



CDAS – Chairman’s Monthly Letter – November 2019

Fieldwork

Petworth

Despite the weather we did manage to complete the geophysical survey of the Sports Field and the trial trenches in front of the Doric Temple.

One of the trial trenches revealed the Capability Brown path that ran to the South of the Doric Temple. It was quite a substantial path made of stone fragments and broken brick. From the work we have done this year and last it should be possible for the National Trust to lay a path following the same route.

The Geophys of the Sports fields revealed pathways that were last in use in the late 19th C, the site of old kennels and previous locations for the football pitch. We conclude that there is no archaeological reason for not developing the sports facilities at the site.

Fishbourne

We are planning to do a Resistivity Survey of a field to the west of Blackboy Lane, Fishbourne during week commencing 25th November. A request for volunteers has been sent out to all members. We expect to find a Roman Road and possibly some other structures.

Coastal Monitoring

Peter Murphy will arrange further sessions as and when and these will be included in the monthly Newsletter. Our current focus is on developments at Medmerry and we expect to plan the next visit after the autumn storm season

Talks

You may want to put the following dates in your diary

27th November	George Anelay	The Selhurst Park Project: Where Next?
4 th December	AGM & Christmas Party at St Nicholas Hall, Bosham	
22 nd January	Trevor Creighton	The Roman Anglo-Saxon Transition
26th February	John Smith	Battle of Britain over Chichester, 1940: Aerial action and archaeological implications
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	

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 Wednesday 4th December at 7.30pm 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 formal invitation, AGM Agenda, Chairman's Report for 2019 and the CDAS Accounts early in November.

3D Models

Those of you who attended the recent meeting at New Park will remember me asking how many people used Hugh's 3D Models of our excavations. Based on the response I judged that around one-third of our members use the models. I also asked if anyone had problems getting the 3D Models to work on their computer to which no one indicated that they had a problem.

As not all members were at the meeting if anyone does have problems getting the 3D Models to work they should contact Hugh at hugh.fiske@cdas.info

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 – Medieval Towns of Sussex led by Simon Stevens (Archaeology South-East)

Date: Saturday 9th 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 7th 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.

Currently the Study Day is fully booked but contact Pauline if you want to be placed on the waiting list.

Behind the Scenes Visit to Fishbourne

Date: Thursday 6th February 2020

Time: 1100-1200

Location: Discovery Centre, Fishbourne Roman Palace, Roman Way, Chichester PO19 3QR. There is plenty of parking.

Cost: Members £6.00, non-members £11.00. Payment is due by 3rd January 2020. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

Outline: This is a great opportunity for finds processors and others involved in excavations. Curator Rob Symmons will give us a behind the scenes tour of the store, focusing on recent research topics and providing the opportunity to handle some of the artefacts from the reserve collections. He will also touch on the subject of collections management in general, and issues such as pressures of space, deposition charges, archive preparation etc.

We hope the Cafe will be open for those wanting to stay for lunch afterwards. (It was open in February 2019.) Please note that the tour does not include admission to Fishbourne Palace and you will have to pay for this separately if you wish to visit the Palace. Only 12 places are available for the tour so book early!

To reserve your place at any of the activities, 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

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.

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Other activities Members might be interested in

Worthing Archaeology Society

Talk on 12th November 2019, Carolina Rangel de Lima, Finds Liaison Officer: - **Sussex 'The Portable Antiquities Scheme'**

Carolina will talk about some of the recent finds recorded in our area. She may also bring along a selection of artefacts for handling at the end of the session.

Talk December 10th 2019 Mr John Mills Archaeologist WSCC and President of Worthing Archaeological Society **Researching the life of a bridge: Old Swan Bridge and the Arun river crossing at Pulborough, ancient and modern.**

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

Both talks start at 7.30pm in the Gordon Room at Worthing Town Hall, please note that this is a ***new venue for WAS***

The Novium

Talk Nets, Wrecks and Artefacts - by Alistair Byford-Bates, 7th November

The fishing community's contribution to our shared cultural heritage and the Fishing Industry Protocol for Archaeological Discoveries (FIPAD).

Further details can be found at <http://www.thenovium.org/whatson>

Archaeology Books and Publications

Valerie Singer the former Deputy Director of Excavations, for Coventry Museum amassed a collection of books and publications on Archaeology during her lifetime. Following her death her brother Philip has offered the collection to CDAS.

If anyone is interested the books will be available to view at November's meeting at New Park.

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CDAS Chairman

26th October 2019

