

About EDAS

EDAS was formed in 1983, and is committed to the exploration, excavation, recording and conservation of archaeological monuments and antiquities, and to promoting the public understanding of archaeology and local history through programmes of talks, visits, training and open days. Membership is now close to 250, and EDAS has strong links with many other organisations across Dorset and beyond.

As well as our monthly lecture programme, we offer occasional walks and visits, and an annual field trip to somewhere in Britain. Our monthly newsletter keeps members informed of local and wider topics in archaeology, and also includes summaries of the lectures.

Practical archaeology remains at the centre of our activities, offering opportunities for field experience and the acquisition of skills for all ages. The 2017 season will again be at the site of the regionally significant Druce Farm Roman villa near Dorchester.



Small folding knife with carved bone handle, iron blade and copper ferrule, found at Druce in 2015

Meetings

St Catherine's Church Hall

4 Lewens Lane

Wimborne BH21 1LE

7.30-9.30pm 2nd Wednesday
of each month

September to May

Visitors most welcome - £2 donation
suggested

Membership

**Please see our website or contact the
Membership Secretary for an
application form**

Membership £8.50 p.a.

Reduced rates for families (£12) and
students (£5)

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Meetings Programme 2017 - 2018

[http://www.dorset-
archaeology.org.uk](http://www.dorset-archaeology.org.uk)



2017

Wed 13th September

Michael Heaton

Archaeologist

Watermeadows: their history, technology and future

Wed 11th October

Dan Carter

Bournemouth University

Potting on the heath: in search of the medieval and early post-medieval East Dorset pottery industry

Wed 8th November

Prof David Jacques

University of Buckingham

Blick Mead Mesolithic site: key to the Stonehenge landscape?

Wed 13th December

Dr Peter Stanier

Industrial archaeologist/author

Dorset Breweries: malting and brewing are among our oldest industries

Excavations at Druce Farm 2016



EDAS volunteers, hard at work!



Visitors being briefed on-site before they view the excavations

2018

Wed 10th January

Roger Hills

Dorset Castles Research Group

The landscape of Wimborne in the 10-12th centuries AD

Wed 7th Feb (NOT 2nd Wed)

Martin Green

Dorset farmer/archaeologist

New light on the Knowlton Complex

Wed 14th March

AGM (followed by)

Lilian Ladle

EDAS Director of Archaeology

The EDAS 2016 Field Trip

Wed 11th April

(at Bournemouth University)

Tim Schadla-Hall

University College, London

'The pick and shovel is the only true discoverer of the past'

Wed 9th May

Dr Robert Bewley

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Endangered Archaeology in the Middle East and North Africa: mission impossible?