

The Association is a non profit-making, charitable organisation which was formed over 25 years ago with the co-operation of the Dorset Natural History and Archaeological Society. Its aims are to promote public interest in the local history and archaeology of Dorchester and its surrounding area.

All meetings are on Friday evenings, except for the 12 January meeting.

They will be held at the County Museum, High West Street, Dorchester unless otherwise stated.

Talks will commence at 7.30pm
with tea and coffee available at 7.00pm.

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**The Dorchester
Association for
Research into
Local History &
Archaeology**



President: Mr Steve Wallis



**Programme
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2009

18th September

Rodney Alcock

Dorset Turret Clocks

There are about 10,000 turret clocks in this country (the most famous being the Great Clock of Westminster, popularly known as Big Ben). To tell us about some of those in our own county we welcome the return of Rodney Alcock for a further entertaining talk.

16th October

David Score

Ridgeway Hill Excavations

Oxford Archaeology carried out extensive excavations along the route of the Weymouth Relief Road, discovering barrows, trackways, chalk quarry pits, and of course a burial pit containing many skulls. Project manager David Score will be able to report on the subsequent analysis of the discoveries.

20th November

Richard McConnell

Excavations at Olds Garage

Before Olds Garage there was a steam laundry on this Bridport Road site - once alongside the Roman road towards Exeter - now covered by a Sainsbury's, a carpet store, and apartments. But in advance of redevelopment Context One Archaeology was able to unearth about 90 Roman burials.

2010

8th January

Social Evening

BROWNSWORD HALL, POUNDBURY

Refreshments, quiz, details to follow.
Please note – there will be a small charge for this event.

More details with the November newsletter.

TUESDAY, 12th January

Joint meeting hosted by the Civic Society

DORFORD CENTRE, BRIDPORT ROAD

Mark Newton

The Charles Street Project

So far there have been three stages of public consultation about the development of this key site in central Dorchester. A detailed planning application is still awaited. The development director of Simons Developments will bring us up to date.

19th February

Doreen Smith

Frampton and its History

The Historical Society of Frampton promotes 'interest in all things past'. Our speaker was a founder member, and remains a prolific recorder of Frampton's local and natural history, with wide interests in geology, photography and people. Her Frampton and Southover web-site is packed with information.

2010

19th March

AGM at 7.15.p.m

followed by

Steve Wallis

Dorset Monument Management Scheme

Run by Dorset County Council, supported by funding from English Heritage, the Scheme is aimed at the preservation and protection of our scheduled monuments. The Association's retiring President will update us on recent work undertaken under the Scheme.

16th April

Tina Tapply

How I Became an Archaeologist

We welcome a speaker, already well-known to most of us from her work in the Museum, but also a fully-qualified and professional archaeologist at present working with A C Archaeology.

21st May

Ann King

Sir Ernest Debenham and Farming at Briantspuddle

Until 1914 Briantspuddle was a quiet Dorset hamlet of a dozen cottages. Then the London entrepreneur Ernest Debenham chose the area to start an experiment in agricultural and social engineering. By 1929, when the Great Crash came, the Bladen Estate extended for over 10,000 acres, and the character of the model village of Briantspuddle had changed for ever.

