

An Introduction to Archaeological Excavation & Recording Techniques

Weekends

Saturday/Sunday 2nd /3rd June 2007

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Saturday/Sunday 8th /9th September 2007

Have you ever wondered how archaeologists actually excavate the features and layers you see on TV programmes like 'Time Team' and 'Meet the Ancestors'? Do YOU want to experience what it is really like to excavate and interpret the finds YOU discover? Why not learn the basics of archaeology and have fun by enrolling for the weekend Workshop 'Introduction to Archaeological excavation and recording techniques' at Butser Ancient Farm?

The course has been devised to give each person a chance to excavate a 1m square area within an archaeological training trench constructed by Butser Ancient Farm. This will enable you to learn first hand the methods and tools used to excavate and record what you find in a relaxed atmosphere. Possible finds include prehistoric, Roman, medieval and post-medieval artefacts.

Course Director: Steve Dyer (MIFA). Steve is a professional archaeologist with many years of experience on a variety of sites of different periods, including directing a number of major archaeological excavations. He has taught archaeology up to undergraduate level and is keen to develop other peoples knowledge and skills.

Course Supervisor: Joyce Herve. (Cert. H. Ed. Archaeology)

Course structure

The two-day course will cover a number of basic archaeological fieldwork and recording techniques including:

- Introduction to archaeology
- Finds types and dates
- Hand excavation of layers and features
- Documentary recording of layers and features
- Section and plan drawing
- Basic site surveying
- Archaeological photography
- Finds processing
- Basics of Stratigraphy

All excavation and recording equipment will be supplied by Butser Ancient Farm

Personal equipment

Gloves (not essential)

Wet weather clothing (essential)

Stout footwear (essential) i.e. walking boots.

No sandals or trainers please

Kneeling pad (not essential)

If the weather is hot bring a hat and some sun cream. Shorts are permissible.

The Workshop takes place outdoors so wet weather clothing is essential. If the weather is too poor to continue excavating then we will study post-excavation finds processing and stratigraphic principles indoors.

Fitness

The work is not physically demanding but a moderate level of fitness (i.e. light gardening) is necessary.

Cost: £60.00

Application Form

Name

Address

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Postcode

Tel. No. Evening

Daytime

Please enrol me on the course 'Introduction to Archaeological Excavation & Recording Techniques' on:

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I enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to BUTSER ARCHAEOLOGICAL CENTRE LTD.'

Fees are payable on booking a place and are non-refundable.

Friends of Butser Ancient Farm are entitled to a discount of £5 per course. Please give your membership number here

Signed.....Date:.....

Please send this form to:

Butser Ancient Farm, Chalton Lane, Chalton, Waterlooville, Hampshire. PO8 0BG

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