



East Dorset Antiquarian Society

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NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2008

Recent Events

Last EDAS Lecture

Our last EDAS Lecture was "The life and times of the Mary Rose 1509-1545", with Bill Moore of the Mary Rose Information Group. It seems like a very long time ago that the wreck site of the Mary Rose was found, and then on the daily news we began to see artefacts that were recovered. Afterwards there was talk of a plan to raise the hull, and then we saw it actually happen on live television. The talk reminded us of the immense archaeological knowledge that the recovery of the vessel provided; it was effectively a sealed time capsule of the technology of the day, and also of the lives and possessions of the sailors. What Bill's talk showed was that the work of the Mary Rose team is still going strong. This takes the form of history and information dissemination (such as our EDAS lecture), and also the continuing investigation of the relics, and using experimental archaeology to discover the skills and techniques of the day.



Bill was dressed in Tudor Sailor's Period Costume, and brought with him many rescued and reproduction items, to give us a very good flavour of life and the technology of the time. We thank him very much indeed for a fascinating and informative lecture.

Forthcoming Events

AGM

Our AGM is on Wednesday 26th March, and will be followed by a talk by Graham and Susan Adams about the 2007 Yorkshire Field Trip. ***The AGM is your chance to give us your views on EDAS***, and vote for your 2008/9 Committee. The list of current Committee members is:

Chairman:	John Day	Membership Secretary:	Della Day
Treasurer:	Peter Walker	Programme Secretary:	Steve Smith
Secretary:	Gill Broadbent	Special Advisor:	Martin Green
Ordinary Members:	Graham Adams, Keith Allsopp, Helen Brickell, Phil Roberts, David Stewart		
Co-opted in 2007:	Brian Maynard		

In line with our constitution two committee member places are made available. We are one committee member short at present, so only Keith Allsopp will step down, and he has decided not to stand for re-election. We thank Keith for all his hard work over the years for the committee. Steve Smith and Dave Stewart intend to work together in the Programme Secretary role for the current year.

There are two vacancies on the Committee, and you will find a Nomination Form enclosed with this Newsletter. If you want to propose a new member for the Committee please send the completed form to John and Della (address on form) to be received by 20th March. (Please note, this only gives you 1 week to reply).

AGM reports will be e-mailed out before March 12th to those who receive their Newsletter this way, and some paper copies will also be available at that meeting.

We also remind members that subscriptions are due for renewal in April if you do not already pay by standing order.

Sunday 20 April Walk around Medieval Southampton

Andy Russel of the Southampton Archaeology Unit who spoke to us in November will conduct the walk. We will meet at the Bargate at the top of the High Street at 10:30, then go around the town walls to visit a couple of towers, then Castle remains, West Gate tower, and a few wine cellars. We will also look at two nice medieval timber framed pubs in the old town. Members are then free, if they wish, to visit Maritime and Archaeology Museums which are open on Sunday afternoons. Duncan Brown from the Archaeology museum spoke to us in October. The walk usually takes 90 minutes to two hours. There will be a charge of £2 a head. If further information is need please contact Peter Walker on 01425 471326 or email him at peter@peterwalker.info

Dartmoor Field Trip 8 June to 13 June 2008

There are now more than 20 members signed up for this year's EDAS Field Trip to Dartmoor, which also happens to be our twentieth. This shows how much members enjoyed our previous Field Trip there (led by Mary Crabtree in 1991!). Some are even staying in the same accommodation as they did then! We remind other members that Brian would like to know as soon as possible if you are coming. See January's Newsletter for contact and other details.

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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- Wed 12 Mar EDAS Lecture: "**Dorset's first Railway**" with Peter Sills, chairman of the Purbeck Mineral and Mining Museum Group
- Wed 26 Mar **EDAS AGM** followed by a talk by Graham and Susan Adams on the 2007 Field Trip.
- Wed 9 Apr EDAS Lecture with Bob Bewley of English Heritage: "**Understanding the past; new approaches to our heritage**".

NOMINATION FORM for EDAS Committee membership – 2008/2009

To: John and Della Day, 2, Wigbeth Cottages,
Horton, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 7JJ .

TO ARRIVE BEFORE 20th MARCH

I would like to nominate for the post of

Signed: Seconded:

Signature of nominee.....