

Redlynch & District Local History Society

Mapping Master Class in the New Forest

A group of members from the society recently enjoyed a Mapping Master Class in the New Forest. Starting at Godshill Cricket Ground, Brian Jacks a qualified group leader, guided us on a route across the forest, teaching us how to read maps, follow compass directions, take bearings of landmarks and be aware of contours. He pointed out evidence of several craters and of a chalk guideline, which were reminders of when bombs were tested at Ashley Range during WW2. We walked for approximately two hours, and learnt new skills. This was a new venture for the society and certainly worth repeating.

After our summer break, our meetings resume on Tuesday September 6th, when Lawrence Shaw, Heritage Mapping and Data Officer for the New Forest National Park Authority will talk about 'LIDAR'. Light Detection and Ranging is a survey technique, which uses a laser beam, fired from an aeroplane, to make detailed recordings of the ground beneath. Archaeologists can then process the information to create detailed 3D maps. Those of you who visited our Exhibition on Maps in Autumn 2015 may remember the special display on 'LIDAR'.

We will also be holding our Annual Open Day and Exhibition on Saturday 8th October, 1p.m.–4p.m. and on Sunday 9th October, 10a.m.–3p.m. in Morgan's Vale and Woodfalls Village Hall. This year is the 20th anniversary of our society so our theme is 'Redlynch—the Past 20 years'. We will be displaying photographs, scrapbooks etc. from the Parish of Redlynch which of course covers Morgan's Vale, Woodfalls, Lover, Hamptworth and Nomansland as well as Redlynch itself. There will also be an opportunity to see the New Forest Remembers World War 1 Exhibition, which we are borrowing from Lyndhurst. Members and visitors are welcome to come along. Entry is free and refreshments will be available.

The Society was very sad to hear of the death of Richard Elkins, who had been a founder member. His knowledge of the local area was fascinating and he contributed several articles for our Reviews. We all appreciated his guided walks around Morgan's Vale and Redlynch, when he pointed out places of interest and related his childhood memories. His assistance in recording the graveyards in St Mary's Churchyard was invaluable.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 6th September 7.30p.m. Morgan's Vale & Woodfalls Village Hall. 'LIDAR' Lawrence Shaw. Visitors welcome - £3. Enquiries to Carolyn Birch 01725 511583