



DIGGING DAD'S ARMY
The east and south east London People's War Project

**Zeppelin S, Andersons and
Ack Ack**

Theory and fieldwork in Conflict Archaeology



Summer 2010 Prospectus

Digging Dad's Army Project

Programme June-November 2010

June: Launch the Firepower/DDA Operations Room at Firepower, The Royal Artillery Museum Café.

12-13 June: Introduction to Conflict Archaeology- including a guided tour of Anti Invasion Stop Line B in Woolwich and guided visit to Firepower, the Royal Artillery Museum.

14-18 June: Archaeological Fieldwork in Shooters Hill and Woolwich Training Excavation plus specialist courses.
Archaeology in Education activities.

19 June: Public Open Day at DDA Excavation.

19-20 June: Standing Buildings Recording: Weekend Course at Oxleas Wood, Shooters Hill.

9-11 July: Home Guard 70th Anniversary Project
See Web for Details

17 July: Digging Dad's Army at Oxleas Wood: Guided Walks and Public Archaeology as part of the Council for British Archaeology- Festival of British Archaeology.

6-12 September: Blitz 70th Anniversary- The Woolwich Shelter Blitzkrieg.
A census of surviving Air Raid Shelters in Woolwich by the DDA Project.

11 September: Andersons, Ack Ack and the Invasion that Never Was- The Archaeology of 1940: A One Day Popular Conference marking the 70th Anniversary of the momentous summer of 1940.

12 September: Woolwich War Walks- Launch a Self Guided Walking Guide from Shooters Hill to Firepower exploring the WW2 sites and remains in the Woolwich.
Details TBC

1-5 November: Birkbeck College Geophysics Course at Eaglesfield Park/Oxleas Wood facilitated by the DDA Project and Archaeophysica Ltd.

Winter 2010/2011: Look out for Exhibitions and talks related to this years work.

Digging Dad's Army- The east and south east London People's War Project,

...is an exciting new research project, supported by the University of Bristol Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, which is setting out to record the archaeology and examine the experience and impact of the conflicts of the 20th century on the people of south east and east London.

This years programme will be linked to the events of the momentous Summer of 1940, the Blitz, the Battle of Britain and Operation Sea Lion- the Invasion that never was.

Because it is a People's War Project, Digging Dad's Army believes that it is important to offer a range of affordable opportunities to enable as many people as possible to take part in the research.

You might be a Professional Archaeologist who wants to learn more about one of the newest and fastest growing disciplines in modern archaeology, you may already have some digging experience but want to learn more, or you might be someone who has seen "Time Team," and thinks it might be interesting and fun to take part in a "dig." It does not matter. We hope there is something in this programme for everyone.

See you on site...

Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 June 2010

Digging Dad's Army- Zeppelin's, Anderson's and Ack Ack

- an introduction to the theory and techniques of the Conflict Archaeology of the 20th Century.

10.00am – 5.00pm

Based in Shooters Hill, this groundbreaking series of talks and practical sessions is designed to bring together Archaeologists, Historians, Teachers, Museum Curators, and Living History Practitioners, in fact, anyone who has an interest in researching the archaeology of 20th Century Conflicts in Britain and presenting that research to the public.

Day 1 is a series of talks and discussions designed as an introduction to Conflict Archaeology and the Digging Dads Army Project.

Subjects to be covered include-

- Is Conflict Archaeology, Archaeology?
- Why bother with a load of old Concrete? Conflict Archaeology, planning and preservation.

- Landscapes of Memory and Living Memory- the role of the eye witness.
- Living Archaeology, Living History- presenting Conflict Archaeology to the public.

Confirmed Speakers include Andy Brockman, Local Consultant on the Time Team programme, “Blitzkrieg on Shooters Hill,” Dr Neil Faulkner of the “Great War Archaeology Group,” and Features Editor of Current Archaeology who excavated the crash site of Zeppelin L48 in Essex and Rod Scott of the No Mans Land Project.

Day 2 is designed to follow up the theory with practical examples of fieldwork and the presentation of data and artefacts to the public.

- The morning session consists of a guided field trip to look at the surviving military archaeology of the Shooters Hill area and Anti Invasion Stop Line Central, the subject of the Time Team programme, Blitzkrieg on Shooters Hill.
- Day 2 concludes with a visit to Firepower- the Royal Artillery Museum, where there will be a chance to discuss how Conflict Archaeology is presented to the public.

This is a unique chance to see what is going on in the fascinating discipline of Conflict Archaeology, to discover where to find out more and how to get involved in research and presentation.

The workshop costs just £70 including Tea and Coffee and entry to Firepower. [£40 concessions].

NB: If you wish you can book for Day 1 the Talks Programme only; or Day 2 the visits to Shooters Hill and Firepower only, at a cost of £35 [£20 Concessions].

Monday 14 June 2009- Friday 18 June 2010

Digging Dad’s Army-

An Archaeological Fieldwork School at Shooters Hill.

The Shooters Hill Field School will be a chance to learn or practice the skills required in archaeological fieldwork, while applying them on sites known to have features dating from World Wars One and Two which we are studying as part of the Digging Dad’s Army Research Programme.

This course is suitable for both beginners and those with some excavation experience who might wish to practice their skills or learn new ones.

The week will consist of an introduction to the site and the story behind the excavation, followed by the survey and excavation of specifically targeted areas of Shooters Hill.

In particular we hope to un-cover sites connected with the Invasion Threat and Blitz of 1940.

This area is known to be rich in archaeology and there may also be features from other periods.

The Field Course is designed to be “Hands On,” and skills you will have the chance to learn or practice include...

- Excavation Planning and Project Designs.
- Health and Safety on Archaeological Sites.
- Basic Levelling and Surveying.
- Excavation Techniques.
- Archaeological Recording- Plans, Sections, photography and Specialised Recording for Masonry etc.
- Finds Identification, analysis and basic conservation.

The excavation is being directed by Neil Faulkner and Andy Brockman, but all participants will be encouraged to discuss the excavation and finds and contribute their own thoughts and interpretations.

The Fieldwork Course costs just £160 including Tea and Coffee.
[£100 concessions].

Saturday 19 June 2009-Sunday 20 June 2010

Digging Dad's Army- Blast Shelters and the The Bagnold Bunker

An Introduction to Standing Buildings Recording.

Tutor: Kirsty Nicol of Birmingham University Field Archaeology Unit and the "No Mans Land Project."

Many World War Two Pill Boxes and similar sites have their location recorded but relatively few have been subject to full photographic and three dimensional recording.

This weekend workshop is designed to study a series of apparent Air Raid Shelters in the Oxleas Wood area of Shooters Hill and record them for publication and inclusion on the local Historic Environment Record.

Participants will have the opportunity to plan and record the sites using standard recording techniques which are applicable to standing buildings of any period.

These include...

Recording Standards- how much detail do you need to record?

Setting up a grid.

Locating structures using Ordnance Survey Bench Marks and GPS.

What to photograph and how.

On Site and Off Site Drawing.

Paper based recording systems.

Electronic recording using a Total Station Theodolite.

The workshop costs just £70 including Tea and Coffee
[£40 concessions].

General Information

All tutors on our courses are Professional Archaeologists and the ratio of Students to Tutors will be not more than 8:1.

Students on practical courses may be expected to provide some basic tools, equipment and Personal Protective Equipment [PPE] Full instructions will be provided when your place is confirmed.

Safety footwear to EN 345, including Steel Mid Sole Protection, is compulsory on the excavation course.

If you are joining a practical course please ensure you have an up to date Tetanus inoculation.

If you are undertaking one of our courses as a Fieldwork Component of an Archaeology Course and require a letter of attendance we would be happy to provide you with one.

Accommodation and meals are not provided.

We are sorry but for insurance reasons these courses are open to over 18's only. We hope to run separate events for younger people, look out for our programme.

Travel

The Courses will be taking place in Woolwich and on Shooters Hill in south east London.

The area is well served by buses linking to the National Rail Network through trains from Charing Cross, London Bridge and Cannon Street to Woolwich Arsenal, Blackheath or Welling.

You can also access the buses from the Jubilee Line Station at North Greenwich.

You can take the DLR to Woolwich Arsenal and catch a bus to Shooters Hill.

Check the Transport for London Website for details <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/>

Although we prefer students to use Public Transport where possible there is ample free street parking in the Shooters Hill area.

Students choosing to cycle to events do so at their own risk. We are sorry but the Digging Dad's Army Project does not provide lockable storage for bicycles.

[Bomb Damage Map Image Courtesy of Greenwich Heritage Center]



Web: <http://diggingdadsarmy.blogspot.com>
Facebook: Digging Dad's Army Project

DIGGING DAD'S ARMY PROJECT BOOKING FORM

To enrol on any of these courses please call 020 8316 6358

Or return this Form plus payment to-

**Digging Dad's Army Field Schools
72 Nithdale Road
LONDON
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Make sure you include a contact telephone number and e-mail address if you have one.

Please use one form per applicant.

You may use this form to book more than one Course.

You may book a place on any of the courses by sending a **non-refundable** deposit of £10 for the Weekend Courses or £50 for the Excavation Course.

The Balance must be paid by 1st June 2010 or your place may be offered to another student.

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Name:

Address:

Contact Telephone Number:

E-Mail Address:

I wish to book a place on the Zeppelin's Anderson's and Ack Ack workshop weekend and I enclose a cheque for £ Deposit/Payment in Full [Delete as appropriate]

I wish to book a place on the Zeppelin's Anderson's and Ack Ack workshop DAY 1/DAY 2 only [Delete as appropriate]. I enclose a cheque for £ as Payment in Full

I wish to book a place on the Eaglesfield Park Excavation Field School and I enclose a cheque for £ Deposit/Payment in Full [Delete as appropriate].

I wish to book a place on the Recording Standing Buildings Weekend Course and I enclose a cheque for £ Deposit/Payment in Full [Delete as appropriate].

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Cost £230/£140 Concessions

Please make cheques Payable to "The Digging Dad's Army Project."

Concessions: Student/Seniors/Job Seekers/Working Family Tax Credit/Income Support
/Housing or Council Tax Benefit

[If you are claiming a concession please provide proof of entitlement with your form].

