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NEWSLETTER – April 2013

Annual General Meeting 2013

The 2013 AGM was a special event, being the last to be chaired by John Day after thirty years. John rattled through the opening proceedings in his usual precise manner, keen to hear Martin Green. He announced that Graham Adams had resigned from the committee, after many years as a very active member, and the society thanked him for his many significant contributions. Geoff Taylor was proposed and appointed as a new committee member. Then John confirmed that he was stepping down and would be passing the baton on to Andrew Morgan who had been nominated by John and had been unanimously supported by the committee.

Andrew made a brief acceptance speech and was delighted to announce that in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the society Della Day would be made an Honorary Member and John Day would be made Honorary President.

Andrew Morgan

It was gratifying (if not astonishing) to see the attendance at this year's AGM. Those committee members who were at St. Catherines early to set out chairs, cups and saucers etc. were thinking in terms of the usual turnout of 25 or so hardy souls. As the speaker was Martin Green, however, we thought there may be more. What we didn't plan for was a turnout of 71!

The reason for this is probably twofold. Firstly Martin has to be one of our most accomplished and fascinating speakers and a sizeable audience is guaranteed no matter how many times we've listened in awe to his tales of digging up half of Cranborne Chase.

Surely though, the prime reason for this support at the meeting was the passing of an era in the history of EDAS. In a masterpiece of timing white smoke appeared from the roof of the Sistine Chapel to notify the waiting world that EDAS had elected a new chairman!

It is surely a testimony to John's enthusiasm and dedication (not to say staying power) that he is held in such esteem by members present and past and the warmth coming from the audience that night was almost tangible.

Good luck Andrew – you have some act to follow!

Brian Maynard

EDAS 30th Anniversary Garden Party – 23rd May

One of the key events of the 30th Anniversary of EDAS will be a Garden Party to be held in the Priest House Museum. It will be held on Thursday 23rd May from 6pm to 8.30pm. We have invited a number of guests who have made a special contribution to the society over the years. This will be another opportunity to thank John and Della and there will be a special presentation to him. We are sure this will be a memorable evening. We are providing a finger buffet and a variety of drinks.

Tickets are selling fast and there is a limit on numbers, so get your tickets whilst they are available. The tickets cost £4 each and will be on sale at the monthly meetings, or contact Karen Winsor tel: 07935 341380, email: karen.winsor757@btinternet.com

EDAS Lecture: EDAS and the Archaeology of Cranborne Chase, with Martin Green

After the AGM, John Day took great pleasure when he introduced his good friend Martin Green, who enthralled us with a very special talk. Using his trusty carousel slide projector, totally suitable for this occasion, he shared stories from his experiences as an archaeologist. His interest was sparked as a young boy, you could imagine him eleven years of age, head down as he wandered across his family farm in scuffed shoes, intuitively field walking and collecting precious pieces of worked flint. Later when a trench for a drainage pipe was being cut he detected the signs for an ancient ditch which he decided must be investigated and explained that since then he has been excavating continuously, often with the elite of British archaeology.

His first involvement with professional archaeology was at the Oakley Down barrow cemetery site, when he worked on a university led excavation which also featured Tim Schadla-Hall, then a fun loving student. He went on to join Roger Mercer excavating the Neolithic sites on Hambledon Hill, and recalled excavating a Bronze Age enclosure at Rope Lake Hole with Rosemary Daw. Later Richard Bradley approached Martin because he wanted to review the work done by General Pitt-Rivers and reassess the prehistory of the area.

Throughout the evening he referred to examples from his impressive catalogue of important archaeological sites he has excavated in the area. There are too many to list but they included: a rectangular building within a settlement of the Middle Bronze Age, a type very rare in this country but comparable to those found in the Netherlands; working with Richard on the Dorset Cursus; he described a cluster of 80 barrows within an area of four square kilometres that would have made a striking impact in the landscape when freshly coated in white chalk; he mentioned work on a Bronze Age cemetery site at Wyke Down, which was as important as that on Oakley Down but had been ploughed out since the 1950's; the discovery of a Neolithic pit-circle henge that is an early form of henge construction. Several times he referred to his search for elusive and fragile Bronze Age pond barrows, which appear to be used for ceremonial activities as well as burials, which occur round the edge and comprise mainly women and children. He gave numerous examples that demonstrated the respect people retained for older features, often many hundreds of years after they had last been used. These included the Ogden Down ceremonial complex, dated to the Early Bronze Age, that encapsulated a Neolithic ditch henge surrounded by post holes that continued as an avenue linking it and surrounding another Neolithic feature, Middle Bronze Age cremation burials were added later; an Early Bronze Age barrow constructed close to and aligned with the Dorset Cursus that had been built two thousand years earlier; and examples of secondary burials using and respecting Early Bronze Age barrows built a thousand years earlier.

Martin was involved with the group that went on to form EDAS and he talked about the Blandford Bypass development. In 1983, a publicly paid archaeologist carelessly declared the area devoid of any significant archaeology, but luckily EDAS was allowed a watching brief, and they went on to find and record a round house and part of a Bronze Age settlement. He spoke of the early days of EDAS when members would join him on an excavation, and he referred fondly to Della and John, as key members of his A-team. They and others featured in photographs, the men stripped to their shorts, bare-chested and bronzed, resting casually on the side of deep pits. A time, it seemed, of endless, careless, summers when problems were seen as opportunities to devise smart solutions. He shared with us stories of field walking in Yorkshire and hijacking a door-less aircraft to allow John the opportunity to lean out and take aerial photographs of the area.

Time after time Martin showed determination and dogged endeavour to bottom out a feature. Not least two vertical shafts that were both quite stunning. The first was thought to be a storage pit (expected to be up to 2m deep). It turned into a 1st century AD Roman well and was 28.2m deep. To reach the bottom of which they constructed, in true boy-scout fashion, a rope ladder with struts cut from a length of metal pipe. Definitely a time when common sense could be relied on, before our litigation driven obsession with "health and safety". The second was the "Great Shaft" that was eventually excavated to a depth of 13.2m, and the work only stopped when the team reached the water table. Initially thought to be a shaft of a flint mine, it was a natural feature, a sink hole formed by a collapse into an eroded subterranean void. Whilst initially disappointed that it was of geological origin it nevertheless provided a fantastic stratigraphy of deposition. The collapse would have been sudden and been of great symbolic significance for the local communities. It

had been capped in Beaker times and trapped 2500 years' worth of material, providing a unique environmental sequence for the area, allowing Mike Allen to take away 1 metric tonne of soil and 1000's of fragments.

Other exceptional finds include decorated plaster from a Neolithic building, more pit-henges and a shaft dug in the Neolithic period within a complex ceremonial site. He mentioned a farmer telling him about boulders with strange marks, that had been dumped in a silage pit, that were in fact extremely rare examples of rock art. At a Beaker Barrow he found a series of secondary burials positioned during the Middle Bronze Age each had apparently been tightly wrapped, as though mummified. He found skeletons of adolescents that had had some bones drilled, possibly indicating that the skeleton had been stitched together so it could be displayed in a meaningful way. Two other skeletons have examples of ectopic teeth suggesting a possible genetic link, yet there is a gap of 1000 years between their deaths. There is so much potential for academic research.

One of the striking things about the talk was just the sheer wealth of prehistoric features that Martin has excavated in this landscape and their bewildering diversity. Sometimes they would be identifiable on the ground by variations in the natural foliage or fluctuations in the fertility of the land, else he would take to the sky, using a cherry picker platform or a micro-light aircraft to better see crop marks. He would also analyse aerial photographs, especially those taken in periods of extreme weather when the patterns are emphasised, as they were in 1976 and again in 2012. Often the features he described in the talk seemed to be quite individualistic, reflecting the site, the materials and the particular whim of the prehistoric architect.

Throughout his part-time career Martin has been sought out by academic and professional archaeologists, and many leading archaeologists have benefitted from spending time working with Martin on the chalk of Cranborne Chase. Most recently he has been working on Neolithic sites in Wales with Mike Parker-Pearson. And we are grateful to Martin, who along with Tim, has encouraged Mike to talk to EDAS next November.

Martin has also made reconstructions of some features, to better understand how they were built, appreciate what they would have looked like and to inspire people.

So a big thank you to Martin I am sure most of the audience would have happily stayed past midnight listening to your stories, if John had not wrapped everything up so neatly at the end.

Andrew Morgan

PS. in case you haven't already ,you may want to read: "A Landscape Revealed – 10,000 Years on a Chalkland Farm" by Martin Green, 2000 published by Tempus Publishing Ltd.

Archaeology Report -Druce Farm Project

We are about to start the next phase of an exploratory dig of an important Roman Villa in the Frome valley north of Puddletown. It has been agreed that the team will get back on site on Monday 29th April. Preliminary work is in hand, the top soil has been removed and the trenches will be marked out for the next phase.

All EDAS members are invited to join, there are a variety of tasks to be undertaken and we can cater for people irrespective of their experience. If you want to dig then you will need to have basic equipment of 4" trowel, bucket, kneeling pad and hand shovel.

If you are interested then contact : Lilian Ladle, Site Director, email: bestwall@tiscali.com or tel: 012929553144

Lilian Ladle

EDAS Visit - the Chained Library in Wimborne Minster

On a recent cold Saturday afternoon nine members of EDAS were treated to a private visit to the once treasury of Wimborne Minster, complete with clockwise spiral staircase for defence, which, since around 1685, has been the Chained Library. We were guided on our visit by the, soon to retire, “Keeper of the Books” Frank Tandy.

Frank has been the volunteer keeper for a number of years and during that time has studied and catalogued the collection of books and imparted his knowledge and enthusiasm to us during the visit.

The library was founded by The Reverend William Stone whose bequest of his collection of “**Fathers and Commentators**” books (the founding Fathers of the church, including Ambrose of Milan, Augustine of Hippo and Gregory of Nazianzus) totaled around 90 books. Rev Stone was a son of Wimborne but had a very varied life and ended his days in Oxford, acquiring many of his books from the collections of other Fellows who were ejected from Colleges due to their beliefs.

The library was enhanced in 1695 when Roger Gillingham Esq. bequeathed a collection of books, probably those described in a book by Ramsey called “**A Gentleman’s companion**” (also found in the library). At the time many libraries were being pillaged by the gentry to enhance their own libraries, so Gillingham stipulated that the books be chained to prevent theft and left £10 to be used in the making of chains for the library. His books included the works of Cicero, Plato, Pliny and Plutarch and other wide ranging subjects such as politics, gardening and winemaking!

Several catalogues have been produced over the years, the first by Nicholas Russell in 1725 when he lists 285 volumes. A more detailed catalogue was produced in 1863 by Mr Wilkinson. Over the years books have been added and lost (Frank thinks about 20 books have “disappeared” from the library since the 1863 catalogue) and the number remaining is around 380 of which 150 are chained. Frank told us of some detective work he undertook a couple of years ago when he was able to prove that a book for sale on the Internet had actually been recently stolen from the library!

The oldest book in the library in the **Regimen Animarum** dated 1343. This is written on Velum and consists of a list of Spiritual Dangers to which we are exposed and how to avoid them! Only two other copies of this book exist, in the Bodleian and British Libraries.

The **De Concilio Liber**, Rome 1562, is associated with Wimborne as it was written by the Cardinal Reginald Pole who was made Dean of the Minster by Henry VIII. The book is the first printed on the Vatican Press by Paulus Manutus who was invited by the Pope from Venice to set up a printing works.

The oldest printed book in the library is **Opuscula Beati Anselmi Archiepiscopi**, printed in Basle in 1495, the year Columbus set sail for his second voyage to the New World. This is an abridged version of the writings of St Anselm who was named Archbishop of Canterbury in 1093.

There are a number of Bibles in the library, including the **Biblia Sacra Polglotta** published in London in 1653-57 by Dr Walton (one of the first by public subscription), and the **Hebraic Bible** printed in Amsterdam in 1635, edited by Menasseh ben Israel (who petitioned Cromwell to allow resettlement of the Jews in England).

Our visit to the Library was brought to life by Frank with his depth of knowledge of the books in his charge and I would recommend anyone who is interested to visit the library (open on Saturday afternoons after Easter) while Frank is still Keeper. Thankfully there are several enthusiastic volunteers to follow in his footsteps when he has retired.

I would like to thank Frank for a most interesting and stimulating visit.

(Most of the details of books and dates above are from the booklet written by Frank, available at the Minster shop).

Steve Smith

National Trust - Brownsea Island: CBA Festival of Archaeology - events 27th & 28th July.

There is an opportunity for EDAS members to get involved with this event and the activities planned over the weekend 27th/28th July, and it is hoped EDAS will be represented and assist with some of the activities as well as promoting our Society.

There will be various activities, including pottery making, or mucking about with clay, and setting up some displays and it is intended to repeat last year's 'mock dig' which proved very popular with many of the younger visitors. There will also be a historical trail which will cover Maryland, the 19th century village, the Old Pottery site and area of the copperas works and the early kilns now eroding out of the shoreline.

There will be some preparation work which we plan on doing late June/early July and this may involve tidying the sites and setting out.

There will be a limit to the number we can take. We have to get to Sandbanks for the 9.30 NT boat (this is not a public service) and would not expect to return until the 5pm ferry.

If you would like more details see below or seek us out at our meetings or contact us directly:

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Alan Hawkins

Dorset Natural History & Archaeological Society

EDAS is a member of the DNHAS and has received 2 membership cards. If you would like to make use of a card please contact me email: peter@peterwalker.info or tel: 01425 471326.

Peter Walker

Hengistbury Head Pottery Workshop 15th – 17th April 2013

Workshops are being run by Bill Crumbleholme in the new visitor centre at Hengistbury Head. Book a place and join him to make pots using traditional methods. No fees but attendees are expected to bring something to use and share: knowledge, food, clay, sand, seashells, flint, timber fuel, or turf. Workshops start at 10am and finish late, allow two hours minimum.

Book places by contacting Bill by email: Bill@Beakerfolk.co.uk

See also: www.beakerfolk.co.uk

EDAS 30th Anniversary Essays

This month we have an insightful essay written by Lilian Ladle about the trials and tribulations over fourteen years excavating with members of EDAS.

Excavating with EDAS

When the Bestwall Quarry excavations were in full swing, many EDAS members came to help. It was a huge site – 55ha (not all excavated at once I may add!) and generally one field was exposed each year. In 1996 Janet Bartlet was the first to volunteer. She promised to come three days a week, by time the project was finished in 2008 she was in action from Monday to Friday!!

Bestwall was host to two training excavations when members turned up for a couple of weeks to find out what it was like to dig on a working quarry. Not only did they excavate, but they were all required to record and draw ‘their features’. Everyone experienced putting a half section through a charcoal pit (of which there were over 1000). We didn’t know at the time that they were all early Saxon in date.



Photo 1: Janet hides under a barrow - it got worse, the torrential rain was followed by heavy snow!!

There were abundant Roman finds on the extensive pottery kiln area and identifications skills were honed on the tonnes of jars, dishes and bowls. Of course we had some beautiful sunny, warm days but the weather was not always kind. Many will remember the horrible high winds which whipped up sand storms across the site creating nil-visibility and Sahara-like exfoliating conditions. Sudden torrential rain meant running for shelter under the nearest wheelbarrow! When digging ceased in 2005, Anita Hicks and Maureen Houghton helped Janet and I prepare the vast finds and paper archive for deposition at Dorchester Museum.

Excavation was only part of the picture – John Winterbottom enjoyed the field work, but he also threw himself into attempting to reproduce some of the Bestwall pottery. In 2003, two of the Roman kilns were re-fired and John’s pots were perfect replicas of Black burnished Ware cooking vessels. Jake Keen was instrumental in making sure that the re-built kilns would fire effectively (which they did!). The following year John fired copies of our Bronze Age urns in a bonfire clamp, even replicating a similar clay mix and was equally successful.

With the Bestwall fieldwork finished, I hung up my trowel and assumed that my digging days were over.....however, in 2008 I was persuaded to venture over to Worth Matravers to dig with Phil Roberts on Football Field. What a wonderful summer it was. Meeting up with old friends and finding some new digging companions. The features were stunning and included magnificent stone-lined storage pits and a couple of burials. The finds were numerous and spectacular. I volunteered to take on the post-excavation work and that winter Bryan Popple and I catalogued the finds and wrote up a short report; Janet meanwhile dusted off her pens and pencils and began drawing the pottery, metalwork and shale.

Member Bob Kenyon, who is chairman of the Worth Community Property Trust, invited us back to Football Field in May 2010 to record sensitive archaeology which was likely to be compromised by the access road for the proposed housing development. A request went out for EDAS help and work started in May. It was supposed to last about three weeks but eventually finished in October. The features were amazing and consisted of a section of Neolithic ditch, two enigmatic rows of stones (probably Early Bronze Age), a Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age midden, part of a Late Iron Age roundhouse and contemporary pits and structural remains of a stone-built Roman barn with many infant burials. Once again the finds were stunning.



Photo 2: EDAS volunteers get stuck into a large Late Roman sunken-floored building

Volunteers turned up day after day and not only excavated but became expert at talking to the general public, often on their way to the ‘Square and Compass’, who saw the site from the road (and usually invited themselves in). To help people better understand the site, Andrew Morgan produced a splendid information leaflet about the excavation. Andrew’s son Lloyd came and made a short video, which apparently has been very successful on ‘YouTube’. By the end of the five months, the ‘core digging team’ (known as the ‘really mad people’) consisted of myself, Andrew, Len Norris, Sue Cullinane and Bryan Popple.

We had another call from Bob in February 2011, when more topsoil in the road area was being removed and so the excavation continued. We were delighted that Janet, who had been very ill during 2010, was fit enough to join us. Bob decided that he too would like to experience ‘life on the trowel’s edge’. The weather was atrocious – the site is not called ‘Windy Ridge’ for nothing!! It almost always blew a gale from the channel and it was sometimes very cold. It didn’t rain too much but was often damp and incredibly misty to the point where we could hardly see each other! Occasionally it was incredibly hot. On these occasions Len (and others) liked to work in shorts. However, being well organised he would turn up in long trousers, peel these off, hang them over the gate and get down to work. By the end of the day, when we were ready to go home – Len was the first to go, but forgot about his trousers. I took them home and attempted to explain to Mike why I was in possession of a pair of men’s trousers. Blow me, the next day the same thing happened and this time there was a jumper as well!

We mapped all the features, in particular substantial remains of the Roman barn’s doorway (plus more infant burials). We also found two deep Late Bronze Age /Early Iron Age pits and half of a Late Bronze Age roundhouse – the other half lies underneath the modern road. Pam Norris was appointed ‘chief’ finds washer and miraculously, everything was washed on site. Bob loaned us a horse box which Pam occasionally sheltered in and we used as a site office. By May the work was complete.

Building work started in July and we were asked to keep an eye on the foundation digging for the five houses. Bob rang to say that he was worried because he had come across what looked like part of a human skull. He was spot on, and over the next month, building work was suspended on one of the houses while 26 skeletons were removed. An SOS went out to EDAS for help. We uncovered and recorded a rare post-Roman cemetery of east-west burials – very, very exciting.



Photo 3: Things got very complicated when we had to dodge heavy machinery to get to the excavation

The findings of this six year project are currently being written up with help from a small team of specialists and an academic monograph featuring EDAS will be published in the near future.

Excavation of a 19th century tobacco pipe kiln at Westport, Wareham with pipe expert Robert Lancaster during 2011 and 2012 involved over a dozen EDAS members not only in excavating but also in washing the thousands of clay pipe fragments as they came out of the ground. Many of us never want to see another bit of clay pipe again!!



Photo 4: Excavating remains of a 19th century clay pipe kiln

They say that it's not what you know but who you know that counts and it is certainly the case with the current work that members are involved in. I have a friend Ann, who owns a farm on which Roman coins had been found. A couple of years ago I visited and saw that part of one particular field was littered



Photo 7: Sue made me a birthday cake -we had enough tesserae to copy it!!

with Roman building debris in the form of broken ceramic and limestone roof tiles and what seemed like hundreds of loose red and white floor tesserae. I was lucky to be able to initiate a geophysics survey which confirmed that there were three ranges of buildings set around a courtyard and bounded by enormous ditched enclosures. Ann, (like many of us) is getting on a bit, and she is desperate for more information about this potential 'villa'. A plan to put in three trenches was devised to assess the level of preservation, because on the surface of the field it looked as though any remaining building was already well and truly trashed. Once again the call went out to EDAS members and the response was remarkable. Over six

weeks, 26 hardy souls trudged, tramped and squelched over two very large fields to 'the site'. By now, members should know that my 'two or three week' estimate for work has to be taken with a cellar of salt! The late harvest meant that we did not begin until September and at time of writing (late October) we have just completed. When we started, the weather was very hot and sunny and we were desperate for a bit of rain to soften the concrete-like ground. We wished a bit too hard and the rain came and stayed... and stayed..... The site thank goodness was free-draining so the water was never a problem on site. Parking the cars was another matter, driving down a muddy track and hoping that our cars were not bogged down. We were fortunate that Ann loaned us a 40-year old Landrover for the duration of the work and first people on the site were generally the lucky ones to get a lift over. Towards the end of the work, driving, or rather sliding, through the wet, muddy fields was quite hair-raising.

Bernard (the farmer) removed the hard topsoil and the spiky wheat crop stubble creating three long trenches. We trowelled our way through what seemed like hundreds of cubic metres of soil and uncovered fragile remnants of part of a building, together with huge amounts of demolition debris and, rather surprisingly, quite a lot of painted wall plaster. In the small area we looked at, there were unfortunately no intact floors, but sadly, we have so many loose tesserae that we could probably go into a mosaic-floor business! The enclosure ditches surrounding the villa were excavated and proved to be huge and full of finds. We invited members of the Stour Valley Detectorists, who had initially found Roman metalwork in the field, to detect around our excavation and they located among other things, coins which will help to date the site. We hope to return next spring to look more closely at the three buildings and I hope that the EDAS 'villa team' will uncover more of this new 'Dorset Roman villa'.



Photo 8: Len cleaning up remnants of Roman walls

Writing about my fourteen years excavating with EDAS has brought back some lovely memories. The enthusiasm, commitment, talent and dedication of all who have been involved have been second to none. Perhaps more importantly, the friendships that bind us together and our shared love of archaeology makes for good workmates who like me, feel privileged to be able to indulge in our hobby and to put our EDAS sites on the map. Thank you everyone past and present!!

Bestwall 1996-2007

Keith and Denise Allsop, Janet Bartlet, Mike Beams, Corrine Board, Helen Brickell, Steve and Corrinne Bungay, Sue Churchill, Phil Colwill, Sue Cullinane, John and Della Day, Phil D'Earth, Sonia Ellingham, Mike and Yvonne Farrell, Nancy Grace, Martin Green, Diana Hall, Liz Henton, Anita Hicks, Maureen Houghton, Jake

Keen, Paul Martin, Pauline Matthews, Judith Neath, Barry O'Brien, David Parry, Frank Peach, Geoff and Heather Raggett, Phil and Marion Roberts, Lynda Smith, Dave Stewart, Ken Wheatley, Samantha Whitehead, John Winterbottom.

Westport 2011-2012

Janet Bartlet, Derek and Pam Bunting, Sue Cullinane, Anita Hicks, Len Norris, Bryan Popple, Pete Scriven, Dave Stewart, Peter Walker.

Worth Matravers 2010-2012

Kerry Barrass, Janet Bartlet, Corrinne Board, Sue Cullinane, Nancy Grace, Alan Hawkins, Malcolm and Maureen Houghton, Bob Kenyon, Steve and Vera McDonald, Andrew Morgan, Len and Pam Norris, Bryan Popple, Dave Stewart, Gill Stolworthy, Peter Walker, Ken Wheatley.

Druce Farm 2012

Janet Bartlet, Gill Broadbent, Sue Cullinane, Phil D'Earth, Barry Fry, Hannah Foulgar, Anita Hicks, Malcolm and Maureen Houghton, Vanessa Joseph, Sara Marshall, Andrew Morgan, Steve Morns, Len and Pam Norris, Jack Parsons, Honey Sawyer, Pete Scriven, Dave Stewart, Neil Summerson, Geoff Taylor, Peter Walker.

Lilian Ladle

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EDAS EVENTS – 2013
Wed 10th April 2013	EDAS members evening: i) The 2012 Field Trip to Exmoor, with Alan Hawkins, and ii) Aerial photography over Cranborne Chase, with Jo Crane
15th-17th April 2013	Henistbury Head Pottery Workshops are being run by Bill Crumbleholme in the new visitor centre. Book a place by contacting Bill by email: Bill@Beakerfolk.co.uk (see page 2).
Wed 8th May 2013	EDAS Lecture: The strange case of the Dewlish Roman Villa, with Ian Hewitt of Bournemouth University
Thurs 23rd May 2013	EDAS Garden Party: 6.00 to 8.30pm in the Priest House Museum, Wimborne. For tickets please contact Karen Winsor tel: 07935 341380, email: karen.winsor757@btinternet.com
8th-15th June 2013	EDAS Field Trip: Penwith, Cornwall for further details please contact Graham and Susan Adams, email: g_s_adams@btinternet.com
27th-28th July 2013	National Trust - Brownsea Island: CBA Festival of Archaeology - Weekend events (see page 4).

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Your membership fee is due on 1 April no matter what time of the year you joined EDAS.

Thank you to those members who pay by Standing Order who can ignore the remainder of this article.

If you are paying by cheque please send or give your cheque and the attached renewal form to our Membership Secretary Helen Brickell. It would be helpful if you pay not later than 30 April so as to avoid extra work for Helen and our Treasurer Peter Walker in having to chase you for payment. If you want to pay by standing order please let us know and Helen will send a form to you.

Peter Walker

EAST DORSET ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

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Signed