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Booking Form

Please send me () tickets for the Medieval Dorset Day School to be held at the Dorford Centre, 2, Bridport Road, Dorchester DT1 1RR on Saturday September 24th 2022.

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**Dorchester Association for Research
into Local history and Archaeology**

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**A day school to celebrate 40 years since
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MEDIEVAL DORSET**

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Speakers include:

Peter Bellamy - Terrain Archaeology/AC Archaeology

Post-Roman and Early Medieval Fordington — Recent archaeological discoveries

Recent excavations by AC archaeology at St George's Road, Dorchester have revealed exciting new archaeological discoveries dating to the post-Roman to medieval period, which add considerably to our knowledge of this period in the environs of Dorchester. The interim results of the excavations will be presented in advance of the full study and publication of the results, to provide a snapshot of the main features of the site.

Lorraine Mephram - Wessex Archaeology

Pottery production and distribution in the late Saxon to Medieval period: a time of transition

There is still very limited evidence for late Saxon pottery in Dorset, but recent discoveries in the county have added to our knowledge of ceramic production at this period. This short paper will explore the evidence and contrast it with what we know about ceramic production and distribution later in the medieval period, largely through the analysis of large assemblages from Sherborne Old Castle, Stratton Old Manor near Dorchester and a manorial complex at Chickerell near Weymouth

Mark Forrest

Documentary sources for Medieval Dorset

Contemporary documents provide a window on to the world of medieval Dorset. When Langland's Piers Plowman walked out one morning he saw 'a fair field full of folk' all of whom had stories to tell and whose lives were recorded in contemporary documents. This talk explores those surveys and rentals, court records and accounts, that reveal how the people of Dorset lived from the thirteenth century to the sixteenth century. We shall examine original documents and published translations of documents held at the National Archives and the Dorset History Centre.

David Hinton - University of Southampton

Churches, Vikings and defences

This talk explores recent developments in understanding the development of the Dorset landscape and how it was controlled in the early medieval period, from recent work on place names and the dimensions of land holdings. Individual excavations, such as that of the Ridgway Vikings have also altered views of the people involved and provoked new questions.

Rob Webley - Portable Antiquities Scheme

Exploring Medieval Dorset through special artefacts recorded by the Portable Antiquities Scheme

This talk will use some of the most striking finds (and a few less prepossessing ones) recorded through the Portable Antiquities Scheme as a jumping off point for exploring medieval Dorset and its place within wider trends, both national and international.

Clare Randall - The President of Dorchester Association

Missing the Medieval - is there more to Dorset's Medieval archaeology?

Dorset may well have untapped potential for understanding the local trajectory of rural change and the development and organisation of settlements. This talk will explore what we might be missing and what we should be looking for.

Andrew Morgan - East Dorset Antiquarian Society

Finding Wimborne All Hallows Church In 2019 the East Dorset Antiquarian Society was invited by the local community to locate the long demolished church in the Wimborne All Hallows graveyard. This proved to be a perfect community project during the height of the Covid pandemic.

Lilian Ladle - East Dorset Antiquarian Society

Keeper's Lodge - excavations at a Tudor Farmhouse on the Kingston Lacy estate

Evidence for a Medieval building and roadway pre-dating the present house (built 1563) was revealed, together with domestic rubbish which illuminated the lifestyle of its inhabitants over eight centuries and beyond.

The background of the Association.

The Association was inaugurated on 2nd October 1982, with the DNHAS and Museum as its headquarters. The genesis of this new body was the changing functions and funding of committees and central and local government. The Society's Archaeological Committee had formed the Dorchester Excavation Committee in 1968 'to increase knowledge of the history of Dorchester at all periods before the information is lost: the major excavations at Poundbury were only one project. A new County Council and the Dorset Archaeological Committee were established in 1974. In 1982 the Society's Archaeological Committee and the Excavation Committee were dissolved with the intention of setting up a new body to encourage local history and archaeology in Dorchester and the eleven parishes which surround it. Thus, the Dorchester Association was formed and now celebrates 40 years.