

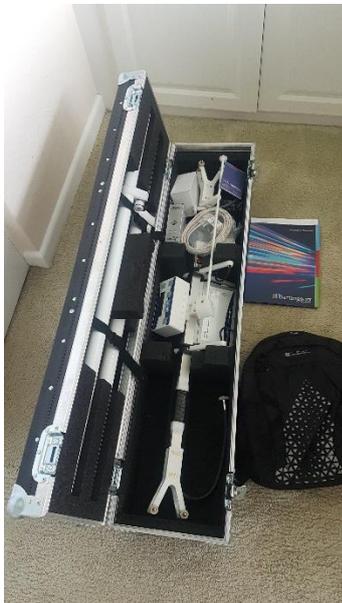


Chairman’s Introduction

Welcome to the September CDAS Newsletter. I’ve held back on the Newsletter for a few weeks awaiting updates for inclusion. We have in the meantime recommenced our New Park Talks, it was good to see so many of you attending our first talk of the new season – I must admit I knew the importance of molluscs from my degree studies but I thought Mike Allen’s presentation really put that into context in supporting other scientific dating techniques in successfully providing a date period for the Cerne Abbas Giant.

Bartington Purchase

As reported in my last Newsletter we have gone ahead and purchased a Bartington Gradiometer and I’m pleased to now report that Mark Seaman took delivery of the equipment last week.



The equipment will require set up, bedding in, calibrating and our members will begin the process of learning all aspects of its application in the field. Our investment, both terms of monetary cost and member effort, in getting to grips with this, will ensure our program of fieldwork can continue apace next year.

The outright purchase of the Bartington is a substantial hit on our reserves and so as per my Newsletter last month, we took the unusual step of asking for donations to help support our future program of work. We have had a fantastic response to this request from last month’s first appeal but we are hoping others might find themselves able to make a donation (see last month’s Newsletter email for details of how to make additional donations)

Finances

We hope that by asking for additional donations over and above subscriptions allows those that can, to contribute more. In addition to this I’m also pleased to include with Newsletter details of our new CDAS ‘100 Club’. This is a common mechanism used by clubs and societies to generate additional regular income whilst creating a simple monthly prize draw as a small incentive.

As well as the re-introduction of the Raffle at New Park (thank you Anne and Sam Joy for your efforts with this) and the sales of second hand books we are starting to build our income streams to keep funding our fieldwork activities.

CDAS 100 Club

Welcome to our 100 Club



A great way for you to support us whilst having a bit of a flutter! Here's how it works...

Join the 100 Club by giving £2 a month (or £24 annually) to CDAS.

This buys you one membership number (that we will allocate), which enters you into the monthly draw. All participants must be over 16 and a member of CDAS.

The draw will take place each month at a CDAS meeting.

If you win, your winnings will be paid to you by bank transfer and the winning numbers published in CDAS's monthly newsletter.

The prize money will be 35% of the membership fee taken that month. The remaining 65% goes to CDAS to help fund equipment, resources and opportunities for members.

Full details are in the additional documents included with this month's Newsletter

Talks and Lectures Schedule

The New Park

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

In archaeology and history in general it is difficult to hear the voices of the average person but place-names are one way in which we can do this. Another type of evidence that is available is the modern landscape where boundaries often survive from the medieval period and sometimes even from prehistory. Combined with old and modern maps, and aerial photographs, it is sometimes possible to add to our understanding of place-names by literally seeing what they meant by recognising features on maps and in the field. This talk will use examples, mainly from Surrey and Sussex, to illustrate the possibilities.

Judie has a PhD in the Bronze Age and is very interested in landscape archaeology, especially the development of the Low Weald in the Saxon and medieval periods.

November 23rd – David Rudling – Roman Sussex

December 6th – AGM (note date, due to availability of the Hall)

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January 25th – Trevor Creighton - 'Recreating the Sparsholt Mosaic at Butser Ancient Farm – shedding light on mosaic making in Roman

February 22nd – Matt Pope - The Future of Archaeology in Sussex

March 23rd – Hayley Nicholls - Excavation by ASE in Chichester

April 26th – Elke Raeman - Finds and Artefacts from ASE excavations in Chichester

(provisional title)

May 24th Member's evening



Sept 27th – Simon Stevens Working with Children and Animals–The Stiances
Archaeological Project

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

Nov 22nd – **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

Please book your place in advance by emailing **Ros Cheetham** at activities@cdas.info

Fishbourne Roman Palace Volunteering

There is still the opportunity to volunteer at Fishbourne Roman Palace who extended an invite to any CDAS members to 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.

25 CDAS members have already had an interesting tour of the artefact collections at Fishbourne Roman palace in July. Amy Roberts, Collections Officer for the Novium was overwhelmed by our volunteer support and we look forward to helping her with the conservation projects in the autumn.

If you missed the tour and would still like to volunteer, you can download the form at <https://www.thenovium.org/volunteer>

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

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) ;



- **Old Idsworth**, Main/Church Field – Three trenches were excavated in early September exposing some interesting features. The number and variety of finds was more than expected and the pottery is currently being evaluated.
- **Coastal Monitoring** – a return to **Medmerry** not possible until the autumn.
- **Geophys surveys** – a couple of possible opportunities for later in the autumn are in the planning phase
- **Chichester YAC** (Young Archaeologist Club) visited Idsworth excavation **after the completion of our activities** and dug in the main trench – this was a great success and a model for future opportunities

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. I am very pleased to say that **we have identified candidates for all the upcoming vacancies** however there is time yet to put yourselves forward should you wish. In addition to committee membership, if you feel you have skills or experience that you would be prepared to offer to help in any way, please do get in touch.

CDAS In the Community

We have been asked by a Scout Group from Portchester if we could do a talk for their Scouts and this is now confirmed as Monday 21 November. The powerpoint pack I recently used for as Primary School presentation is undergoing some minor amendments for an older age group but I would like to make the session a little more interactive for the scouts. If anyone would like to assist in this activity please let me know or if you have ideas for Archaeology based activities that can be carried out in a scout hall environment please get in touch. I'm currently planning to take along our handling tray and lay these out so the Scouts can draw them in plan view utilising our planning frames and permatrace boards. I'm also pondering the feasibility of simulating a Geophysics grid using white, grey and black paper squares with some obvious features represented...I'm sure about this yet!

Membership Update /Member Mojo

We have had a few new members from our contact in Priory Park and from my note to Facebook followers. Welcome! to anyone new to these newsletters I hope they provide you with an insight to the activities on offer, please do get involved.

Skills Matrix / Skills Passport

Thank you to those of you that have already completed their skills matrix and returned to Brian. This has already identified some skills we didn't know members had and also common areas where people would appreciate additional training. We can look to address this in the future programs of activities.

**as a reminder this is a voluntary scheme that is intended to help both members and the society – it is not a report card !*

Second-Hand Book Sale



This is still generating much needed funds and 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) .

Moving large quantities of books is becoming quite a task on the night of talks so going forward I'll publish our catalogue before the meeting; **if you would like any of the journals or series of books, please let me know** and we'll arrange to bring them along, **otherwise we'll only be bringing the individual books** which will be more manageable for Brian and I.

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).

There are little or no changes to the following items in the Newsletter but I've left them in, for new members or 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.

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.

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.

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