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We wish all our members and their families a Happy New Year

Recent Events

Last EDAS Lecture

Our last lecture was given by Andy Payne of English Heritage on the "South Dorset Ridgeway". This lecture will be written up in the next Newsletter.

Forthcoming Events

EDAS Field Trip 2009

Don't forget about this year's Field Trip, which is based in Somerset and Gloucestershire and is being organised by Rob Fenwick. See the November Newsletter for a provisional list of the sites to be visited and a reply slip.

Excavation Open Days at Blandford School.

In January AC archaeology are going to be excavating a possible bronze age burial in the grounds of Blandford School, to make way for the construction of the new primary school. The dig is planned to start on 5th, and due to huge local interest three open days are being held for members of the public to come along and have a look at the work that has been done.

The dig is taking place on the Blandford School site, and will be open on **Saturday 10th, Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th January**. There will be lots of activities for young and old, with the Cranborne Ancient Technology Centre building a Bronze age house on site, lots of information, a mock trench for the kids and a hog roast! This is the link for the Bournemouth Echo article about it:

[http://www.bournemouthecho.co.uk/search/3936570.TVarchaeologist to lead school on treasure hunt/](http://www.bournemouthecho.co.uk/search/3936570.TVarchaeologist%20to%20lead%20school%20on%20treasure%20hunt/)

Quarter Sessions

Three hundred and seventy five years ago is not that long, but enormous changes have taken place since then. Some of these changes are brought to notice on reading the Quarter Sessions records for the 17th. century.

In 1634 the judges ordered that Ducibul Peirce be branded on the left hand with the letter T and remain in the House of Correction. At the same sessions five inmates of the House of Correction were to be discharged but before doing so were to be whipped. William Cottrell was to be whipped, remain an inmate until he found service. Being incarcerated he could not have found it easy to find work.

It is recorded that Gregory Hillary "*To be whipt att the foot of the pillory on the next market day in this Towne (Sherborne) – then to stand on the pillory immediately after by the space of 2 houres with an Inscription For gaining money by false messages. After that to be openly whipt on the next market day at Dorchester and to stand 2 hours more in the same pillory*

there with the same inscription. Then to remayne in the house of correction for six months, and from thence until he finde good suertyes for his good behaviour”

The story behind Richard Patie of Pulham, a butcher, must have been interesting.

“ He caused a bailiff to arrest one Kiddle, a tailor of Lydlinch, in the middle of the night without lawful warrant”!!

In 1627 Elinor, wife of Thomas Martin of Longburton is `suspected to live verie incontinently` with John Patie of Longburton, tailor. She was sent to the House of Correction during the Pleasure of the Court and was told if she frequented the company of Patie thereafter she will be conveyed immediately to the House of Correction. The record reads she was suspected, not proven.

A writ of good behaviour is granted against Eustace Mohun of Wimborne Minster, innholder, for allowing parishioners of Wimborne to tipple in his house on Sundays, on the oath of Henry Bradstocke, Gentleman. He is ordered to pay £10 and Tomas Trender, gentleman, Hugh Quiton and Paynter to pay 3s.4d. each for tipping there.

In 1633 John Bartlett and Ellis Goby, bailiffs of the borough of Wimborne Minster, had sent to Fordington John Fort aged four years, son of John Fort, who had been left in the care of his stepmother in Wimborne. John Fort senior, had lived in Fordington earlier, but the Court orders that the child should be sent back to Wimborne, where the overseers are to receive him and provide for him.

In 1635 at the Bandford Sessions John Cutler and Policarpus Andrews of Gusage all Saints were earlier convicted of erecting cottages without licence but the writs ordering the sheriff to pull the cottages down had not been executed. The Court was asked to make speedy execution but take into consideration that Cutler and Andrews are poor men and will then be destitute with their wives and children. The Court therefore ordered them “To procure habitation elsewhere, and to pull down their cottages by the next Sessions”.

John W. Day

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 14 Jan EDAS Lecture: **The Prehistory of Hengistbury Head** with Peter Hawes.
- Wed 11 Feb EDAS Lecture: **An update on the Knowlton Project** with John Gale of Bournemouth University.
- Wed 11 Mar EDAS lecture: **The Black Death in Dorset** with Dr Mark Forrest of the Dorset Local History Centre.
- Wed 25 Mar **EDAS AGM** followed by a talk by an EDAS member. More details to follow.
- Wed 8 Apr EDAS lecture: **The Cranborne Ancient Technology Centre** with Luke Winter. Note: **Venue to be confirmed.**