

The Dorchester Association for Research  
into Local History and Archaeology

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If you are not already a member, why not join to keep in touch with our events. The cost is only £10 per year. Meetings are free to members, a £5 donation is suggested for non-members. Other events are arranged during the year. Contact the Secretary if you are interested, download a membership form from our website or join at a meeting.



*Archeologist Steve Wallis tells members about the Poundbury Hillfort before setting out along the route of the aqueduct on 6th July 2023.*



*Victorian walk 20th July 2023. Ian Gosling points out features of Benjamin Ferrey's Municipal building in Dorchester.*

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The Association was formed in 1982 with the co-operation of the Dorset Natural History and Archaeological Society, but is an independent, charitable, non profit-making organisation. Its primary aim is to promote public interest in the local history and archaeology of Dorchester and its surrounding area

**Talks will commence at 7.30pm except for those in December, January and February, which will start at 2.30pm.**

They will be held at the Dorford Centre, Bridport Road, Dorchester. DT1 1RR

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**President:**  
Dr Clare Randall

**Programme  
2024 – 2025**



# Dorchester Association For the Research into Local History and Archaeology 2024/25 Programme

2024

## Thursday 26th September

In the Mood, or Dancing through a War.

*By Francis Burroughes*

The story of Francis' mother, a nurse during W.W.2. From the London blitz to the West country, and finally to Dachau, Germany. Diaries for the years 1936—1945.

## Thursday 24th October

The Find of a Lifetime.

*By Richard Baker.*

Richard broke through the roof of a mediaeval room when excavating and made a surprising discovery.



## Thursday 5th December (Afternoon)

The Transported Prisoners.

*By Mike Randall*

Mike has researched every transported prisoner from Dorset. He is particularly keen in establishing what happened to families left behind.

2025



## Thursday 30th January. (Afternoon)

The Keep Military Museum.

*By Elliot Metcalfe*

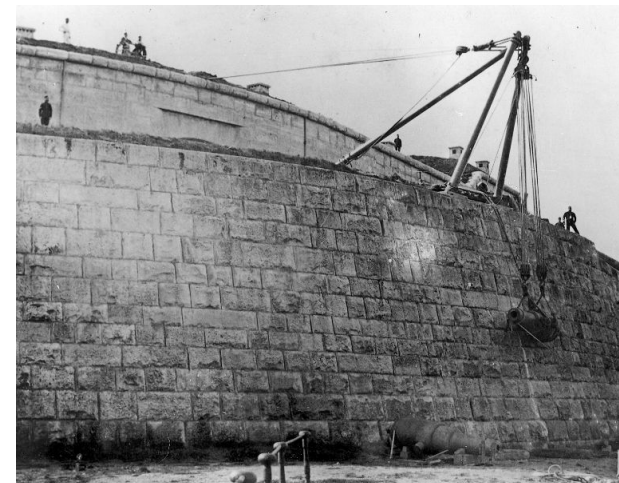
Built 1879, The Keep was originally the gatehouse for the Depot Barracks of the Dorsetshire Regiment as well as the County Armoury. It is now the Regimental Museum.

## Thursday 27th February. (Afternoon)

An Archaeological Medley.

*By Dr Clare Randall*

Episodes from Clare's life, looking at recent excavations across South West England.



## Thursday 27th March.

The Nothe Fort.

*By Ian Brooke*

Built in the 1860's, designed to protect the harbour from attack and French invasion. Used during WW2. The Fort is now a Museum.



## Thursday 24th April.

The Building in Our Midst.

*By Professor Phillip Martin*

Tolpuddle Old Chapel. Built in 1818, a Grade II listed Wesleyan Methodist Chapel. George Loveless preached there.

## Thursday 29th May.

Victorian School Logbooks.

*By Mike Randall.*

Details of everyday school life in rural Dorset.