



Chairman's Introduction

Hello everyone. Welcome to my May Newsletter as we prepare for our Priory Park dig this year, again led by James Kenny, Archaeological Officer for Chichester District Council and our own Steve Cleverly, this will be the last regular newsletter as we go into the Summer recess (unless anything really interesting crops up over the break). I hope to see as many of you as possible for our May talk which, in keeping with tradition, will be a representation of some of the work CDAS and CDAS members have been involved in recently. I was hoping to have some photos to share from Trevor and Ann's trip to SE Turkey which sounds absolutely amazing. As they've only just returned I guess we'll have to wait for those...in lieu of any other contributions therefore some more gratuitous photos of my own. I recently acted as tour guide for some friends' American relations and a Ukrainian friend who is lodging with them as part of the Government scheme. We visited West Kennet, Silbury, Avebury and the Avenue.





Talks and Lectures Schedule

The New Park, Chichester 2024

22nd May: Members evening.

Steve Cleverly will be talking about a range of society projects – Monkton DMV, The Trundle, Welldown Villa, Seeley Copse

Simon Walton will be talking about the Monument at Staunton Park

Graham Soffe will be talking about an early image of the Ganymede mosaic at Bignor discovered with new information about the mosaic

Just a reminder of a change of format to the raffle for May. We have already had some very nice prizes donated (thank you to members who have donated these). To recognise the number of higher value prizes available in the May raffle, the tickets will be sold at £5 per ticket rather than £1 per strip (as ever, thanks Anne for your efforts with the raffle it provides a much needed top up to CDAS funds);



(A selection of what's currently in the May Raffle)

25th September: James Brown, National Trust - Recent Excavations at Petworth (tbc)

All talks start at **7.30 pm**. 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

22nd June - Walking Tour of Roman (and Medieval) Chichester - Part 1, led by James Kenny

14th September - Walking Tour of Roman (and Medieval Chichester - Part 2, led by James Kenny

19th November - Visit the War Dyke at Whiteways, led by William Foot. See one of South Downs' greatest surviving Iron Age earthworks.

Please see the [Activities Page](#) on our website for the latest details and booking information.



Fieldwork

Thanks to Mike Kallaway for the fieldwork summary; ;

Priory Park Archaeology Project

The excavation will take place from 21st May – 4th June. We have had a good response to our call for volunteers and all preparations are nearing completion. We look forward to seeing you if you are scheduled to dig, steward or help with finds processing. If you have been unable to get involved by volunteering, please try and drop by Priory Park and follow progress.

Thorney Condition Assessment

Following the recent visit a workplan has been prepared divided between CDAS, The Harbour Conservancy and the MoD. We are planning to organise CDAS work parties to clear vegetation in the Autumn and further information will be sent out nearer the time.

St Ann's Hill, Midhurst

A report on the high-definition resistance survey in March is being prepared

CDAS 100 Club

Don't forget the CDAS 100 Club is a great way for you to support us.

Join the 100 Club by giving £2 a month (or £24 annually) to CDAS. This buys you one membership number which is included in 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. Winnings will be paid to you by bank transfer.

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.

Membership Update /Member Mojo

Our annual renewal process should be all but complete. This is never entirely glitch free but mostly a great labour saving mechanism. If you experience any issues, please contact Richard New in the first instance.

Have you Seen?

If you have found a particularly interesting or useful website that you think Members might not have seen, then please feel free to forward to me and I'll include here. A lot of links are already included on our main website;

<https://www.cdas.info/Links.html>

Just a few links for you this month;

BBC News has coverage of the Skipsea dig revealing medieval buildings and artefacts



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cz5dryr1xgeo>

Archaeology Magazine is among many reporting on this “Possible Roman Waystation Uncovered in England”

<https://www.archaeology.org/news/12390-240514-england-roman-travelers>

and finally BBC News again has good coverage of this Bronze Age wooden well excavated in Benson;

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cd13pgzd004o>

Thanks for taking the time to read the – any ideas for future inclusion please let me know.

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