



CDAS – Chairman's Monthly Letter – March 2020

Fieldwork

We still plan to do the geophysical survey at Fishbourne once the weather improves and the field starts to dry out.

Coastal Monitoring

Following the visit to Medmerry West in January we made a visit to Medmerry East. Recent storms had made a big change to the landscape. As on our last visit to the west side it was possible to walk across the breach at low tide.

Some more of the Coastguard station has been exposed. However one corner has now disappeared. It was good that Hugh was able to create the 3D Model when he did.

We found what looks like a large fish trap with two sets of posts running in a V shape, each arm being about 25 metres long. The woven hurdles were clearly visible. Peter Murphy took a sample of the timber in case there is an opportunity for radiocarbon dating.

We plan to return to the site in March to draw and record the structure. When we have decided on a date for this work I will let Members know.

Condition Assessment – Thorney Island

The annual Condition Assessment of the WW2 sites on Thorney Island will be on Tuesday 10th March, meeting at 09:30 at the junction of Thorney Road and Thornham Lane (SU757049).

If you would like to join us and want to bring a car onto the base you need to tell us in advance, so please email the make, model, colour and registration number of your car to annedp@waitrose.com by Friday 6 March. Bring photo ID on the day.

You cannot decide to bring a car at the last minute, but you can come as a passenger. If you send in details and then decide not to come that's no problem.

Priory Park

We have approval from CDC for this year's excavation in Priory Park from 18th May to 2nd June. The Novium Museum's Roman Week coincides with the second full week of the dig.

This year the trench will be opened by B&M who have worked with us at Warblington in recent years. With their experience and use of a heavy digger we should be able to get down to the archaeology more quickly and with less physical effort than in previous years.

We will make further announcements on the programme as and when details become available.

Talks

You may want to put the following dates in your diary

25th March	Professor Josh Pollard	Living with Monuments: recent work on the Neolithic of the Avebury region
22nd April	Judie English	Place-names in the archaeological and historical landscape
27 th May	Members Evening – Subjects and speakers will be confirmed in April's Newsletter	

Non-members are welcome to attend our talks for a fee of £5. I would encourage Members to bring along their friends

Future Activities

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

Study Day – Roman Sussex led by David Rudling (Sussex School of Archaeology)

Date: Sunday 22 March 2020

Time: 10:30 – 16:30

This event is now fully booked. Contact Pauline at activities@cdas.info if you would like to be added to the waiting list.

Location: Fishbourne Roman Palace (Rudkin Room), Roman Way, Fishbourne, Chichester PO19 3QR. There is plenty of parking.

Cost: Members £25, non-members £30. Payment is due by 22 February 2020. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

Outline: This day school will introduce participants to aspects of the archaeology of Sussex immediately before and during the Roman period (AD 43-410). We will examine: historical sources, the 'Conquest' of Claudius, the client kingdom of Togidubnus, the Flavian Palace at Fishbourne, the tribal civitas capital at Chichester, other nucleated settlements, roads, villas, farmsteads, field systems and farming, industry, the army, religion, burial practices and the 'End of Roman Sussex'. These topics will be considered from the perspectives of both the Romans and the native population.

Guided Tour of Bignor Roman Villa

Date: Wednesday 22 April 2020

Time: 14:30 – 15:30

Location: Bignor Roman Villa, Bignor, West Sussex RH20 1PH. There is free parking available and also a café on site.

Cost: Members £12, non-members £17. Payment is due by 20 March 2020.

Outline: The tour will cover the historical and archaeological context of the site, interpret the figures and motifs of the mosaics and touch also on the rediscovery of the Villa and its current preservation by Bignor Roman Villa Charitable Trust. After the tour you are welcome to stay on and peruse at your leisure.

Guided Tour: Southampton Old Town and Tudor House

Date: Thursday 14 May 2020

Time: 10:30 - 15:00

Location: Meet at Tudor House and Garden, Bugle Street, Southampton SO14 2AD. The Tudor House is in Southampton City Centre and travel options can be found on their website.

Cost: Members £15, non-members £20 (if places are available). Payment is due by 17th April 2020. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

Outline: The day begins with a one hour walking tour around and under the Old Town, exploring stories of merchants, mayhem and murder along the way! This tour visits some of the medieval vaults beneath the town. Returning to the Tudor House, participants may have lunch in the café or make their own arrangements. A special deal is available in the café if you choose your meal in advance and details will be sent to those who sign up. In the afternoon we will have a one hour guided tour of the Tudor House and Garden which includes behind the scenes access to the attics and cellars. There will be time to explore the house and garden on your own after the tour.

PLEASE NOTE: You need to be reasonably fit to participate in this activity. You will need to be on your feet walking and standing for the walk in the Old Town and there are some uneven surfaces, slopes and steep steps to negotiate. Most of the Tudor House is accessible to people with mobility impairment. However the attics and cellars are only accessible by steep steps. Some areas of the garden are also accessed by steep steps.

Study Day: The Archaeology of Death and Commemoration led by Simon Stevens, Senior Archaeologist at Archaeology South-East.

Date: Saturday 6 June 2020

Time: 10:00 – 16:00

Location: Fishbourne Roman Palace (Rudkin Room), Roman Way, Fishbourne, Chichester PO19 3QR. There is plenty of parking.

Cost: Members £25, non-members £30. Payment is due by 1 May 2020. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

Outline: 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. Country churchyards, too, can reveal a surprising array of memorials and approaches to celebrating the deceased.

Member-led walks: Around Petworth in summer, led by Henry Wakeford

Dates: Wednesday 12 August 2020 and Sunday 16 August 2020. The same walk will take place on 2 different days. Henry has kindly offered to do the walk twice to give more people the opportunity to participate

When you book, please indicate which day you will be coming.

Start Time: 13:30

Meeting point: Main Petworth town car park, GU28 0AP. There is a charge for parking on weekdays. There are public toilets in the car park.

Cost: Members £2, non-members £7. Please pay Pauline in cash on the day. The correct change would be appreciated.

Leader: Henry Wakeford

Outline: The walk will be leaving the confines of Petworth to visit a couple of nearby hamlets to look at some of their historical details.

PLEASE NOTE: You will need to be reasonably fit to take part in this activity. The walk is about six miles long and involves some steep hill walking. It will take between two and three hours. Wear stout footwear, preferably walking boots.

Practical Study Day: Make your own Iron Age Pot, led by Bill Crumbleholme

Date: Friday 18 September 2020

Time: 10:00 – 16:00

Location: Butser Ancient Farm, Chalton Lane, Waterlooville, PO8 0BG. There is plenty of parking.

Cost: Members £65, non-members £70 if places are available. Payment is due by 8 August 2020. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed. Places are limited so book early.

Outline: This hands-on study day offers CDAS members the opportunity to learn about Iron Age pottery technology and have a go at making an 'Iron Age' pot. The day will include digging clay, preparing it and hand building pots. Then we will watch a simple bonfire firing. No experience is needed but wear old clothes!

Study Day: Chichester's Maritime Past, led by writer and historian Ian Friel.

Date: Saturday 28 November 2020

Time: 10:00 – 16:00

Location: Fishbourne Roman Palace (Rudkin Room), Roman Way, Fishbourne, Chichester PO19 3QR. There is plenty of parking.

Cost: Members £25, non-members £30. Payment is due by 30 October 2020. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

Outline: Covering the area from Pagham Harbour to Chichester Harbour, and the period from prehistory onwards, this study day will explore Chichester's maritime history through both archaeological and historical sources, drawing on Ian's own research. The maritime history of this area is much richer than sometimes realised. It includes, for instance, an Elizabethan sailor from Chichester who vanished in the Indian Ocean, the Harbour's role as a grain-exporting haven in the 18th century, its surprising history in constructing Georgian warships, the local oyster fishery, and the development of yachting and leisure boating in the 20th century.

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

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EasyFundRaising

Since we started using EasyFundRaising £85 has been raised and from a total of 12 supporters. This is a significant contribution towards our Fieldwork Budget.

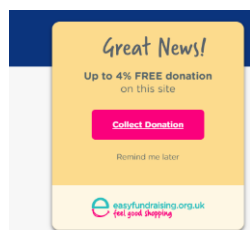
We would like more members to start using EasyFundRaising so I have repeated the instructions below on how to start.

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That's it! Then when you go to a site that makes donations, a small icon appears:



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Other activities Members might be interested in

Mystery Warrior Community Day

The Novium is holding a Community Day as a compliment to the Mystery Warrior Exhibition. Focussing on the Iron Age the event will take place at Bersted Park Community Centre on 7th March from 10am to 2pm. CDAS will have a small exhibit manned by Tom Teichmann and myself. If anyone is interested in helping out on the day please contact me at mike.kallaway@cdas.info

Worthing Archaeology Society

Talk Tue, 10 March 2020 Richard Osgood Recovering (from) the past: Archaeology and Operation Nightingale

Operation Nightingale started in 2011 with the aim of assisting the recovery of military personnel post operational-tours using archaeology. Since then it has worked on sites as varies as Saxon cemeteries in Wiltshire to crashed fighter planes in Sussex. This talk will draw together many of the fieldwork results, and discuss the outcomes for volunteers and heritage

Talk starts at 7pm in the Gordon Room, Stoke Abbott Rd, Worthing BN11 1HA

Talk. Tue, 14 April, 19:00 – 20:30, John Mills Researching the life of a bridge -

Researching the life of a bridge: Old Swan Bridge and the Arun river crossing at Pulborough, ancient and modern. How do you research the history and changing life of an ordinary small local road bridge? This talk uses archaeology, topography, geology, transport and local history to study the archaeology and history of Old Swan Bridge at Pulborough, built in the 1780s. Previous bridges and river crossings on its site, from Roman Stane Street onwards, the bridge builders and rebuilders, flood and bridge authorities, and the villagers of Pulborough all come into the picture.

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27th February 2020

