



# East Dorset Antiquarian Society

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## NEWSLETTER - MIDSUMMER 2007

### Subscriptions

We remind members who do not pay by standing order that subscriptions are now overdue for renewal.

### Programme Update from Steve Smith

I have now had confirmation of the March speaker for next year:

Wed 12 March 2008.

EDAS Lecture: "Dorset's first Railway" with Peter Sills, chairman of the Purbeck Mineral and Mining Museum Group

I have also had confirmation of the BBQ from Henry Cole. The confirmed date is Saturday 14th July at Down Farm. Please find an application form in this Newsletter for more details.

### RECENT EVENTS

#### Dorset County Boundary Survey

Two representatives from EDAS (Maureen and I) met with the Dorset County Boundary Survey (DCBS) group on a blisteringly hot day on May 24th to examine a small section of the County boundary along part of Bokerley Dike. The group of about a dozen people led by Katherine Barker consisted of DNHAS members with a bewildering range of expertise in history, archaeology, geology, botany and ornithology (and probably a few more 'ologies' as well!).

We progressed slowly along the dyke noting the astonishing ecological diversity and conjecturing on the precise course of the boundary. The discovery of a small stone boundary marker amidst thick vegetation indicated that the boundary probably ran along the top of the bank. Other noteworthy observations included the marked difference in field patterns and land use on either side of the boundary and some rare species of flora and fauna.

The survey is a project that will prove very interesting for some years to come. A report on progress so far will be published in this year's proceedings and a dedicated web site is almost complete.

Brian Maynard

#### The Field Trip

John has written a very good article about the recent Field Trip, which you will find included with this Newsletter. While we are thinking about where to go next year, I thought that members might be interested to see where we have been previously. (It's getting more difficult to remember all the details over the years, so please put me right if you know better).

Graham

<b>Year</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Organisers</b>
1989	Hadrian's Wall	John and Della ?
1990	Anglesey	John and Della ?
1991	Dartmoor	M. Crabtree
1992	Penwith, Cornwall	G. Adams
1993	Leicester	S. Church
1994	Cardiganshire	A. Hawkins
1995	Glastonbury	S. Church/M Roebuck
1996	E. Sussex	M. & M. Houghton

1997	Derbyshire	John and Della
1998	Kelso	G. & S. Adams
1999	Shrewsbury	K. & D. Allsopp
2000	Canterbury	M. & M. Houghton
2001	Forest of Dean	K. & D. Allsopp
2002	Cotswolds/Gloucester	G. & S. Adams
2003	East Anglia	K. & D. Allsopp
2004	Hadrian's Wall	P. Walker
2005	Lake District	G. & A. Broadbent
2006	Worcester	S. Smith
2007	North Yorkshire	G. & S. Adams

## **Forthcoming Events**

### **30th July to Friday 3rd August - Get Started in Archaeology!** C Jarman BA

Ideal entry-level course for a career in Archaeology. For people thinking about starting an Archaeology degree (full or part-time) or for those simply interested in learning more about the subject. As well as classroom-based theory, the course will include two days of excavating and a surveying session. Previous knowledge or experience in Archaeology is not necessary: simply bring your enthusiasm!

Monday 30th July to Friday 3rd August 2007 - 9 am to 5 pm each day

- 2 full days excavating a deserted mediaeval village
- One half-day surveying session
- Class-based introduction and theory
- 20 credits at Level 0 are available for this course. Fee £150

The Archaeology & Anthropology Department  
43 Woodland Road, Bristol BS8 1UU

For more information about the part-time degree, or to book a place: phone or e-mail  
0117 9546068 or [www.bris.ac.uk/archanth](http://www.bris.ac.uk/archanth)

## **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.

### **2007**

- Sat 14 Jul      **EDAS Summer Barbecue**. See elsewhere in this Newsletter for more details.
- Sun 5 Aug      **Visit to Silchester**. More details in the March Newsletter
- Sun 2 Sep      **Walk** with Gill Broadbent around Kimmeridge and also a visit to Smedmore House.
- Wed 12 Sep    EDAS Lecture: **The Dorset History Centre** with Jacqui Halewood, County Archivist
- Sun 7 Oct      **Walk** around Portland. More details later.
- Wed 10 Oct    EDAS Lecture: **BC. Southampton's Prehistory on Display** with Duncan Brown Curator of arch-aeology, Southampton Archaeology Museum.
- Sun 28 Oct     **Walk** around Wareham led by Lilian Ladle.