

THE FIELDWORKER

NEWSLETTER OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE MUSEUMS ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELDWORK GROUP

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1. **THE NEXT MEETING** will be on Thursday 18th January at 7.30pm at Jewry Wall Museum, St Nicholas Circle, Leicester. **Wendy Scott**, the local Finds Liaison Officer for the Portable Antiquities Scheme, will be speaking about **10 years of the Portable Antiquities Scheme and recent local finds and Treasure**. Wendy has been our Finds Liaison Officer for over 3 years, having been involved in the County archaeological set up for years before. Wendy will be showing the huge number of finds that have reported over the last few years. Should be of great interest.

2. **DIARY DATES FOR 2007 (All at Jewry Wall Museum at 7.30pm)**

March 15 th	Graham Keevil: Grace Dieu Priory
May 17 th	Mick Jones: The archaeology of Lincoln
June 21 st	AGM and Miss Linford Award
September 20 th	To be arranged
November 15 th	To be arranged
December 20 th	Christmas Meeting

N.B. These dates have been triple checked and are correct. Apologies for some rogue dates last year!

3. **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

We are now more than half way through the subscription year. If you haven't yet paid could you please do so as soon as possible?

4. **EXCAVATION NEWS**

The only excavation we have to report is work by ULAS at **Bath Lane, Leicester** where, in addition to the town wall robber trench with some surviving footings, a substantial (1m+ wide) stone wall with associated floor levels suggests a rather grand building, perhaps a 2nd century town house that might have been demolished for the town wall to be built. The site has, as yet, been characterised and full excavation will be later in the year.

5. **DONINGTON EVENTS**

There is a full programme of events at Donington le Heath Manor House, which in 2006 had an all-time record visitor figure of just over 25,000.

Sunday, 21st January: 11am – 4pm: Indoor Games and Crafts
An event exploring indoor crafts and games from the past

Mon & Tues, 12th & 13th February: 11am – 4pm: February Fun
Half term craft activities for kids.. House trail running all week.

Sunday, 25th February: 11am – 4pm: Recent Excavations in Leicester and Leicestershire

This is a late addition to the programme. ULAS staff will be on hand with displays and material from the recent large scale excavations in Leicester. There will also be other displays on sites from the County. If you have something to display please let us know. Should be well worth a visit.

Sunday, 18th March: 11am – 4pm: The Romans Are Coming!

A day highlighting the Roman period in Leicestershire. We would be keen to have people bringing their Roman finds.

Through January Donington will only be open at the weekends. We re-open for 7 day a week opening on February 3rd.

6. NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY WEEK

No offers yet for local contributions to the 2007 National Archaeology Week which is from July 14th to 22nd. We plan to make this the best ever. An event is pencilled in for Jewry Wall Museum for the first weekend and at Donington le Heath for the second, for which volunteers would be welcomed. A Roman event at Donington is planned for the Wednesday afternoon. We would like to fill the programme with events and guided walks across the County. We are planning for Burrough Hill and Beacon Hill but would like local groups to offer their own contributions. Any offers to Peter Liddle on number below. **There will be a meeting for anyone wanting to run an event or help with the week at Donington le Heath Manor House at 7.30pm on February 7th.**

7. MISS LINFORD AWARD

NOW is the time to start work on your Miss Linford Award entry, which needs to be submitted in May. It only needs to be around 4 sides of text with any supporting photos, plans etc. We would be happy to advise. All archaeological / historical projects completed in the last 5 years are eligible. If the Award is going to develop we need you to consider entering.

8. MEDIEVAL CONFERENCE

The conference on April 5th – 6th 2008 at County Hall, organised by the Group and Leicestershire County Council, is starting to take shape. Speakers so far confirmed are Tony Brown, Tony Squires, Peter Liddle, Richard Buckley, Richard Clark, Richard Knox, John Robinson, Bob Trubshaw, Michael Hawkes, Nick Hill, Hari Jacklin and Wendy Scott. The committee would welcome proposals.

9. RUNNING A HERITAGE OPEN DAY

On 16th January at 7.30 there will be a training course on the above subject run by Ann Todd of the Civic Trust. To book a place ring the Community Heritage Initiative on 0116 267 1377.

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