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Summer Programme - 2013

We are pleased to announce several events that have been arranged throughout the summer.

DATE	EDAS EVENTS – SUMMER 2013
22 nd June 2013	<p>Guided Walk and Visit: explore Cranborne Chase plus the opportunity to participate in the Ancient Technology Centre.</p> <p>Meet at 10.00am at the Ancient Technology Centre Cranborne Chase. Luke Wynter will help us explore the manor of Cranborne, including: its connection with William the Conqueror, the ancient mill and the Norman castle that few people seem to have ever heard of. The walk is fairly flat apart from the climb up the castle motte for the more energetic. This is a volunteer day so the ATC will be open for a look around afterwards and an opportunity to get your hands dirty or slope off for lunch in the Sheaf of Arrows.</p> <p>Leader: Luke Wynter, EDAS contact: Dave Stewart 01202 883456: or Andrew Morgan: 07748961941</p>
30th June 2013	<p>Open Day at Druce Farm. An opportunity to visit the EDAS excavation of a Roman Villa.</p> <p>Contact: Lilian Ladle 01929 553144 or bestwall@tiscali.co.uk</p> <p>See below for further details</p>
27th-28th July 2013	<p>National Trust - Brownsea Island: CBA Festival of Archaeology - Weekend events (see EDAS Newsletters for further details).</p> <p>Contact: Alan Hawkins - 01202 668178, email - alhawk@ntlworld.com or Gill Broadbent - 01202 841547, email - agbroadbent@btinternet.com</p>
4 th August 2013	<p>Guided tour with Martin Green around Down Farm and a visit to his museum.</p> <p>Meet at 2:00pm at Down Farm (OS GR: ST999 148). A great opportunity to examine some of the sites Martin has excavated over the years. It will take two hours or so, returning to the farm for a look around the very special museum.</p> <p>Contact Steve Smith: 01202 886897 or Andrew Morgan: 07748961941</p>

DATE	OTHER EVENTS – SUMMER 2013
14 th and 30th June 2013	<p>Open Day at Winterborne Kingston. We have been invited to visit the excavations being undertaken by Bournemouth University. The site is open to the public on 14th June and 30th June. See below for details.</p>
26th June 2013	<p>DNHAS Talk: Bird Migration and the Campaign to Stop Illegal Hunting in Malta, by Andrew Morgan. To be held in the Dorset County Museum, Dorchester starts at 7.30pm.</p> <p>See below for more details</p> <p>Contact Andrew on 07748961941 or email: andrewmorgz@aol.com</p>

Open Day at Druce Farm Roman Villa

Sunday June 30th 10.30 am – 3.30 pm

Recent trial excavations have revealed the footprint of a large, high-class, Roman villa consisting of three ranges of buildings arranged around a courtyard and protected by deep enclosing ditches. Coins, metalwork and pottery have implied several centuries of use.



This is a unique opportunity to view wall foundations and remnants and partial mosaics. Destruction and demolition debris is in situ graphically demonstrating the last years of use. Key finds will be on display.

The site will be covered at the end of the season, and it is unlikely that in the short term, further investigation will take place.

Directions

From Dorchester

Follow the A35 east, take the exit signposted A354/B3142 to Blandford/Milborne St Andrew/Piddlehinton. At the roundabout take the 1st exit on to the B3142, After about 1 mile turn right just before a sharp left bend (there is a triangle of grass at junction, **be aware that there is also a lane which you have to cross before entering the farm's driveway**) - Druce Farm is straight ahead.

From Poole

Follow the A35 west towards Dorchester. Take the exit signposted A354/B3142 to Blandford, Piddlehinton, Puddletown. At the first roundabout take the 3rd exit on to the A354. At the next roundabout take the 1st exit on to the B3142 and proceed as above to Druce Farm

Follow the Open Day signs and park in the field. The site is a 20 minute an easy walk on a wide footpath which will be marked. Our Landrover will make the journey to the site and back every half hour. We will charge 'passengers' £1 if they need a lift.

Further information contact Lilian Ladle 01929 553144 or bestwall@tiscali.co.uk

Bournemouth University - Durotriges Big Dig Project Open Days

Friday 14 June. Tours at 11am and 2pm

Convened by Miles Russell



The Durotriges Big Dig Project is an archaeological investigation studying the transition from the late Iron Age to the early Roman period in southern England. It is a fantastic 'hands on' learning experience for the students and members of the public who are also taking part through the summer field school programme. The open day is a chance to see what the current season's digging has revealed, a guided tour of the site and a chance to look at the artefacts recovered. Transport up to the site will be available from the car park.

There will be a second Big Dig Open Day on Sunday 30 June, open between 10am and 4pm.

For further details please contact Miles Russell on mrussell@bournemouth.ac.uk

NB. you have to register :

<http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/event/5765650215/bigdigopendayfol>

Wednesday 26th June – Evening Lecture at Dorset County Museum

Bird Migration and the Campaign to Stop Illegal Hunting in Malta

by Andrew Morgan

7.30pm (doors open at 7.00pm)

Free admission, but a donation of £3 is encouraged.

BirdLife Malta is a society for the protection of birds and natural habitats in Malta. The organisation monitors activity that threatens wild birds, such as illegal hunting and trapping and urban development in conservation areas on the Maltese islands. This year BirdLife Malta celebrates the 50th anniversary of its campaigning, research and conservation work. Founded in January 1962 it is the oldest environmental organisation in Malta.

Malta lies on one of three routes used by birds on their biannual migration between Europe and Africa. There are over 12,000 licensed hunters on the Maltese islands and many will illegally shoot protected birds as there is a large bounty on the rare species.



To help Birdlife Malta stop this tragic waste, Andrew is giving this lecture to raise awareness for the campaign which he has been supporting since 2008.