



CDAS – Chairman's Monthly Letter – November 2018

Fieldwork

Petworth Survey

We had a successful survey of the area around the Doric Temple in the Pleasure Gardens. Both Resistivity and Magnetometry surveys were conducted with good results.

The surveys revealed some responses that correspond to pathways on the 1897 Ordnance Survey Map that are no longer in use. There were also responses that do not correspond to features on the 1897 Map.

We have speculated based on the views on LiDAR and the two surveys that the area in front of the Doric Temple may have once been an amphitheatre. An intermediate report has been sent to Tom Dommett of the National Trust and he is very pleased with our findings. A full report will follow.

Franklin Place Excavation

Following on from an earlier survey of the back garden of a house in Franklin Place that was once a pub we made a small excavation on the site of a possible well. As it turned out it was not a well but a partial infill of the ditch that ran around the Chichester walls during Roman times. Much of what we recovered from the trench was 19th Century or post WW2 but we did find one sherd of Rowlands Castle grey ware.

Thorney Island

Anne de Potier led a small group of CDAS Members who cleared vegetation from pillbox CH013 on the West side of Thorney. It had become very overgrown but now looks good as new. The before and after photos on Facebook look quite striking.

Later that day we investigated some striations which show up on the Environment Agency LiDAR on land to the north of the pillbox. We had a thought that they might be part of a ridge and furrow farming system. The site visit confirmed this and it will now be added by James Kenny to the Historic Environment Record. Surviving ridge and furrow systems are relatively rare in West Sussex and this is a good find.

On the same day in the area around the point closest to CH013 we found worked flints, further north we found a sample of probable Bronze Age briquetage. Similar finds have been recorded previously confirming that this area should systematically be investigated.

Coastal Monitoring

Peter Murphy has prepared a new schedule for the period up until Christmas. As mentioned during October's talk Peter will no longer be issuing this schedule directly, in future it will be published in the monthly Newsletter only.

Date	Low tide	Meeting time	Study Area and aim	Meeting place
Tuesday 20th November	1435	1300	Medmerry West. Repeated monitoring	RSPB Car Park at Earnley adjacent to Earnley Concourse (SZ 816967 approx.) To minimise disturbance to birds we will take a minimum number of cars down to the shore.
Tuesday 4th December	1426	1230	Systematic survey of an area of the west Shore of Thorney Harbour to collect lithics, ceramics and briquetage around SU 74648 02950	Junction of Thorney Lane and Thornham Lane by sewage works. SU 757049 (Note 2)

Note 1. For the Medmerry meeting there is no need to book in advance - just turn up. Peter's phone number is 07749 338407.

Note 2. For the Thorney meetings it is essential that you provide information to us on your car (make, model, colour, registration) before we access MoD land at Thorney, so we can notify them. You cannot decide to bring a car at the last minute, but you can come as a passenger in another car.

We must have this information before 30th November for sessions on 4th December. You will also need photo id, e.g. new-style driving licence. Please email these details to **Anne de Potier** annedp@waitrose.com

Talks

You may want to put the following dates in your diary

28th November	William Foot	The Boudican campaign of AD 60/61: some new ideas
4th December	AGM & Christmas Party at St Nicholas Hall, Bosham	
23 rd January	Simon Stevens	How Many??? Bronze Age, Iron Age and Roman Buildings at Chalkers Lane, Hurstpierpoint
27 th February	Archaeology South-East	Finds from the Chichester Sewer Expansion
27th March	Judie English	The South Downs Cross-ridge Dyke Project
24th April	Daryl Holter	His work as Sussex Police Heritage Crime Advisor

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

AGM

The AGM and Christmas Party will be on 4th December at St Nicholas Hall, Bosham. This is the same venue as we used last year. We will try to keep the formal business as short as possible so that we make it much more of a social event.

Glasses, paper plates, napkins, wine & soft drinks are organised by the committee; members are asked to bring a plate of food that can be shared.

I will be issuing the AGM Agenda, Chairman's Report for 2018 and the CDAS Accounts before I go on holiday on 7th November.

Activities

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

Date: Saturday 3rd November 2018

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 (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.

Flint Recognition Study Day led by Bob and Gillian Turner

Date: Saturday 2nd March 2019

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 1st February 2019. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

The course outline:

This study day will give you an overview of flint tools from the early Paleolithic with special emphasis on the flints you find on an excavation. The focus will be on recognition of different flints not how they were made, so even if you attended Bob's recent practical course at Butser, you will still find this study day useful and interesting. It will be a fun day with lots of

Other Events

Here are other events that CDAS Members might be interested in.

Petersfield Museum, People of the Heath - Bronze Age Barrows in Petersfield.

Date

12th June, 2018 - 24th November, 2018

Tickets

General admission fees apply

Start and end times

10:00am - 4:00pm

This special exhibition will showcase some of the amazing finds and discoveries which have been made over the four years of this Heritage Lottery Funded project. See what archaeological techniques were used, learn from the volunteers who worked on the project and learn about the people who created this barrow complex on Petersfield Heath 4000 – 3500 years ago.

Part of the People of the Heath project see www.petersfieldmuseum.co.uk/whats-on/people-heath-bronze-age-barrows-petersfield

Worthing Archaeology Society

Talk Nov 13th - Jon Sygrave UCL - Sussex Flint Mines and the early Neolithic Whitehawk Causewayed Enclosure in Brighton

Talk Dec 11th – Jane Russell – The Construction of a Neolithic World on Orkney

Talk Jan 8th - Edwin Wood - The Roman Army in Sussex

All talks at Worthing Library Lecture Theatre at 7.30pm

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CDAS Chairman

30th October 2018

