



## East Dorset Antiquarian Society

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### NEWSLETTER—November 2011

#### **EDAS Lecture: The life and times of Heywood Sumner by Henry Cole**

Henry stepped in at the last moment, as our planned speaker was unable to attend the meeting. He gave us details of Heywood Sumner's early life, including the fact that not only was his father a bishop, but also his grandfather, and his great uncle was an archbishop of Canterbury. With that background Heywood would also have been expected to go into the church, but did not do so, probably because a servant became pregnant. Heywood trained as a barrister, but was never called to the Bar. He became a self-taught artist, book illustrator and also decorated churches. He was particularly good at sgraffito – a method of applying layers of plaster tinted in contrasting colours to a moistened surface, then scratching through the layers to produce an outline drawing.

In 1900 Heywood had a complete change of direction and became interested in archaeology and in 1901 he conducted his first excavation at Rockbourne Down. He excavated in the New Forest and Cranborne Chase travelling everywhere by bicycle. Heywood published a number of books recording his work, all beautifully illustrated. He died in 1940 and is buried at St Martin's churchyard, Ibsley.

We thank Henry for giving us a very informative talk, even more impressive as he delivered it without the use of any notes.

**Peter Walker**

#### **EDAS FIELD TRIP 2012 - Exmoor 9th June - 16th June**

The programme for next year's Field Trip is well advanced and it is intended to follow the usual format. We hope to include several walks across some outstanding scenery and take in a variety of sites, to include the Valley of Stones to more recent mineral workings. For the less active, a safari excursion can be taken.

The centre for our visit will be based on Exford but before booking any accommodation please wait for more details as further information is being forwarded – with many B&B's not normally listed, there is also the possible availability of a guest house taking most of our party should that appeal.

A provisional programme will be available before Xmas but it would be helpful to get some idea of the number and make up of our party so there can be alternative activities for those not taking on the more strenuous walks.

So if you are interested in joining us next year please let us know at our next meeting or email – [alhawk@ntlworld.com](mailto:alhawk@ntlworld.com).

**Alan and Anita Hawkins**

## **EDAS Excavation: Sandford Heath Excavations**

Recently, a number of EDAS members helped excavate two sites on Sandford Heath for the Sandford Heath Heritage Project. The first was through what many people thought was the alignment of a Roman road. Despite much hard work, no road was found, but we excavated a wonderful section through the heath itself and the few pieces of worked flint demonstrated that the heath was formed about 4000 years ago.

We then moved on to Holton Lee (which used to be known as East Holton Farm). The site can be traced as far back as the Domesday Book and no doubt its beginnings go into the Saxon period. Three trenches were opened and one produced copious quantities of early medieval pottery, consisting of cooking pots, wide dished, pitchers and jugs, which appeared to have been dumped. Many had 'burnt residue' adhering to their outer surfaces – evidence of cooking on an open fire.



A note of the results will be submitted to the proceedings of the Dorset Natural History and Archaeological Society. Lilian Ladle and Ben Buxton (Sandford Project) thank Corinne Board, Sue Cullinane, Len and Pam Norris, Bryan Popple and Peter Walker for their invaluable help on this community-led project

**Lilian Ladle**

**Dorset History Forum & Dorset Record Society:** People, Property & Places. Sources for local historians – taxation records

The Dorset History Forum is holding a day school which comprises a series of interesting lectures by recognised experts and it will be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, Lyme Regis, DT7 3PG, between 9.45 am – 4.00pm. Tickets are priced at £10

Copies of the Programme and Booking Form are attached.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EDAS EVENTS – 2011
Wed 9th Nov	<b>EDAS Lecture:</b> "The Roman Invasion of Dorset and the Road System" with Peter Laurie of the Dorset Roman Conquest Group.
Wed 14th Dec	<b>EDAS Lecture:</b> "Early Mechanical Music" with Gordon Bartlett
DATE	EDAS EVENTS – 2012
Wed 11th Jan	<b>EDAS Lecture:</b> "Kingston Lacy House" with James Graseby of the National Trust
Wed 8th Feb	<b>EDAS Lecture:</b> "Archaeological Illustration - Talk and demonstration" with Nick Griffiths FSA
Wed 14th Mar	<b>EDAS Annual General Meeting</b> , followed by <b>Members Evening.</b>
Wed 18th Apr	<b>EDAS Lecture:</b> "The Damerham Project" with Dr Helen Wickstead MIFA of Kingston University and Martyn Barber, English Heritage
Wed 9th May	<b>EDAS Lecture:</b> "The Big Dig and Banjo's at Winterborne Kingston. Investigating the daily lives of the Durotriges" with Dr Miles Russell of Bournemouth University.
Sat 9th June to Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>EDAS Field Trip:</b> To Exmoor, details of the programme will follow shortly.

# Dorset History Forum & Dorset Record Society

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at Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, Lyme Regis, DT7 3PG  
on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2011  
9.45 am – 4.00pm  
Tickets £10

This event will include DHF AGM and Dorset Record Society book launch see over for programme details

A buffet lunch is available by prior booking, see booking form for details.  
There is a pay and display car park at the hall

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### Taxation sources for local historians – Booking Form

No. attending Forum @ £10 ea:  No. of lunches required @ £7 ea:

**Name(s):**.....

**Name of member society** (if applicable):.....

**Address:**.....

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**Tel:**..... **E-mail:**.....

We intend to produce a list of attendees and their society for all attendees.  
If you do **not** wish your name to be on such a list please tick the box here:

Please send booking form and cheques (payable to Dorset History Forum) by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November to:

**Phil Roberts, Hon. Treasurer DHF,  
Wilton Cottage,  
West Lulworth,  
Dorset BH20 5SA  
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E-mail: roberts140@btinternet.com**

**Data Protection Legislation:** The information you provide will be used to administer this event. It may be disclosed to other committee members of the Forum and the staff of the Dorset History Centre and may be kept manually and on computer. Your details will be added to a Dorset History Forum events mailing list to inform you of other events. If you do **not** wish your details to be used for this purpose please tick the box here:

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### **Programme**

- 9.00am Hall opens for setting up displays
- 9.45am Registration for delegates and tea/coffee
- 10.15am Chairman's welcome and introduction
- 10.20am *Taxing Saxon Lyme: charter and landscape* – **Katherine Barker, Dorset History Forum and Hon Research Fellow, Bournemouth University**
- 10.45am *Medieval Taxation for Local Historians* – **Dr Mark Forrest, Dorset History Centre**
- 11.30am Coffee Break
- 11.50am *Introducing the Hearth Tax* – **Dr John Price, Manager of Centre for Hearth Tax Research, Roehampton University**
- 12.40 pm **Dorset History Forum A.G.M. and Website Launch**
- 13.15pm Lunch – A buffet lunch is available by prior booking. You are also welcome to bring sandwiches to eat in the village hall. Orange juice, apple juice and water will be available at lunch time.
- 14.00pm **Dorset Record Society Book Launch, *Birth, Marriage, Death and Taxes: Lyme Regis Censuses 1695 – 1703* – Sam Johnston, Dorset County Archivist and Chairman of Dorset Record Society**
- 14.10pm *The Marriage Duty Act in Lyme Regis 1695-1703* – **Dr Judith Ford, Dorset Record Society**
- 14.50pm Short Break
- 15.00pm *Tithe, Land Tax and Parish Rates: Local taxation in the 18<sup>th</sup> century* - **Professor Henry French, Head of History, Exeter University**
- 15.50pm Close and Coffee