

# THE FIELDWORKER

## NEWSLETTER OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE MUSEUMS ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELDWORK GROUP

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### 1. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND MISS LINFORD AWARD**

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm the AGM and Annual Miss Linford Award will be at Jewry Wall Museum, St Nicholas Circle, Leicester. The AGM will receive reports on last year's work of the Group, elect a Committee and discuss future work. After this will be the Miss Linford Award for the best archaeological and/or historical project in Leicestershire and Rutland. This commemorates Miss Edna Linford, a pioneer Leicestershire fieldworker and one of the Group's founder members.

The entries this year are from:

Keith Randon and Barkby Local History Society – A SURVEY OF MEMORIALS AT BARKBY CHURCH.

Witan Archaeology – AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION AT PRETORIA ROAD, IBSTOCK.

The Award is judged by the Group Committee on the basis of written submissions, but there will be talks outlining each project at the meeting.

There will also be a presentation by John Robinson (and/or Richard Clark) on the Leicestershire Historic Landscape Characterisation Project.

The County Council have asked the group to support the acquisition of the East Leicestershire Hoards and associated finds. This will involve raising some £300,000 plus money for conservation publication and museum display and storage. The committee have agreed in principal to support the effort to bring nationally important group of material back to the County but thought the wider membership should make the final decision.

### 2. **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Subscriptions for 2006/7 are now due. These will be at the same rate as last year. The form is enclosed.

### 3. **DIARY DATES** (At Jewry Wall, 7.30pm)

September 21<sup>st</sup> Peter Liddle: Medbourne and the Big Roman Dig

November 16<sup>th</sup> David Smith: Early Brick in Leicestershire

December 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas meeting

January 19<sup>th</sup> Wendy Scott: Portable Antiquities Scheme

### 4. **ANNUAL TRAINING DAY AND INFIELD TRAINING**

Will probably be at Jewry Wall Museum on a Saturday early in September. This is a day on identifications and techniques designed to prepare new fieldworkers for getting into the field.

To reinforce this we offer ½ day in-field sessions at Bosworth Battlefield later in September. This is both a training exercise and part of the Battlefield survey. Details confirmed later. To book an interest in either of these please use the relevant section of the membership form.

**5. FIELDWORKER TRIP**

Places are still available for the summer trip to Knaptoft, Welford, Harrington and Rothwell. To book please use the relevant sections of the membership form or the Leaflet enclosed.

**6. SUMMER EVENTS AT DONINGTON**

Sunday  
18<sup>th</sup> June  
11am – 4pm

The Manor Garden Party  
Victorian-themed event.  
HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED TO STAFF STALLS etc.  
Ring Pete on 0116 265 8326

Sat & Sun  
15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> July

17<sup>th</sup> century Upstairs Downstairs

Saturday/Sunday  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> August  
11am – 4pm

English Civil War Event  
Military and civilian display by the Society of the Open Rope

**7. CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES OVER THE SUMMER**

Donington le Heath Manor House will have an event each Wednesday from 2 – 4pm from 19<sup>th</sup> July to 23<sup>rd</sup> August inclusive (ring 01530 831259).

**8. SHAKESPEARE AT DONINGTON**

Summer is coming (honestly!) and the Chapterhouse Theatre Company will at Donington again. This time they will be performing Twelfth Night on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June and The Merry Wives of Windsor on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Prices are held once again and tickets are now available. Please try to come and tell your friends. It is a great night and all profits support winter opening at Donington. This year the Fieldworkers are being given a discount advance ticket price of £10. (Adults normally £12)

Tickets from the Manor House or by post from Peter Liddle, L.C.C. Env & Heritage Services, County Hall, Glenfield, Leicester, LE3 8TE —Cheques to be made payable to Leicestershire County Council.

**9. NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY WEEK LEICESTER**

At **Jewry Wall Museum**, St Nicholas Circle, there will be a National Archaeology Week event on Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup>. Wendy Scott (tel 0116 265 8325) would welcome displays or help.

**10. GRACE DIEU PRIORY OPENING**

The public opening will be on Saturday 1st July from 1pm onwards. There will be stalls, falconry displays, ferret racing, tours and many other attractions through the afternoon. Park at the Bull's Head car park and walk through the woods. A guidebook written by Ken Hillier will soon be available at £5.

**11. NEWSLETTER PROBLEMS**

About half the last newsletters disappeared en route last time. We have decided to send it out again this time. Apologies if you missed meetings etc as a result. The Leicestershire Archaeological News (aka Down to Earth) was also included. We are sending these out to people who we think didn't get one, but please let us know if you have been missed out and we will happily send one out. Please ring Gema on 0116 265 8000.