

Visit to The Milbury's at Beauworth

On Thursday 21st August, 20 members enjoyed an evening visit to Beauworth. It was a delightful evening with stunning views over the South Downs.

We obtained permission to enter the paddock where the Milbury's Bronze Age barrows are located. From the top of the barrows we were able to see Beacon Hill (Highclere) to the north and the hills on the Isle of Wight to the south.

We all ended up in the Milbury's pub looking down the 300 feet deep well and the 250 years old treadmill which was used to raise the water. Don mentioned that a hoard of coins dating back to King Harold and William the Conqueror was discovered nearby. The hoard contained between 8,000 and 12,000 silver pennies and half-pennies. That was in 1833 and was called the Beauworth Hoard. More recently a hoard of Roman coins consisting of 400 pieces was found in a pot near the Milbury's Barrows.

This was the last evening trip of the current season, but there are still events left to enjoy. 15 members are off to North Wales and Chester from the 15th-20th September. The next event for all members is on Sunday 28th September when we are visiting Kingston Lacey and Bradbury Rings by private cars. Meet at the Stables Café at Kingston Lacey at 11.00. (BH21 4EA) This is a National Trust property, so members are free to enter. Non-members will have to pay £19.00 for the house, garden and parkland.

All details of forthcoming events are on our updated brochure which is now available on our new website: hampshiredowsers.co.uk.

Don, Sally and Ed, your Social Committee

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