



SUMMER SEASON 2010



Monday 3rd May

KENT'S CAVERN ARCHAEOLOGY

Kent's Cavern is one of the most important archaeological sites in the SW - especially rich in Pleistocene fauna showing the wide range of animals that roamed South Devon in Glacial and Interglacial phases of the last million years or so. Durham and Sheffield Universities have been re-excavating and re-examining the evidence to clarify the use of the caverns by Neanderthals. We will get an archaeological presentation then a guided tour with an archaeological bias. The Refreshments Bar will be open for us from 5pm (but not the cafeteria) where we will **meet at 6pm**. Park in the Cavern's Car Park (Ilsham Road, Torquay, TQ1 2JF). **Cost £8 adults and £6 children** for members and visitors alike.

Monday 7th June

INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY AT SHAUGH BRIDGE, DARTMOOR

Leader: Bob Bruce

Bob will lead us on a guided tour around the remains of the china-clay processing works, an iron mine and a ferro-ceramic brick-making site all close to Shaugh Bridge at the confluence of the Rivers Plym and Meavy. First there will be a short uphill walk up the lane and across two fields to join the pipeline which brought clay slurry down from the pits near Cadover Bridge, then we'll follow the clay down through all the processes to end up at the loading bays by the car park. Then we'll cross the Plym where we can see the shafts, adits, leat, wheelpit and smithy of the iron mine and finish with the settling pits and linear kiln of the brickworks. Some uphill and rough ground, potentially slippery if wet, so please wear suitable footwear. Total distance about 2 km. No dogs please.

Meet in the Shaugh Bridge car park (SX 533 636) at 7pm.

Monday 5th July

PENTILLIE CASTLE GARDENS

Coordinator: Janet Cambridge

Mr or Mrs Coryton, the owners, will give us a short talk about the House and Gardens, then there will be a guided tour of the estate and gardens (designed by Repton in 1809), possibly with long and short options. The walks, with panoramic views over the Tamar, up to about 3 miles maximum, will include uneven paths and some uphill and downhill sections, so please wear suitable footwear. Advance booking, with payment of £8 per person, member or visitor alike, is required. This includes entry to the Estate and tea and cake refreshment. Please be prepared to remove boots or bring a change of footwear in case tea is in the house. Please send the booking form with payment and SAE to Janet Cambridge before 28th June. Enquiries to Janet at 01752 669 737. **Meet at 6.30pm at Paynter's Cross (SX 399 641) at the entrance to the Estate, where instructions on parking will be given.**

Monday 2nd August

BLACKDOWN RINGS

Leader: Robert Waterhouse

Robert Waterhouse is a freelance archaeologist who has led us on many interesting trips over the years. This year he has chosen to show us Blackdown Rings (also known as Loddiswell Rings). This high point in the South Hams is the site of an Iron Age univallate hillfort with a Norman ringwork and bailey in the NW corner. The IA defences were recut in the 11th century for use as a large outer bailey - large enough to accommodate an army! This strategic fort lies on a major ridge road from Brent Moor to the sea and on a major E-W cross-country route from Totnes to Plympton. **Meet at 7pm in the car park (SX 7175 5190).**

Monday 6th September

PLYMOUTH - BACK-STREET WALKING

Leader: Nigel Overton

Nigel Overton, the Maritime Officer at the Plymouth City Museum, will lead us on a meander from Sherwell to Ladywell and back - via Ebrington Street and Beaumont Park - up to about 2 miles total. Topics range from Drake's Leat and the first electricity supply, to the Civil War to cast iron street furniture and more. **Meet at 6.30pm at Drake's Place - Reservoir Park, North Hill (SX 481 550).** Please wear suitable footwear. Limited parking in the Museum Annex car park in Tavistock Place (first come first served), otherwise metered street parking, some side street parking or Regent Street Car Park.

Our meetings are held on the first Monday of each month and start sharp at 7pm unless otherwise indicated. Non-members are welcome but where no charge is mentioned are asked to contribute £4 towards our expenses. Appropriate footwear and clothing must be worn. Our walks are not suitable for dogs.

PLYMOUTH & DISTRICT ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Further details of the Society's activities can be found overleaf or on our web site – www.plymarchsoc.org.uk

Booking form:

Return to: Janet Cambridge, 20 Devon Terrace, Mutley, Plymouth, PL3 4JD

*to arrive not later than **Monday 28 June***

Pentillie Castle Gardens - Monday 5th July, 6.30pm

(See Summer Programme for details)

Name(s)

Address

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Telephone E-mail

I enclose payment (**£8 per person**) and a Stamped Addressed Envelope for confirmation.

Signature Date **Total £**

Please make cheques payable to Plymouth & District Archaeological Society.

