



A New Window on the Past Dorset Archaeology 2025



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 surrounding parishes which surround it. Thus, the Dorchester Association was formed and now celebrates 42 years.



Parking available almost opposite in
Top o' Town car park or in
town centre car parks.



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*Dorchester Association for Research into
Local History and Archaeology
in collaboration with
Dorset Historic Environment Record*



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Programme and Booking Form

**Saturday 17th May 2025 at
The Dorford Centre, Bridport Road,
Dorchester DT1 1RR
Registration from
9.30am for a 10am start**



Charity Registration Number 293998

BOOKING FORM

9.30

Open for registration

10.00

Welcome and housekeeping

Michael Rice, Dorchester Association

10.10

'Long time no see?'

Peering underground to reveal the long
barrows of East Dorset

Michael Gill, Avon Valley Archaeological Society

10.40

'Life and death on the edge': investigating the
people of the Isle of Portland at the end of the
Iron Age through the first modern assessment
of the burial record'

Andrea Frankham-Hughes, Bournemouth
University

11.10

Break

11.40

A Multi-period site at Maiden Newton with an
interesting early-medieval finds assemblage

Naomi Payne, AC Archaeology

12.10

From Egypt to Dorset: The domestication and
dispersal of the cat

Sean Doherty, Exeter University

12.40

Falconry birds at Dorchester: The importance
of revisiting old collections

Hannah Britton, Exeter University

13.10

Lunch

14.25

The secrets of Came Estate: from Bronze Age
Barrows to a D-Day Camp

Eva Heimpel, Cotswold Archaeology

14.55

The Moors at Arne: the Bronze Age

Phil Trim, Wessex Archaeology

15.25

Break

15.50

The Moors at Arne: the Roman period

Phil Trim, Wessex Archaeology

16.20

Scrapings and scratchings: secular graffiti at
Manor Farm Barn, Winterborne Clenston

Peter Bellamy, Terrain Archaeology

17.00

Close



Photo Simon Barnes

Please send me () tickets at members* price of £30
and/or () tickets at the non members price of £40, for
the A New Window on the Past - Dorset Archaeology
2025 Day School, to be held at the Dorford Centre, 2,
Bridport Road, Dorchester DT1 1RR on Saturday 17th
May 2025.

**The price includes morning and afternoon
refreshments and a buffet lunch.**

** Members of The Dorchester Association and/or the
DNHAS*

Name/s

Address -----

E-mail

Any special dietary requirements?

Telephone no.

I enclose £----- (cheques payable to The
Dorchester Association)

Return to: Michael Rice, Hon. Secretary, The Dorchester
Association, 6 Highfield Close, Charminster, Dorchester
DT2 9RW.

You may also pay by Bank transfer:

Dorchester Assn for Research into History and
Archaeology (you will probably be okay with just
'Dorchester Assoc') and use your surname as reference.
Sort Code 20 26 62 and the account is 50327395.

You must still return this booking form to the Hon.
Secretary by post or email to sec.doras@gmail.com