



CDAS – Chairman’s Monthly Letter – September 2019

Fieldwork

Warblington

The excavation is scheduled for 9th to 23rd September inclusive. The volunteer schedules have now been issued. If you have any questions on the schedules you should contact Trevor Davies at surveying@cdas.info

Due to roadworks on the A259 we will not be able to offload the storage container in the main field. It will be placed near the gate in the field to the west as it was in the not so recent past. This means a longer route to take tools etc. to the dig. However you will be pleased to hear that the toilets will be placed in their usual spot in the main field.

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, those interested should reply to Trevor Davies on surveying@cdas.info with the dates you are available during that week

Coastal Monitoring

The next session of Coastal Monitoring will be a visit to Medmerry West on Thursday 29th August. Invitations have already been sent out and we have had a good acceptance.

We plan to meet at the 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.

Low tide is at 4.35 pm and we plan to meet-up at 3 pm. If you have not volunteered and are interested in joining please let me know by contacting me at mike.kallaway@cdas.info

Medmerry remains our priority where we intend to arrange regular visits. Most other areas that we have visited in the past are not subject to rapid change and visits will be arranged when we become aware of a need.

Talks

You may want to put the following dates in your diary

25th September	James Kenny and Amy Roberts, Collections Officer at The Novium	Mystery Warrior: The North Bersted Man
23rd October	Andy Burnham	Megalithic Sites
27th November	George Anelay	Selhurst Park
4 th December	AGM & Christmas Party at St Nicholas Hall, Bosham	

You may have seen the recent articles in the Chichester Observer about the Bersted Warrior and we are very grateful to James Kenny for agreeing to give what promises to be a very interesting talk on 25th September.

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

Guided Walk: a morning walk around Arundel led by John Barkshire plus opportunity to visit Arundel Museum in the afternoon

Date: Thursday 26 September 2019

Time: 10:30 – 12:30 plus afternoon visit to the Museum

Location: Meet at Arundel Museum, Mill Road, Arundel, West Sussex BN18 9PA. There is a large car park next to the Museum. You will need to pay for parking.

Cost: Members £7.00, non-members £12.00. Payment is due by 23rd August 2019. Details of how to pay will be sent when your place is confirmed.

Outline: We will start by having tea/coffee and biscuits at the Museum and meet our guide. Then we will have a walk around Arundel with a commentary on buildings of interest and visiting St Nicholas' Church and Arundel Cathedral. The walk will last about one and a half hours. There is a good choice of cafes and restaurants if you wish to buy lunch afterwards. Anyone who would like to visit – or revisit – the Museum will have the opportunity to do so in the afternoon. The Museum closes at 4pm.

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

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.

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.

Emsworth Museum have produced a new Poster which I have added to the end of this Newsletter.

There is also a small display about CDAS and the Warblington site in the shopfront of Belcher and Frost in Emsworth's main square.

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/>

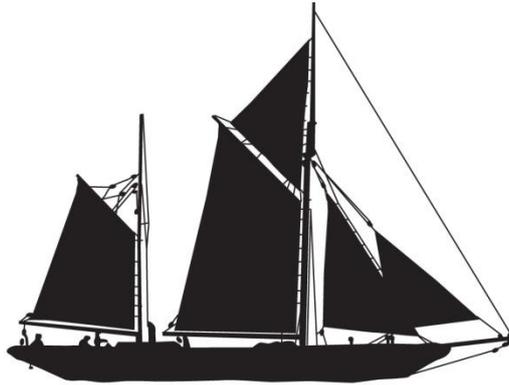
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CDAS Chairman

27th August 2019



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