



## **CDAS – Chairman's Monthly Letter – June 2019**

### **Priory Park**

We have had another successful excavation at Priory Park and I hope that most of our Members managed to visit the site. Visitor numbers were a bit down on last year but those that came showed a keen interest and were well served by the stewards.

This year's trench extended from the southern wall of the bath house to beyond the expected north wall of the house to the south. The walls of the house extended further north than shown by the ground penetrating radar, a complete room of the house was contained within the trench. The footings for the walls were formed of flints packed into half metre wide trenches. James Kenny believes that these formed the base for a timber building built off oak beams laid on top of the footings.

It proved difficult to establish the southern extent of the bath house due to a number of medieval pits which had been dug into the site. These proved interesting in themselves including finding a number of large pieces of medieval pottery. In one case we have sherds revealing the full profile of the pot.

As is often the case on the last day we made a significant discovery, finding a wall running north south that shows a probable link between the bath house and the house to the south.

You can view Hugh Fiske's annotated 3D Model of the site on our website at <http://www.cdass.info/PrioryPark2019.html>

The trench has now been filled in and will be reseeded in the coming weeks. A small part of the spoil heap remains.

### **Warblington**

Assuming the necessary permissions are given the excavation is scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September inclusive. We expect to send out invitations for diggers and finds processing during the next few 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.

CDAS was given two complimentary copies of the **Medmerry book "A view from the edge"**. If anyone would like to borrow one of the copies please let me know. It is a substantial reference work with over 500 pages, numerous illustrations and photographs and weighs 2 kilos.

### **Talks**

The Members Evening on 22<sup>nd</sup> May marked the end of a very successful 2018/19 season of talks.

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

## **Activities**

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

### **Guided Walk: From quarry to church; the greensands of West Sussex led by David and Anne Bone**

**Almost fully booked so if you want to go please contact Pauline immediately**

Date: Tuesday 25 June 2019

Start time: 10:00. This is a full day event.

Location: Meeting point to be confirmed

Outline: During this day-long excursion, we will visit several sites that illustrate the variety of building stones, informally known as 'greensand'. Locations will take in sites of rock extraction to understand the geology, including underground in the historic Marehill Sand Mines near Pulborough, and also visit two churches where the stone can be seen in use.

The provisional itinerary (subject to access permissions being obtained) is:

Amberley – river cliff and castle

Parham – sandpit and house

Marehill – sand mines. We will also stop here for a lunch as we need to use the pub car park.

Pulborough – church

Stopham – church

Participants will need to provide their own transport or arrange a car share, and have a good torch and hard hat to access the Marehill sand mines. Also, but not essential, a high visibility jacket as we need to walk up a narrow public road to get to the site. Parking will be limited at some sites.

Cost: Members £2.00, non-members £7.00. Please book in advance by contacting Pauline at [activities@cdas.info](mailto:activities@cdas.info) and pay in cash on the day.

## **Autumn Activities**

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:activities@cdas.info)

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## **Other Events**

Members might be interested in **75th Anniversary of D-Day for Emsworth and its People** at the Emsworth Museum

75 years ago Emsworth and the surrounding area played a crucial role in the preparations for D-Day and this is being marked with the exhibition “D-Day for Emsworth and its People” in the David Rudkin Room. This display shows some of the Allied forces’ remarkable achievements and also demonstrates the impact on life in the local area. Maps, pictures and first-hand accounts by local veterans and residents illustrate the affect the build up to D-Day and the invasion on 6th June 1944 had on the town and its residents.

The Museum opens Saturdays 10.30am – 4.30pm and Sundays 2.30pm – 4.30pm.

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CDAS Chairman

4th June 2019

