



CDAS – Chairman’s Monthly Letter – October 2019

Fieldwork

Warblington

We have had another successful dig at Warblington this year. Recent rainfall has confirmed how lucky we were with the weather.

After many years on the site we are now starting to review how we should report the Warblington Project in all its aspects. Although many questions about the site remain unanswered it seems unlikely that we will undertake further excavations

Petworth

CDAS are planning to run two projects in partnership with the National Trust in Petworth Park during week commencing 14th October. Together they will contribute towards our understanding of the development of Petworth Park and possibly the construction techniques that Capability Brown used.

The first is geophysical survey of the sports field. There is a suspicion that part of the village Capability Brown moved out of sight of Petworth House may have once been there. The second is small dig near the Doric Temple which we surveyed in October 2018.

A request for volunteers has already been sent out and schedules will be issued shortly. Anyone who is interested but not yet responded should contact Trevor Davies on surveying@cdas.info with the dates you are available during that week

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

23rd October	Andy Burnham	The Old Stones: Megalithic Sites of Britain and Ireland'
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

Talks *continued*

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

Autumn Activities

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

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 15th 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.

Thorney Island member-led visit

Date: Friday 18 October 2019

Start time: tbc, this is a whole day event

This is a whole day event.

Location: Starts at Eames Farm, Thorney Road, Emsworth, PO10 8DE.

Free parking is available at Eames Farm. Disabled and bicycle parking are in the courtyard. All other parking is on the road by the Eames Farm building.

Walk leaders/Presenters: Ann Davies, Trevor Davies and Brian Tomkinson

Cost: Members £10, non-members £15.00. Payment is due by 20 September

Outline: CDAS is delighted to offer another opportunity to visit Thorney Island highlighting the work CDAS has done there including work relating to World War II monuments, the Roman Pottery Collection, LiDAR, field systems and prehistoric finds.

We will start the day at Eames Farm with the presentations. After a refreshment break, we will drive to Thorney Island for the guided walk. The walk itself will take about 3 hours and will include many of the sites mentioned in the presentations. After the walk we will return to Eames Farm. Please bring a packed lunch. We will have lunch at Eames Farm either before or after the walk, depending on the final timings.

Important information about this event. Please read this before booking.

Thorney Island is a military site. We have permission for the walk but it could be withdrawn even at the last minute.

All cars driven onto Thorney Island will need to be booked in advance. As we must minimise the number of cars we take onto the island we need volunteers to offer lifts to other members and provide their car details.

As well as wearing appropriate footwear, you need to be reasonably fit to do this walk as you will be on your feet for about 3 hours.

The walk will go ahead whatever the weather so please come prepared.

Don't forget to bring a packed lunch.

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.

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 Pauline will be away the first two weeks of September with limited access to her email so please be patient if she takes a little while to respond

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Other activities Members might be interested in

Proposed vegetation clearance around WW2 features on Thorney Island 8th October

Following the success of last year's event Anne de Potier plans to arrange another visit to do light vegetation clearance around various features including a pillbox and a gun emplacement. It's mostly brambles and ivy, and not strenuous. If you have not been part of the Condition Assessment team it's a good opportunity to see the sites.

We propose to do this on Tuesday 8 October, meeting at 09:30 at the junction of Thorney Road and Thornham Lane (SU757049). As with all meetings on Thorney, if you 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 5 October. 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 for the system. If you would like to come but cannot do that date please contact Anne, as there may be other opportunities.

Please wear stout boots and bring thick gloves and tools such as secateurs, loppers, a spade and/or a digging fork if you can. You may also like to bring a flask and a snack, and insect repellent! We will drive between sites but there will be a little walking as well. A risk assessment will be sent to participants. This is an official CDAS event so you will be asked to complete the usual paperwork.

Buster Ancient Farm - Viking Magic, Hidden Gold, 5th October 2019

Archaeological treasures and the stories they tell...

Archaeologist and broadcaster, Mary-Ann Ochota joins forces with Jason Buck, Storyteller to bring history out from where it's been buried in the ground, back to life and into stories.

Mary-Ann and Jason unearth a unique blend of archaeology and storytelling, inspired by artefacts discovered across the British Isles, dating from the Iron Age to the Second World War.

Thousands of artefacts are discovered in the British Isles every year. Some of them earn their finders enormous sums of money, but most are priceless in a different way, telling the stories of our ancestors' lives, revealing the secrets and beliefs of the folk who lived here before us. Mary-Ann and Jason reveal the exciting, intriguing, hilarious and sometimes ridiculous stories behind archaeological finds, famous and forgotten...

The Viking stone used to weave magic into cloth

The prehistoric spoons used to tell the future...

...and the human remains they lead us to

Buried treasure hidden from the Nazis

The golden ring that revealed a family tragedy

A fake nose and the lengths lovers will go to.

Two performances, Saturday 5 October, Roundhouse Butser Ancient Farm

Matinee Ages 9+, 2.30-4.30 pm Adult tickets £15, children £6 (16 and under) [Book here](#)

Evening Ages 12+, 7.30-9.30 pm Adult tickets only £15, there will be a bar available [Book here](#)

Worthing Archaeology Society

Talk on 8th October 2019, Connie Shirley - The Malthouse Field at Sompting - Investigation of Building Remains

WAS has investigated the building remains in Sompting Paddocks which may be part of a Malthouse and farm complex known to be on this site in the 17th Century. Excavations have taken place over three years and a chalk-lined well and further flint walls have been found.

Worthing Library Lecture Theatre at 7.30pm.

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.

Worthing Library Lecture Theatre at 7.30pm

Wealden Buildings Study Group

Wealden Buildings Study Group are interested in inspiring oak timber-framed buildings that have used local materials and craftsmanship since medieval times. They are starting to plan their visit programme for 2020. If any CDAS members occupy such a house in the South East or have acquaintances, friends or relatives who do and would appreciate a free interpretive survey they can find out more at <https://www.wealdenbuildings.org.uk/>

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26th September 2019



