

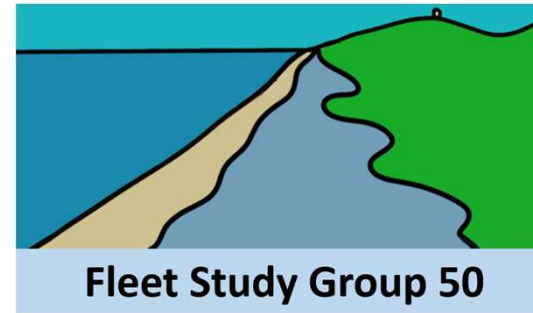
An aerial photograph of Chesil Beach and the Fleet. The image shows a wide, sandy beach on the left, a narrow channel of water (the Fleet) in the center, and a road with a bridge crossing the Fleet on the right. The background features rolling green hills and some buildings. The text "Chesil Beach and the Fleet" is written in large yellow letters across the top, "The last 1000 years" is written in smaller yellow letters below it, and "Introduction" is written in even smaller yellow letters at the bottom.

Chesil Beach and the Fleet

The last 1000 years

Introduction

Why This evening



- Portesham and Abbotsbury are celebrating 1000 years since being granted their charters
- The Fleet Study Group is celebrating its 50 year anniversary
- A chance to review the last 1000 years of changes and events on the Fleet and Chesil Beach and to share that with a local audience
- We can't cover everything in such a short event so will focus on the two ends of the area: Abbotsbury Swannery and Ferrybridge
- There will be five presentations plus a number of posters around the room for you to peruse

This evening

- The five presentations are:
 - Chesil Beach and the Fleet
 - The history of Abbotsbury Swannery and the West Fleet
 - *Break to look at the posters around the room and take refreshments*
 - The mid-Fleet
 - The Plants of Chesil Beach and an associated small mammal
 - The Ferrybridge area
- There will be time for questions at the conclusion of each session

The Fleet Study Group

- The Group was established in 1975 with the inaugural meeting held at the DIHE on the 25th April.
- Membership is by invitation and is composed of scientist, environmentalist and others with an interest in the Fleet, Chesil Beach and Hamm Beach
- We meet three times a year with occasional field trips and also organise symposia and public meetings as required
- We maintain an extensive archive of literature relevant to the area
- More information can be found on our website: www.fsg.org.uk