

DORSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL COMMITTEE

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL
AWARDS
2009**

Council Chamber
Civic Offices, Christchurch

Friday, 6 March 2009
6 pm

PROGRAMME

Welcome

Laurence Keen OBE
Chairman, Dorset Archaeological Committee

Summary of Entries for the Dorset Archaeological Award Katherine Barker, Chairman of Judging Panel

Judging panel: Cllr Les Ames MBE, Katherine Barker, David Carter,
Penny Copland-Griffiths, Ciorstaidh Hayward Trevarthen, Cllr Anne
Kenwood and Francesca Radcliffe,

The Landmark Trust

Relocation and conservation of the Clavell Tower, Kimmeridge

Between 2006 and 2008 the Landmark Trust, with numerous partners, moved the Grade II listed Clavell Tower 25 metres from the eroding cliff edge. Careful rebuilding and restoration retained this important landmark

as an essential element in the landscape of the *'Jurassic Coast'* World

Heritage Site, giving it a secure long-term future as self-catering accommodation while keeping its cultural integrity, and allowing viewing by the general public through open days and visits by appointment.

Graham Davies and Ken Gollop

The *'Farming in the Lim Valley Project'*

In 2007 Graham Davies and Ken Gollop, volunteers at the Lyme Regis Museum, started research for an exhibition on farms of the Lim Valley. With the realisation that this was a critical time for the farms, as many were disappearing or being redeveloped, this volunteer-led community project grew into a major research programme. The team has identified, documented and explored over sixty farms, many of them previously unknown and unrecorded, and created more than ninety exhibition panels. This is now the largest project of its kind in the South West.

The Symondsburry Estate

The Symondsburry Estate Heritage Management Plan

Dr Nicola Bannister, commissioned by the trustees of the Symondsburry Estate, has created an exemplary heritage management plan for the estate. It covers the archaeology, ecology, geology, and condition of buildings on the estate, and puts forward proposals for use and management.

The Stour Valley Search and Recovery Club

Priest's House Museum and Garden, Wimborne Minster

The Stour Valley SRC display case at the Priest's House Museum

For three years the Stour Valley Search and Recovery Club has displayed metal detecting finds at the museum. New groups of finds, chosen, arranged and labelled by club members, are put on display at regular intervals. A dedicated case in the museum's newly re-displayed archaeology gallery is now a permanent fixture. The varied and changing display complements fixed displays, and serves as a point of interest for a variety of outreach events.

Dr Martin Papworth

Deconstructing the Durotriges

In the course of twenty-five years' work for the National Trust, Martin Papworth has carried out a variety of fieldwork and research, publishing regularly in the *Proceedings of the Dorset Natural History and Archaeological Society* and other journals. This work culminated in the recent completion and publication of Dr Papworth's doctoral thesis *Deconstructing the Durotriges. A definition of Late Iron Age communities within the Dorset environs*, which considers evidence for the Durotriges as a group, and achieves a major advance in the understanding of Iron Age Dorset.

Dan Carter

The Verwood Pottery Industry and the Built Environment

While undertaking a BSc in Archaeology at Bournemouth University, Dan Carter's undertook survey, including geophysical survey, and research on the Verwood Pottery Industry, looking particularly at the buildings. The resulting dissertation presents an assessment of the available evidence and considers how new survey techniques may be applied to improve understanding of this and other country pottery industries.

Charles French, Helen Lewis, Michael J Allen, Martin Green, Rob Scaife,
Julie Gardiner and the Allen Valley project team
***Prehistoric landscape development and human impact in the upper
Allen valley, Cranborne Chase, Dorset.***

Between 1998 and 2003 the team undertook an extensive programme of survey and excavation in the Allen Valley in East Dorset. They combined geoarchaeological survey and pollen analysis of the relict palaeochannel system with sample investigations and open-area excavation of a variety of prehistoric sites in this part of Cranborne Chase, to throw new light on the nature of landscape change in the Bronze Age.

Wessex Archaeology

Langton Matravers Bronze Age Axes: archaeological excavation

In autumn 2007 metal detector users discovered four hoards of Late Bronze Age axe heads. The hoards, numbering around four hundred axe heads, were reported to the Portable Antiquities Scheme and as potential treasure under the *Treasure Act 1996*. At the request of the British Museum and PAS, Wessex Archaeology undertook an excavation at the findspot. Their work provided a significant amount of information about the circumstances under which the hoards were deposited, and place this nationally-important find in its proper archaeological context.

Presentation of the Dorset Archaeological Award

Professor Mick Aston BA MA (Hon) DLitt (Hon) MIFA FSA

Vote of thanks

The presentation will be followed by refreshments. The committee is grateful to Christchurch Borough Council for the invitation to hold this event at the Civic Offices, and to Dr Alistair Somerville Ford of the Institute of Commercial Management and an anonymous sponsor for their contributions towards the costs.