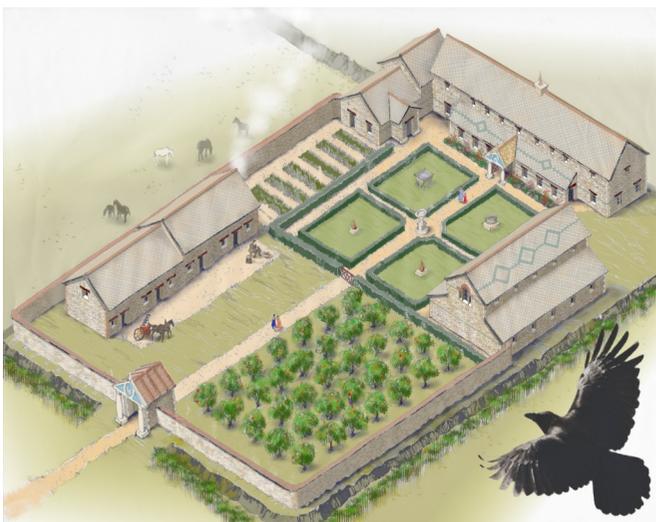


About EDAS

The East Dorset Antiquarian Society (EDAS) was formed in 1983. The society is committed to the exploration, excavation, recording and conservation of archaeological monuments and antiquities. The society promotes an understanding of archaeology and local history through a programme of talks, and occasional day visits, open days and conferences that are open to members and non-members alike. Membership is over 250, and EDAS has strong links with many organisations across Dorset and beyond.



Our highly praised monthly newsletter keeps members informed of local and wider topics in archaeology and history, and includes summaries of the talks. We also organise week-long field trips to explore different parts of the UK.

Practical archaeology remains at the centre of our activities, offering opportunities to experience the thrill of practical archaeology. In the autumn of 2022 we will be holding two events about recent projects. First a conference to launch the monograph of our latest major excavation—*The Rise and Decline of the Druce Farm Roman Villa*. We will also hold a half-day presentation for the local community to explain the findings from our Wimborne All Hallows project.

Meetings

St Catherine's Church Hall
4 Lewens Lane
Wimborne BH21 1LE

7.30-9.30pm

2nd Wednesday of each month September to May
Visitors most welcome

Admission free, donations appreciated

Membership

Please see our website or contact the
Membership Secretary for an application
form

Membership £8.50 p.a.

Reduced rates for families (£12) and
students (£5)

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*Front: Gradiometry of Lake Gates Roman Fortress.
Courtesy of Bournemouth University*

*Back: Artist's impression of Druce Farm Roman
Villa*



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**Archaeology, Local and
Social History Talks
2022-23**

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2022

Wed 14th September

The Romans at Druce Farm Villa: mosaics, middens and military?

Lilian Ladle

The latest interpretation of Druce Farm Villa after all the finds have been analysed.

Wed 12th October

Marine archaeology in the Black Sea

Helen Farr

The Black Sea MAP project has been one of the largest maritime archaeological research projects ever conducted. Cutting edge technology enabled the survey and recording of over 60 shipwrecks in water depths of up to 2,000 metres. In this talk, Helen will share some of the incredible footage and take you back 2,500 years to see the most intact Ancient Greek ship ever discovered.

Wed 9th November

Hinton St Mary mosaic: fieldwork & excavations

Richard Hobbs

A talk that will focus on the new fieldwork and excavations that have recently taken place at the Hinton St Mary Roman villa site.

Wed 14th December

Redefining the Neolithic Map: recent work on Cranborne Chase and the Avon Valley

Mike Gill

A good deal of detective work is needed before a possible new Neolithic monument can be located, surveyed and, hopefully, confirmed. Mike's talk will cover this, the work of doing the survey, the new sites found and what they've told us about previous received wisdoms.

Meeting Arrangements

Since the lifting of the Covid restrictions we have returned to live talks at St Catherine's Hall, to the delight of the speakers and our audience.

However on occasion we do revert to Zoom meetings on request of the speaker when they would otherwise have to travel a long distance. With rising travel costs this may become more frequent. We will keep you informed.

40th Anniversary

EDAS celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2023. Look out for details of anniversary events and activities which will be announced in our monthly newsletter.

Other events

The museum visits to London and Devizes originally planned for 2020 will now be arranged in 2023 at the earliest. Details will be announced in the monthly newsletter and on the website and Facebook.

Background: Iron age round house and long house, Ancient Technology Centre, Cranborne

2023

Wed 11th January

The last wild Britain

Julian Richards

Until the end of the Mesolithic in around 4500BC, people lived as part of the natural world, hunting wild game and gathering wild foods. The change that came with the introduction of farming at the beginning of the Neolithic marked the end of the last truly wild Britain, a time that Julian Richards is currently exploring at Springhead in Dorset.

Wed 8th February

Ancient China

Neil Meldrum

Chinese culture in its earliest phase covered a period from approximately 2000 BCE down to 221 BCE when the first true Emperor of China emerged. Neil will focus on the cultural developments during this period bringing in Confucius, and other ancient Chinese philosophers.

Wed 8th March

AGM (followed by)

TBD

Speakers to be announced
Recent EDAS fieldwork

Wed 12th April

40 Years of archaeology in Dorset

Peter Cox

After 40+ years of Dorset archaeology, Peter Cox of AC Archaeology highlights some of the memorable projects during that time.

Wed 10th May

The Manor of Putton and the potential of medieval archaeology in Dorset

Clare Randall

Based on the excavation of the manor at Lower Putton Lane, Chickerell, built in the 12th century, this lecture explores the medieval landscape of Dorset and the lives of the people who lived there.