The Avebury to Norwich ‘Thunder Run’

75th Anniversary Tour
Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th September 2010

This tour will commemorate the ‘great coup d’etat’ of 1935 led by Grahame Clark, Christopher Hawkes, Charles Phillips and others, that transformed the Prehistoric Society of East Anglia into the Prehistoric Society. Stuart Piggott famously said of reaching the critical meeting in Norwich, ‘I drove from Avebury (rather fast, in Keiller's MG Midget) to cast my vote in favour’. Travelling rather more sedately and staying overnight in Cambridge, this event will retrace Piggott’s journey and stop off at selected prehistoric sites en route to reflect on 75 years of prehistoric research.

Provisional Itinerary

Day 1
Meet at Avebury National Trust Car Park at 10am

Avebury
Lecture topic: Keiller and the 1930s excavations.

Uffington
Lecture topic: The white horse and hillfort, Piggott’s work at Ram’s Hill.

Whiteleaf, Princes Risborough
Lecture topic: Lindsay Scott’s excavations and recent work.

Wandlebury, Cambridge
Lecture topic: Tom Lethbridge and Gogmagog, and recent work at the hillfort.

Overnight stop in Cambridge. Members to arrange and book own accommodation.

NB Due to recent tours being under-subscribed, please do not book non-refundable accommodation or travel until you have received confirmation that the tour is going ahead - we will inform participants by email (preferred) or telephone by Fri 6th Aug

Day 2
High Lodge, Elvedon
Lecture topic: The Lower Palaeolithic site and the Society’s early involvement in Palaeolithic research.

Grimes Graves
Lecture topic: Neolithic flint mines and the Society’s early involvement in their investigation.

Return to Avebury, probably taking in other sites en route, depending on time.

Cost: £50 per person. Over-night car parking in Avebury, mini-bus transport and lunch on both days will be provided. Please note that places are strictly limited to 30.

Please book me …… places at £50 for The Avebury to Norwich ‘Thunder Run’

My cheque for ……… is enclosed (made payable to The Prehistoric Society)*

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