



## Chairman's Introduction

Welcome to the June CDAS Newsletter and apologies it's a little late this month but I've been on my holidays (see pics below) and then all my efforts were focused on the SGM and working on a CDAS presentation that I recently did at Portfield Primary School with the help of our Secretary Shelagh Standen. More of that later.

I was only able to dig for a couple of days this year at Priory Park due to my holiday but it was great to meet some new members and just good to be back in a trench.

As I mentioned, my holidays curtailed my digging this year but on my way back from my trip to Northern Ireland, I couldn't resist the opportunity of stopping at these sites on Anglesey;



*Trefignath Burial Chamber*



*Bryn Celli Ddu Burial Chamber*

## Getting Involved

As I've previously mentioned, at this year's AGM we again have a number of committee members who will have come to the end of their tenure and will be seeking new recruits to the committee. In addition to committee membership, if you feel you have skills or experience that you would be prepared to offer please do get in touch. Our application for funding from the HLF may be the first of a number of applications, if anyone has any experience of extracting money from funding organisations that might be particularly useful in the future to support grant applications.

## Reminder

The New Park talks go into recess over the summer period. I'd like to thank Mike Kellaway, Steve Cleverly, Mark Seaman and John Wild who stepped up at our Members Evening last month and gave us some very interesting talks. I had many complimentary comments after the talk and many comments that our members delivered talks of the high quality we get from our guest external speakers. Well done gents !

## Talks and Lectures Schedule

**Note;** *All Subject to change – we will continue to try and provide a broad selection of talks whilst respecting our invited speakers constraints and of course our members.*

We kick off again on September 28



**September 28th – Mike Allen** - The Cerne Abbas Giant (as recently featured on Digging For Britain)

**October 26th – Dr Judie English** - Reconstructing the Anglo-Saxon and early Medieval Landscape using Place-names and maps

**November 23<sup>rd</sup> – David Rudling** – Roman Sussex

**December 6<sup>th</sup>** – AGM (note date, due to availability of the Hall)

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**January 25<sup>th</sup> – Trevor Creighton** - ‘Recreating the Sparsholt Mosaic at Butser Ancient Farm – shedding light on mosaic making in Roman

**February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Matt Pope** - The Future of Archaeology in Sussex

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Hayley Nicholls** - Excavation by ASE in Chichester

**April 26<sup>th</sup> – Elke Raeaman** - Finds and Artefacts from ASE excavations in Chichester  
(provisional title)

**May 24th** Member’s evening

**Sept 27<sup>th</sup>** – Simon Stevens Working with Children and Animals–The Stiances  
Archaeological Project

**Oct 25<sup>th</sup> – Jaime Kaminski** - Bronze Age finds from Chichester and Sussex (provisional)

**Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> – 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

Last few places available, please book your place in advance by emailing **Ros Cheetham** at [activities@cdas.info](mailto:activities@cdas.info)

### Fishbourne Roman Palace Volunteering

This is a really exciting opportunity for CDAS members – and many have already expressed an interest. Ros emailed members directly with these details, we have been contacted by Fishbourne Roman Palace to ask if there are any CDAS members who would like to volunteer their help with the museum’s archaeological collections at the Palace on a half or full day per week. The collections are not just from Fishbourne, but also the Novium and surrounding Chichester district. There are various projects and opportunities which include preserving metal objects, cataloguing and re-boxing finds, data entry and photography of small finds.



If you are interested in volunteering, we have arranged a visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace Collections on Tuesday 19th July at 10.30am, for a one hour tour to look around with Amy Roberts, Collections Officer.

To register your interest in volunteering, please email Ros at [activities@cdas.info](mailto:activities@cdas.info) and kindly confirm if you are also available to attend the tour.

### **Day school - The Archaeology of Death and Commemoration**

Date - Saturday 3rd September 2022

Location - Rudkin Room, Fishbourne Roman Palace

Cost - £25

Simon Stevens

Senior Archaeologist, Archaeology South-East (a division of UCL Centre for Applied Archaeology)

#### ***The Archaeology of Death and Commemoration***

*The study of human remains can be one of the most exciting and rewarding elements of archaeology, providing direct evidence of the condition (and indeed conditions) of our ancestors. Skeletal remains can harbour a variety of information ranging from gender and stature, to lifestyle and disease. In the exact opposite method to a modern doctor, the archaeologist may be able to see what was wrong with an individual and then work out the symptoms.*

*Perhaps a less recognised element of the study of death is the archaeological analysis of monuments associated with commemoration and remembrance. From Neolithic tombs to Commonwealth war grave cemeteries, attitudes to the deceased can be literally set in stone. A wander around a country churchyard can reveal a surprising array of memorials and approaches to celebrating the Date - Saturday 3rd September 2022*

### **Day school - Roman Sussex Study Day**

Date - Sunday 27th November 2022

Location - Rudkin Room, Fishbourne Roman Palace

Cost - £25

Dr David Rudling, Academic Director of the Sussex School of Archaeology

Please contact Ros Cheetham at [activities@cdas.info](mailto:activities@cdas.info) if you are interested in any activities

## **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, it makes my life easier pulling this Newsletter together) ;

### **Summary from the minutes of the FW Committee Meeting 24/6/22**



The **Priory Park Excavation** - went well with the results justifying the effort. 57 members were involved

**Old Idsworth, Main/Church Field** – it is hoped to get agreement for a limited excavation this year. The crop cycle means site probably available between July/Aug - October.

**Oyster Quay, Pook Lane**:- investigation completed and report drafted. No further work is anticipated.

**Petworth North Lawn** – this small investigation was undertaken as part of an NT open day. The trench and CDAS's activities generated lots of interest.

**Coastal Monitoring** – a return to **Medmerry** not possible until the autumn.

**Geophys surveys** – a number of possible opportunities for later in the autumn are under investigation.

Following the agreement to change the constitution CDAS can resubmit its application for a grant towards the cost of a new magnetometer.

### Notes on Small Projects

*The Fieldwork Committee is keen to build-up a bigger skill base amongst CDAS members. They are proposing to run some small-scale projects with an emphasis on training; these will go through all the usual project stages. Given that such projects will make use of skilled members and equipment they will still need to be approved & scheduled by the FWC in the same way as other projects. These small projects will be just one or two days long and usually aimed at a single archaeological feature. The organisation requirements are intended to be lighter than the larger one to two weeks projects.*

## CDAS In the Community

As I mentioned in my intro, Shelagh Standen and I recently visited a local Primary School to talk about what Archaeologists do and Romans in Chichester linked to our work at Priory Park. We worked up a pack targeted at Key Stage 2 pupils and we delivered our talk on Monday 27 June. The children seemed interested and had plenty of questions; some related to Romans, some to Archaeology and some quite random;

“How old are you?”

“Have you ever dug up a bike?”

“Are you famous?”

After I delivered the talk, Shelagh and I split with the 2 classes, I handled the Q&A whilst Shelagh showed our finds/ handling trays to the other class.

It was great fun and with a targeted pack, this could be the type of activity we could do more of. If anyone is interested in getting involved in similar activity please let me know. We're not actively publicising this as a CDAS offering but you never know, word might get around the teaching networks. Obviously experience of dealing with children aged 7-8 would be a great help !



One of the teachers we met in the staffroom said his parents-in-law run the café in Priory Park,. I mentioned our patronage of the said establishment during our tenure in the park and hinted we ought to get a discount. He said he doesn't even get a discount ! Oh well , worth a try.

## Membership Update /Member Mojo

We have had a few new members from our contact in Priory Park, welcome to anyone new to these newsletters I hope they provide you with aninsight to the activities on offer, please do get involved.

## Social Media

We currently have a presence on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to supplement our main CDAS Web page, if you haven't already, please engage in the chat and comments on these forums. It is as the name suggest, a more *social* way of interacting with other members and a good way of engaging new members and links to other local and national societies

Whilst Simon's survey indicated Social Media may not be a favoured form of contact for current members, we have over 500 folk following us I'll be preparing a communication to this audience of potential members so see if we can't turn them into fully signed up CDAS Members.

As part of Simon's work on Social Media and publicity he is collating a CDAS 'library' of images that can give a representative view of the work and activities we do. If you have any images from digs, walks or events that you believe would fit the bill , please let Simon know. Obviously images should be you own and you should consent to their use for CDAS purposes. Where possible appropriate credit will be given.

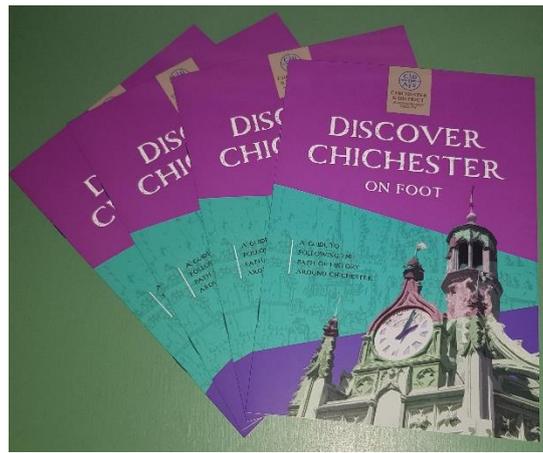
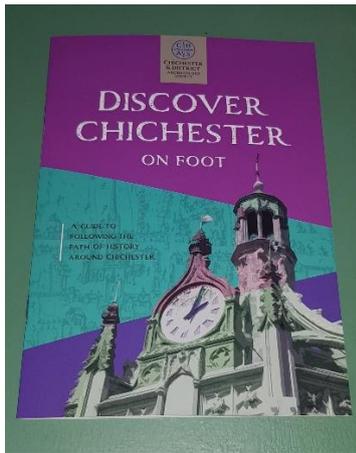
## Magnetometer / SGM

To support our proposed work on the Hill Top Project we need to replace our old Mag kit. The Fieldwork committee have agreed that Bartington best meets our requirements and financial support would be sought on the strength of the Hill Top project.

As you will have seen in other correspondence **Trevor Davies** had submitted an application via the **Heritage Lottery Fund**. This resulted in the identification of a need to amend our Constitution. We gave notice of a Special General Meeting to discuss and approve this change and I'm happy to say this was enacted and approved at that meeting. Thank you everyone who attended and unanimously voted this change through and for those who could make the meeting but offered to if necessary, even an offer to phone in from an airport departure lounge. Thankfully we had sufficient numbers without having to call in these kind offers.

## Discover Chichester on Foot – A new guided walk book

Our new, revamped, glossy Walking guide to Chichester is now in stock and will be available at New Park Talks. They will also be sold at the Novium and available for us to sell direct at events. The books are priced at £3.00 (£2.50 to members) so the more we sell direct the better the return for us to fund CDAS activities.



Sales of the books went well at Priory Park and The Novium also have their supply. If you would like a supply of books to sell, either at an event or direct to friends and family, please let me know and we can make appropriate arrangements.

### Skills Matrix / Skills Passport

Further to discussion in the General Committee the Field Work Committee are following up on this led by Brian Tomkinson. The idea is that CDAS might eventually have its own version of the Archaeology Skills Passport utilized in the industry on a professional basis. This would serve 2 purposes;

- i) it would be a way for members to track their skills level across a wide range of activities offered by the society, and identify activities that perhaps they were not aware of that they might want to learn or participate in on future digs /fieldwork
- ii) it would be a record of member's skills for the society to identify people with appropriate skills when scheduling the roles required in field activity. It might also surface skills that members have that we are unaware of that we could utilize within the society (of course only if members wish to offer such services)

As a start point and strictly **\*on a voluntary basis**, we hope to have Skills Forms for people to complete at Priory Park, either in paper form or via a Word document /email. Brian Tomkinson, our current Membership secretary has volunteered to pull this information together, with my assistance.

The skills matrix itself will be a simple list of all the activities we undertake and you will be asked whether you consider yourself ; Novice, Intermediate or Expert in each area.

*\*to be clear this is a voluntary scheme that is intended to help both members and the society – it is not a report card ! Nor does it replace the BAJR Skills Passport, if members are pursuing an academic or professional path in Archaeology you would still need to maintain and complete the industry passport.*

**There are no changes to the following items in the Newsletter but I've left them in in case you have not read before and as they remain pertinent**

### 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.

## Second-Hand Book Sale

This is still generating much needed funds but 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](mailto:membership@cdas.info)). I'll put a reminder about this in the Newsletter prior to the next talk but feel free to contact Brian in the interim.

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).

## 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. There are already 10 paid up youngsters. I wish them luck with their first outing on 9th July.

## Funding CDAS

As per previous updates, some members of the committee have been experimenting with the use of "Easy Fundraising" as a method of generating funds for the Society, and in line with all things in the wider community, we will need to review our expenditure and seek alternative ways of raising much needed funds to support our program of activities. Easy Fundraising works as follows:

- Go to: [www.Easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.Easyfundraising.org.uk)
- The cause you wish to support is "Chichester and District Archaeology Society" which has already been registered.
- Create an account
- Download the donation reminder



Most sites do support Easyfundraising. Then when you go to a supporting site, a reminder will pop up. Just click on this and a donation will automatically be generated for CDAS at absolutely no cost to you!

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Thanks for taking the time to read the Newsletter – any ideas for future inclusion please let me know (or I'll include more of my megalithic photos from my travels !). As you may have noticed, I'm gradually re-formatting as I go, I hope you like the emerging new format newsletter.

**Dickie**

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