

Council for British Archaeology Festival Société Jersiaise Programme



18th to 29th July 2023

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Tuesday 18th July

Walk Hougue de Vinde

La Hougue de Vinde is a circular monument, sometimes describe as a tumulus, and bearing similarities to the cist-in-circle series dated from the Late Neolithic to the Bronze Age (around 2850 to 2250 BCE). This site has recently been studied through an archaeological evaluation directed by Dr Helen Dawson (Freie Universität Berlin, Università di Bologna) and Dr Hervé Duval (Société Jersiaise Field Archaeologist) in the course of JICAS's Archaeological Summer School 2023.

The project aims a better understanding of the site and included a restoration work to preserve the monument for the future generations. The visit proposes to discover more about this archaeological site and explain the purposes of the research that is scheduled until 2025.

Time: 15.00

Price: Free, book your tickets on Eventbrite

Meet: Carpark, Le Chemin de Noirmont, Jersey

Lead: Dr Sean Dettman (JICAS Director) & Dr Hervé Duval (Société Jersiaise Field Archaeologist)

Grade: Easy – wear strong shoes or boots with good treads



Thursday 20th July

Le Câtel de Lecq

This iconic hillfort takes good care not to tell all its secrets, but is surely one of Jersey's most famous archaeological sites. The site offers a spectacular view, but why was it fortified in the past? The walk organised will help to understand the archaeological remains preserved under the vegetation and how features may still be preserved. Comparing this hillfort with other examples known on the Atlantic and Channel façade will also provide an insight of its potential. Come and join the walk, but be careful to wear strong shoes with good treads.

Time: 18.00

Price: Free, book your tickets on Eventbrite

Meet: Greve de Lecq Carpark

Lead: Dr Hervé Duval (Société Jersiaise Field Archaeologist)

Grade: Easy – wear strong shoes or boots with good treads



Saturday 22th July

Film "Neanderthal, in the steps of another humanity"

Threatened by marine erosion and global warming, the site of Le Rozel, delivers rare vestiges of the daily life of Neanderthal groups who occupied this remarkable point of the Normandy coast, about 80 000 years ago. Among these fragile remains, about 3,000 footprints have been unearthed by archaeologists: the largest collection of prehistoric footprints in the world. As the discoveries are made, the archaeological investigation takes us on a journey through time, in the footsteps of this other humanity that has now disappeared.

Directed by David Geoffroy, the film Neanderthal, in the steps of another humanity was released in 2022 and has since been winning international awards. The English version of the film will be displayed (Duration: 52 minutes), and David Geoffroy will be there to answer questions from the audience.

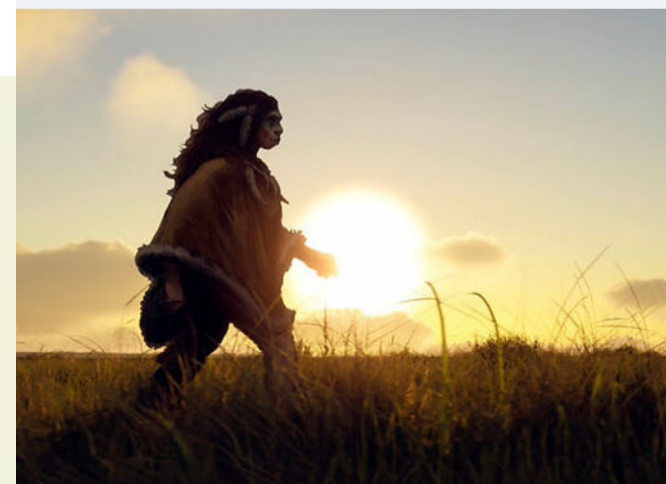
Time: 16.00 – 17.30

Price: Free, book your tickets on Eventbrite

Meet: Société Jersiaise, Members' Room, 7 Pier Road

Guide: Dr Hervé Duval (Société Jersiaise Field Archaeologist), David Geoffroy (Courtjus Production, Film Maker), Tahnee Blakemore (Education Officer, Jersey Heritage)

Grade: Easy but uneven



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Monday 24th July

Pick up the pieces! Pottery workshop

This workshop is intended for children aged 10-12, who can put themselves in the shoes of an Iron Age potter. Tahnee Blakemore and Hervé Duval (Société Jersiaise Field Archaeologist) have specialised in the study of ancient pottery and know how to make the sherds speak. If you wish to learn more about the role of a ceramologist, or share a hidden talent for 3D puzzles, then this is the perfect place for you.

Come and join the team of young archaeologists!

Time: 10.00 – 12.00

Price: Free, book your tickets on Eventbrite

Meet: La Hougue Bie, Route de la Hougue Bie, Grouville, JE3 9HQ

Guide: Tahnee Blakemore (Education Officer, Jersey Heritage), Dr Hervé Duval (Société Jersiaise Field Archaeologist)

Grade: Easy but uneven

Wednesday 26th July

Meet the Collections

Meet the Collections gives you the opportunity to see some of the fascinating items in our collections that are not usually on display at one of our sites. With a different theme each month, our collections team will be selecting some of their favourite objects to show you and will be on hand to tell you about these objects, where they came from and what they can tell us about our Island's history.

Time: 14.00 – 16.00

Price: Free

Meet: La Hougue Bie, Route de la Hougue Bie, Grouville, JE3 9HQ

Guide: Perry Mesney (Finds Liaison Officer, Jersey Heritage), Olga Finch (Curator, Jersey Heritage), Neil Mahrer (Museum Conservator, Jersey Heritage)

Grade: Easy but uneven



Saturday 29th July

Neolithic Neighbours – exploring the archaeological landscape at Faldouet

Earlier in year, we announced the launch of a Neolithic Landscapes Project which aims to research and study the landscape across Jersey in the Neolithic period some 4000 to 6500 years ago. From the visible remains in the form of dolmens and other megalithic structures, we know there was an active population who had adopted agriculture as their main source of food rather than the hunter – gatherer lifestyle which existed previously. We are asking neighbours who live close to these Neolithic megalithic structures to tell us if they have found any evidence in the form of artefacts from that period in their gardens. This event is a follow up for them and the public generally to join us for a short walk of exploration around where they live in order to explain what we know and what we think the landscape would have been all those years ago.

For more information about our project, see <https://www.societe.je/neolithic-landscapes-new-archaeology-project-launched/>

Time: 17.00

Price: Free – indicate your interest by booking on EventBrite

Meet: In the road next to the Accommodation and Activity Centre (Haul de la Garenne) – there should be plenty of space to park there if you come by car

Guide: Marc Yates (Head of Archaeology, Société Jersiaise)

Grade: Fairly level walk along roads and paths - wear comfortable shoes



Friday 28th July

Finds Recording

The Jersey Heritage public finds recording scheme, begun in 2019, aims to photograph, identify and record archaeological objects found by members of the public, such as metal detectorists, beach combers, and other chance finders. Learn about the finds recording process and how it is accessible to the public on Jersey's Historic Environment Record, along with future academic research that may be undertaken with this data to shed new light on the island's past. Learn about interesting and surprising discoveries since the scheme began, and how these discoveries add to or change our previous understandings of Jersey's past.

The talk will be led by Jersey Heritage Finds Liaison Officer Perry Mesney.

Time: 19.00 – 20.00

Price: Free - Book on Eventbrite

Book: Eventbrite link available through Société Jersiaise website

Meet: Société Jersiaise, Arthur Mourant Room, 7 Pier Road

Parking: Pier Road car park

Lead: Perry Mesney, Finds Liaison Officer, Jersey Heritage

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