

HADS SUMMER NEWSLETTER

JULY 2012



Worth Matravers - Winspit

Fourteen members of HADS attended the field trip to St Aldhelm's Head on Sunday the 1st July. Lunch was taken either at the Square & Compass pub or at the village tea-room, both were delightful.



A chicken enjoying Laurie's lunch

We then walked to St Aldhelm's Head and dowsed the site of a pre-Christian enclosure on which a chapel was placed. We were able to locate the ditch and bank of the enclosure and find the many energy lines passing both through the enclosure and the chapel.



St Aldhelm's Chapel



Fiona & Sally dowsing an energy line



Fiona inside the chapel



Jerry, on the look-out

After exploring the headland sites our party split up, some walking back along the track whilst others took the coastal footpath to Winspit and then climbed back up to Worth Matravers to have a cup of tea or a pint in the pub where we were treated to a concert by ukulele players!!



A long walk home!

It was good to meet up again, for some it was the first time we had seen each other since Cumbria....the main difference was that our Dorset trip was DRY!!!!

SUMMER PROGRAMME

I am very pleased to announce that we now have a full and exciting summer dowsing programme and I do hope that as many of you as possible can attend the events.

We are meeting next Thursday 12th July for the continuing survey at Wickham. We shall meet outside The King's Head, Wickham Square at 10.00 am.

Sunday 22nd July

To celebrate the [Festival of Archaeology](#) we are planning a trip to Hengistbury Head, a multi-phased archaeological site overlooking Christchurch Harbour. The site contains Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, Bronze Age, Iron Age and Roman remains. It is truly a magnificent site to visit.

The parking at Mudeford Quay is expensive (£5.40 for four hours), so we shall be meeting at the Sir John Barleycorn pub at Cadnam at 9.30 am and car-share from there. The ferry from Mudeford Quay is £1.30 each way. There are cafes at Hengistbury Head for lunch.

Thursday 26th July

Further research at Wickham. Meet outside the King's Head, Wickham Square at 1pm.

28th July – August 12th

WARG's BIG DIG at St Elizabeth's College, Winchester
Open day (everyone welcome) August 5th.

10th – 12th August

Archaeology Dowsing Group survey at Wisbech.

Wednesday 15th August

In search of the Belinus Line: meet at Titchfield Church at 7pm to trace the line down to Titchfield Haven.

Saturday 18th August – Sunday 19th August

HADS Training Weekend at St Cross, Winchester: all are welcome to attend this event from the most novice dowser to the more

experienced. We shall be dowsing at St Cross Hospital on the site of a pre-Norman complex of buildings that may be the focus of a WARG dig in 2013. This is your chance to be taught how to dowse, survey and draw the features located. There will be a charge for this event as we have to pay for access to the grounds. More details will follow but please leave these dates free.

Friday 24th August – Sunday 26th August

THE MAIN EVENT

We now have permission from Mr Tom Houghton of Coldharbour Farm, Titchfield Lane, Wickham to enter his land to field-walk, survey and dowse for the Roman roads converging there and also search for the possible Roman settlement that may well be present on the site. This will take a lot of organisation and we shall require as many members as possible to assist over the weekend. Please reserve these dates in your diary. Planning is in the early stages and further instructions will be sent out soon.

Wednesday 29th August Evening Only

In search of the Belinus Line – further details to follow.

Thursday 30th August

Wickham Survey – further details to follow.

Field trip to Pembrokeshire 28th September – 4th October

There are now two spaces available in the mini-bus for this trip so if you would like to join us then please contact me as soon as possible.

I do hope that you can join in with these events. Your committee have worked very hard to arrange this programme and it would be really great if you can give them your support. Have a great summer and let's hope we can still see some sun-shine!

Kind regards to all

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