



STUDY DAY – Saturday 19 October 2019, 10.25 – 4.35 (10 coffee)

GOOD FOUNDATIONS

... The story of earth materials in Wiltshire's buildings ...

ISOBEL GEDDES - Wiltshire's Rock Foundations: How the underlying geology determines the character of landscape, towns and villages. Isobel is a geologist and writer. She is the author of *Hidden Depths: Wiltshire's Geology and Landscapes*. She contributed to English Heritage's *Strategic Stone Study Building Stones Atlas* and *The Avebury Landscape – Aspects of the field archaeology of the Marlborough Downs*. She currently leads geology-themed walks and produces geology & landscape guides for the Wiltshire Geology Group.

MELANIE POMEROY-KELLINGER - Settlements and Structures: How Wiltshire's geology has influenced the location and nature of settlement in Wiltshire from the times of the earliest farmers. The talk will also explore how geology has influenced the way in which the remains of settlements have survived into the archaeological record and how they discovered and recorded. Melanie has worked as an archaeologist and heritage manager for over 30 years. Having worked in Wiltshire for more than 20 years, the last 12 years as County Archaeologist, she is a specialist in the prehistoric landscapes of Avebury and Stonehenge.

STEPHEN HANNATH - Limestone and Sandstone Buildings;

Chalk and Flint Buildings;

Using Local Clays - Bricks and Tiles;

Cob Construction / Lime the material to hold it all together. In his series of talks, Steve will show how builders have used Wiltshire's diverse natural local materials to their best advantage. Steve spent his professional life in education. He has always been interested in the environment. Since retirement he has spent more time exploring local geology, particularly as it impacts on local life - including its buildings. His book *Chalk & Cheese* seeks to explore aspects of Wiltshire life and its character as determined by the varied rocks beneath our feet.

KATY WHITAKER - Sarsen Stone for Building: The extraction and cutting of sarsen stone for building materials and street furniture. Katy is a PhD student in the University of Reading's Archaeology Department. She is researching the use of sarsen stone in southern Britain, focussing on sarsen industries through time. This includes prehistoric sarsen extraction and post-medieval quarrying, which have had such an impact on the appearance of settlements in Wiltshire, Buckinghamshire and other counties where the stone is found.

DOROTHY TREASURE - A Snapshot of Vernacular Buildings in Wiltshire: A quick look at traditional buildings distinctive to different areas in the county.

Fireplaces to Finials – Datable Features: Design details of historic buildings and their changing fashions. Dorothy is WBR's principal buildings historian, with over 30 years' experience in the study and recording of vernacular buildings. She has worked on National Trust's Vernacular Building Survey for Wessex, and cut her teeth on farmsteads, mills and breweries in N. Wilts.

At Melksham Assembly Hall. **Tickets £16.50**, or **£14** WBR Members, Senior Citizens & Students.

Optional buffet lunch, booked in advance, £8.50 per head. Tel: **01249 705508**

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