

THE DORSET DIGGER

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Roman Fortlet

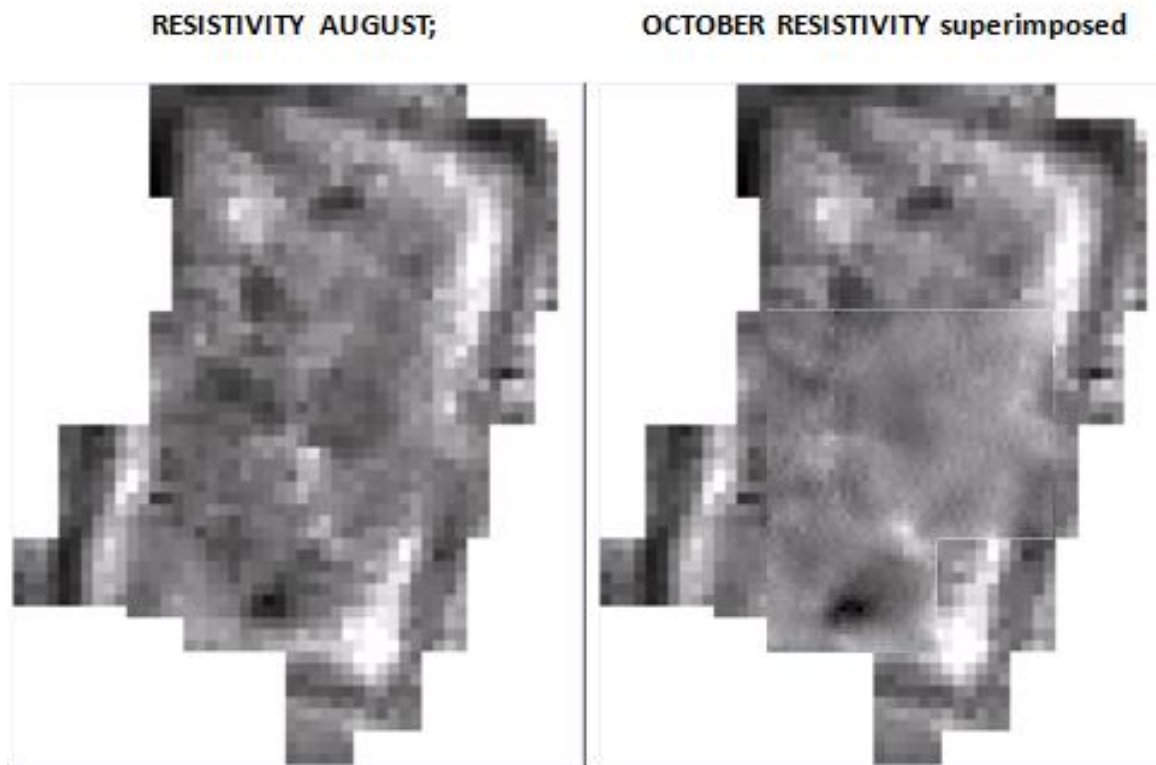
We returned to Blackdown at the beginning of October to see if we could improve our geophysics results. We picked the area that showed possible features on the resistivity and took measurement on a half-meter grid to see if there was any better resolution. This is all good learning for the group so that we know how to plan future surveys and more of our members gain experience with the equipment.



With 4 times as many readings it takes much longer to do the survey at this spacing.

We would like a few more people to be able to download the results and display them. Please let me know if you would like the software on your computer and some data files to practice with.

The results show a significant improvement in the image but not really any additional information.



We now need to write the report of our survey for Historic England and the Heritage Environment record. Most of the report was written in advance in order to get permission so it is only a matter of slotting in the results and thinking what it means.

Following on from this we plan to undertake a wider project looking at other possible signaling stations in Dorset.

Alice's Garden

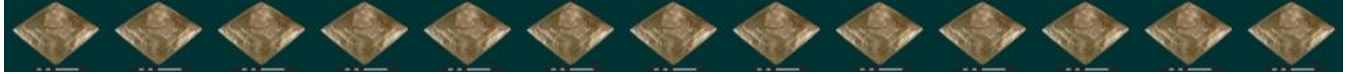
New member Alice lives in an old house in Maiden Newton and has decided to do some research for an A-level project. The house dates back to 1837 and there is a well in the yard. We took our red-and-white poles and faithful resistivity meter along to see if the strange bumps in the garden could be an earlier building.



Digstories

Chris Tripp MA (OCL)

THE SITES, THE ARTEFACTS & THE PEOPLE



Stories of the first London; a (male) princess; a look under the 'wobbly bridge'; pots of treasure; facing 'death' & much more



Starting: 3pm 6th November

Venue: Quaker meeting house, Fordington, Dorchester dt1 1lf

[Please book for limited space]

£8 per session (6 WEEKS)

Sessions are one off talks, pay on the day

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Winter Events

We are arranging the following group activities – dates to be confirmed:

November – pottery identification workshop

December 9th or 10th – Christmasquiz with buffet supper

January AGM

February Tunnel tour of roman baths

Other Events

Experimental Archaeology]

Sat 22nd October WAFA – booking essential -£10

Coppicing using ancient tools

Lecture

4th Nov Dorchester Museum 7.30pm

Gold from Bronze Age Dorset and Beyond by Dr Neil Wilkin British Museum

1st Dec Dorchester Museum - Sicily by Michael Insley – DDCAG member

Sat 17th December – WAFA –booking essential-£30

All you ever wanted to know about Stonehenge –Julian Richards