

Excursions and Lectures

Summary of the 2011 Excursions

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The 2011 Excursion Programme was arranged on essentially the same basis as for earlier years. It is interesting to note that the essential nature of the excursions has changed little since they were originally organised by Ken Appleby along with Les Hayes and Malcolm Aylett, who sadly died in January 2012. The excursions in 2011 were very well attended and there is every reason to think that 2012 will be just as successful; Roger Wilkes is hard at work dealing with bookings and Les Hayes has taken on the role of Excursions Co-ordinator.

Tim Lunt and Les Hayes have written articles on three of the excursions on the following pages. Summary Information for the planned 2012 Excursion Programme is provided on [page 53](#).

2011 EXCURSIONS	DATE	ASPECTS	GUIDE	LEADER
Salisbury Plain	07 May	Various	Roy Canham	Jackie Thompson
Shepton Mallet Town	14 June	Mixed	Alan Stone	Alastair MacLeay
Weston Village, Bath	29 June	Mixed	Les Hayes	Les Hayes
Churches near Frome	07 July	10th-15thC	Michael McGarvie	Alastair MacLeay
Axbridge & Museum	14 August	Medieval	Dr. Robin Goodfellow	Les Hayes
Stanton Drew and Barrington Combe	11 September	Various	John Oswin	Tim Lunt

Summary of the 2011-12 Lectures

The sub-committee, which researches possible lecture topics, meets at intervals to discuss the planned composition of the Lecture Programmes. In line with the Society's Constitution, the subject matters for lectures seek to encompass all aspects of archaeology, and these include both World and British Archaeology. Attempts are made, wherever possible, to link the subject matters for Excursion and Lectures.

The 2011-2012 Lecture Programme was well attended and comprised of the following events:

- 13.10.11 Ben Roberts, Curator Bronze Age, British Museum
ALL THAT GLITTERS: THE ORIGINS OF METALLURGY IN EURASIA.
- 10.11.11 Miranda Aldhouse-Green, Professor of Archaeology, Cardiff University
BOUDICA/BOADICEA: MYTH AND REALITY.
- 08.12.11 Dr. George Nash, Specialist in Prehistoric Art, University of Bristol
DATING THE ROCK ART IN THE SIERRA DA CAPIVARA, NORTH-EAST BRAZIL; QUESTIONING THE PRE-HISTORY ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE AMERICAS.
- 12.01.12 Ceri Lambdin, Director of the St Algar's Project Group
ROMAN GLASS RECYCLING ON A GRAND SCALE: RECENT FIELD WORK IN SOMERSET.
- 15.03.12 Sam Moorhead, Department of Portable Antiquities and Treasures, British Museum
THE FROME HOARD TREASURE.

The arrangements for lectures, utilising the fabulous rooms in BRLSI, have continued much as was organised by Ceri Lambdin. The objectives identified above in relation to encompassing all aspects of archaeology, and the linking of Excursions and Lectures, appear to continue to be popular with members. The numbers attending lectures have steadily increased, in fact. People had to be turned away from Miranda Aldhouse-Green's lecture, when the room was filled to capacity, five minutes before the scheduled start time!

Roger and Joy Lawley have now finished their period of co-ordination in relation to the Excursion and Lecture Programmes, which extended to some five years. It is very heartening that essentially the same sub-committee members will continue through 2012, with the very welcome addition of Garry Pratt, who is now the Lectures Co-ordinator. Summary Information for the planned 2012-13 Lecture Programme is provided on [page 53](#).