



CDAS – Chairman’s Monthly Letter – September 2018

Fieldwork

Ancient Site near Chilgrove

You may have seen on our Website, Facebook and Twitter that a small team has been conducting geophysical surveys on a farm near Chilgrove. We were supporting Dom Escott in his work on Oval Barrows. We made resistivity, magnetometry and GPR surveys of three features an Oval Barrow, a Bronze Age Round Barrow and an oblong structure possibly a Mortuary Temple. The GPR Equipment was on loan from Winchester University where Dom is affiliated.

A trial trench was dug across the oblong structure to try and get a better understanding of its form, age and purpose. The trench exposed two post holes in the chalk (see photo below). Hugh Fiske has created an excellent and very detailed 3D Model of the trench showing the post holes which you can view at:-

<https://sketchfab.com/models/43132e444ed140b7991e3cd449ac9c1d>



Warblington

The excavation will run from Monday 10th September to Saturday 22nd September inclusive. We plan to excavate every day except the Sundays 16th and 23rd September

All volunteers should have received a work schedule from Trevor Davies together with a risk assessment and a joining schedule. If anyone has any questions on this or who feels they have been overlooked they should contact Trevor directly at trevor.davies28@btinternet.com

The grass on the field has not been cut but is very short so should not cause us any issues even if Henry, the farmer, does not cut it prior to the dig. Despite the recent rain the ground is still reasonably firm though this could change if we get a lot of rain in the next week or so.

Coastal Monitoring

Peter Murphy has emailed his new schedule for the period up until Christmas to those on his mailing list. If you want to be on Peter's mailing list and have not received a copy please contact him on coastal@cdas.info. There is no need to book in advance you can just turn up.

Date	Low tide	Meeting time	Study Area and aim	Meeting place
Tuesday 23rd October	1544	1300	SW shore of Thorney Harbour. Continuing coverage of Chichester Harbour	TBA
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	

Talks

Our talk schedule resumes next month, as before the talk will start at 7.30pm in the New Park Centre, Chichester.

26 th September	Michael Walsh	Pudding Pan and Roman wrecks in the UK
24th October	Gordon Hayden	Gobblestubs Cope, Arundel and the end of prehistory?
28th November	William Foot	The Boudican campaign of AD 60/61: some new ideas
4th December	AGM & Christmas Party at St Nicholas Hall, Bosham	

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

Activities

Guided walk in the Duncton area; exploring the history, archaeology and geology, led by David and Anne Bone

Date: Wednesday 10th October 2018

This activity is now fully booked.

We have spaces on the following activities. To book contact Pauline Blagden activities@cdas.info

Pauline will also be happy to answer any queries about CDAS activities and receive suggestions for CDAS activities in the future.

LiDAR Study Day, led by CDAS members Mike Kallaway and Mark Seaman

Date: Saturday 20 October 2018

Time: To be confirmed. This is a full day event.

Location: Eames Farm, Thorney Road, Emsworth, PO10 8DE. Free parking is available. You will need to bring a packed lunch.

Cost: Members £25, non-members £30 (if places are available). Payment is due by 15 September. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

The Course outline:

This is an introductory course to accessing and manipulating the Environment Agency and Secrets of the Highways LiDAR data. The course will cover the different types of LiDAR data available (DTM, DSM, LRM), how to access them and choose which is most appropriate. This will lead on to further processing of the data to generate enhanced views including 3-D models, multi-coloured images and contour maps.

This is a practical course and delegates should bring a laptop with them with QGIS installed. Delegates will need to have a working knowledge of QGIS to get the best out of the course. LiDAR data for the examples used during the workshop will be provided on USB memory sticks. Extensive course notes will be provided for future reference.

Assistance will be provided on the course if any difficulties are encountered. If a laptop is not available then one can be shared. We will use one of our laptops to project on to the screen and work through the course material.

**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: To be confirmed. 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 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 on 9th October 2018, Anne Friend - Saved by the Waves.

Discover how waterlogged preservation and archaeology has developed our understanding of life and society in the past.

Worthing Library Lecture Theatre at 7.30pm.

South Downs National Park Authority

CDAS Members who were also volunteers on the Secrets of the Highwoods Project receive a weekly e-mail from the SDNPA giving them an update on what is going on. A recent mail mentioned a "Volunteering opportunity - Scheduled Monument Assessors". The role is described as:-

"The Wealden Heaths Team are seeking keen volunteers who are interested in helping to assess the condition of Scheduled Monuments (SMs) in the area. Ancient Monuments are structures of special historic interest and range from earthworks to ruins and buried remains. Many are 'scheduled' under an Act of parliament to give them heritage protection.

For the role you will need to be willing to learn the typical SMs of this area (e.g. bowl barrows) and will select a number of SMs to assess. You don't need to be an expert, help and guidance will be given. This is a short-term role. Please see attached document for more information."

I do not know if any CDAS Members pursued this but at least it shows that the SDNPA are starting to think more seriously about their responsibilities for Cultural Heritage

If you want to keep up with our latest news please click on the Facebook or Twitter links at the end of this letter.

Mike Kallaway

CDAS Chairman

30th August 2018

