

HAMPSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL DOWSERS

Newsletter – JANUARY 2021

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Welcome to this, our fourth Newsletter of our autumn/winter season. Oh what changes to our social and family lives did we experience as Christmas approached. First we were told we could enjoy a five day 'window' over the Christmas period. This then changed to we could enjoy Christmas Day (but not Boxing Day) with our family/friends. And then came the shocking update that the whole of Hampshire was being moved into Covid Tier 4, with severe restrictions that really meant another lockdown!

However, life must move on and we should look forward to the future. But, a moment to look back and I hope that whatever Christmas you managed to have I trust it was an enjoyable time. Many thanks for the members' good wishes that Gill and I received

As I write this Christmas is over and the end of 2020 is now in sight and what a year it has been for all of us. However, the Covid vaccine should be available before too long and we just have to wait our turn. It sounds as if it might be Easter before we receive our jabs. So, whilst the pandemic has severely restricted HADs normal activities, nevertheless we have managed to keep going thanks to Don's 'History of Winchester' course, his talk to HADs on 22 October and our November talk by Andy Skinner.

Then, of course, we enjoyed the HADs virtual Christmas Social on 10 December. Many thanks to all those who were involved in its planning and implementation and to those members who entertained us and quizzed us. And thanks to the HADs Choir!!! That could likely become an annual event!

And so to the future, in addition to Don Bryan's talk to us on Thursday 28 January, when his subject will be 'St Kilda – the Forgotten Island', I am delighted to advise you that Don has kindly offered to give three further talks in his 'History of Winchester' series.

These will be as follows:-

Tuesday 19 January – ‘The Georgian Period’

Tuesday 2 February – ‘The Victorian Period’ and

Tuesday 16 February – ‘The Edwardian Period to the Present Day’

These talks start at 7.00 pm.

Many thanks Don.

There will be no further charge for those additional talks.

Our 2021 Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 25 February. After the formal part of the meeting, Don will be giving us his version of ‘The History of St Cross Hospital’.

Finally, on Thursday 25 March Andy Skinner will be returning with his talk on ‘Southampton in the Age of Spas, Springs and Highwaymen’

All these activities/talks will be presented via Zoom, as usual.

It just leaves me to wish you all, on behalf of your Committee, a Very Safe and Secure, yet happy New Year.

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Paul (Herbert), Chairman, HADs

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