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NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2006

Personalia

We are sorry to report that Phyllis Williams, a long standing member of EDAS, met with a fatal accident on her way home after the January meeting. We offer our condolences to her family.

RECENT EVENTS

Last EDAS Lecture

Dr. David Reeve, who is also an EDAS member, gave us a talk on "The Origins and Development of Saxon Wimborne". Using map and documentary evidence, David showed us how some parts of Wimborne developed. Early maps of Wimborne depict roads south of the current town, together with large buildings that could be Tithe Barns. These roads, which still exist today as sunken lanes, may therefore outline the area occupied by the Nunnery and neighbouring Monastery. North of the current minster site, and following the line of Westborough, in medieval times there were three separate churches, together with their burial grounds. Each church was surrounded by a rectangular bank and ditch, which marked the area from which its parishioners were taken. The short leg of Eastborough, which was one called Black Lane, was possible evidence of a market to the north and east of those churches as the town expanded.

By very thorough and expert assessment of the available records, David was able to deduce much about the unwritten history of the town. This sort of research can provide very compelling evidence of the history of a town, and is often the only way of extending knowledge in places where excavation is rarely possible.

We thank David for a very interesting and knowledgeable lecture.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AGM

Our 2006 AGM is nearly upon us. It takes place on Wed 29th March, and will be followed by "... **to partake of tea** ...": a glimpse into the lives of Henrietta and Hilary Bankes of Kingston Lacy, Dorset, with Geoff Brown of EDAS.

In line with our constitution, all the Committee Officers must stand down each year. The current Committee members are:

Chairman:	John Day	Membership Secretary:	Della Day
Treasurer:	Peter Walker	Programme Secretary:	Steve Smith
Acting Secretary:	Sue Churchill	Special Advisor:	Martin Green
Ordinary Members:	Graham Adams, Keith Allsopp, Steve Bungay, Helen Brickell, Mike Fryatt, Phil Roberts		

All are willing to stand again except Sue Churchill. Sue's archaeological career is becoming ever busier, and is also involving some time away on field trips. Sue has done an excellent job of being Acting Secretary for the last few years. We thank her very much for all her assistance and wish her the very best for her career in the future. We also

hope to see her at the occasional EDAS meeting. This means that the position of Secretary is free. If you are interested please ask somebody to nominate you. Also, two of the ordinary members must also resign every year. This year those are Steve Bungay, who is not standing for re-election, and Mike Fryatt who is willing to be re-elected if required. You will find a nomination form included with this Newsletter. Please send to:

Della Day,
2, Wigbeth Cottages, Horton,
Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 7JJ
01258 840338 by Wed 22nd March

Sun 19th March - Guided walk around Poole - with Alan Hawkins

Meet 10.30 am on the Quay outside Town Cellars (back of Waterfront Museum). More details next month.

Regards - Alan

(Sorry about the late notice, but the walk has only just been confirmed.)

EDAS FIELD TRIP

You will find details of the next EDAS Field Trip to Worcestershire with this Newsletter. The first few days overlaps with the Three Counties Show, so you are advised to book your accommodation as early as possible. Please return your booking form to Steve Smith (details in with Steve's Field Trip information.)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The dates for EDAS events are underlined. The monthly evening lectures start at 7.30pm. Walks and field visits usually meet at 10.30 am at the published Grid Reference. Ring the leader if the weather is doubtful or if more details are required.

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| <u>Wed 8 Feb</u> | EDAS lecture: " <u>Shaftesbury and its Abbey</u> ", with Dr John Chandler. |
| <u>Wed 8 Mar</u> | EDAS lecture: " <u>Romano-Celtic Religion in Wessex</u> ", with Professor Tony King of University College, Winchester |
| Sat 18 Mar | A series of lectures: " <u>Pits, Pots and People - 10,000 years at Bestwall, Wareham</u> " at Dorset County Museum Book early to avoid disappointment. See an earlier Newsletter for more details. |
| Sun 19 Mar | Walk around Poole. More details to follow. |
| <u>Wed 29 Mar</u> | EDAS AGM, followed by "... to partake of tea ... A glimpse into the lives of Henrietta and Hilary Bankes of Kingston Lacy, Dorset" with Geoff Brown of EDAS. |
| <u>Wed 19 Apr</u> | EDAS lecture: " <u>The Piltdown Man hoax</u> ", with Dr Miles Russell of Bournemouth University. |
| Sun 23 Apr | Walk with Alan and Gill Broadbent . More details later. |
| <u>Wed 10 May</u> | EDAS lecture: " <u>The Dorset Monument Management Scheme</u> ", with Steve Wallis of Dorset Archaeological Services |