by two years of site investigations, excavations and geophysical and geoarchaeological work has significantly contributed to our archaeological knowledge of the land and under the sea. From aviation wrecks and paleolandscapes to post medieval-modern agricultural techniques, the finds will help us better understand our past.

There will be speakers from Rampion, RSK, Wessex Archaeology and Archaeology South East. The event is free, further details are available at www.lancingparishcouncil.gov.uk , on the events page

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Nev Haskins

We have been informed that Neville 'Nev' Haskins, a former CDAS member has died recently. Nev was instrumental in getting CDAS up and running with geophysics and I am sure that many members will remember him.

Mike Kallaway

CDAS Chairman

31st May 2018

