



B&DAS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Member

Our June visit to Cullompton was postponed because of a medical emergency at Walronds.

We visited Blackmore Farm for our annual dinner on July 19th. Starting at 6 pm Ian Dyer, now Lord of the Manor of Blackmore, showed us round the medieval house from top to bottom and Chris Sidaway outlined some of its history. Then we sat down at the long table in the hall for a magnificent roast followed by sumptuous sweets. Many thanks to Ian and Anne for their hospitality.

Our visit to Cullompton, originally planned for June, took place on 20th September. We met at 11 am at Walronds, a beautiful Elizabethan house in Fore Street, for coffee. Michael of the Cullompton Walronds Preservation Trust then explained how the Trust had raised several million pounds to repair the building and about the amazing work done to preserve it. We then had an excellent lunch, provided by the Trust, in the dining room. (The website for Walronds is: www.walronds.com). After a tour of the house and gardens Chris Sidaway took us on a walk through the town showing us several interesting houses and the magnificent church of St. Andrews with its imposing tower and gorgeous fan vaulting in the Lane Aisle. Many thanks to Chris for arranging this visit.

As my next Newsletter will not be out until January, even though it is a little early, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas,

David Baker

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

2018

Thursday 18th October. 7.30 pm Museum. Miles Kerr-Peterson - "New Findings at The Wembdon Road Cemetery"

Thursday 22nd November. 7.30 pm Museum. Liz Caldwell - "Behind the Beeps" (Archaeological Geophysics). Liz, who runs her own geophysical survey company, will tell us how the science works for the archaeologist.

Thursday 13th December. 7.30 pm Wembdon Parish Centre in the old hall. BDAS CHRISTMAS EVENT. Bob Croft, County Archaeologist, Somerset Heritage Trust, will give us an update on recent finds in our area. Please bring a little something for the buffet.

2019 PROVISIONAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Details to be confirmed

Please note that meetings from January to March will start at 2.30 pm. From April on they will revert to 7.30 pm until the winter.

Thursday 17th January. 2.30 pm. Museum. Yvette Staelens, "Singing Through The Ages"

Thursday 21st February. 2.30 pm. Museum. A.G.M. Speaker TBC

Thursday 21st March. 2.30 pm. Museum. Return of Brian Wright, Subject TBC

Thursday 18th April. 7.30 pm Museum. Jo Pentney, "Place Names"