

THE FIELDWORKER

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELDWORK GROUP

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1. **THE NEXT MEETING** will be on Thursday 21st June at 7.30pm at Jewry Wall Museum, St Nicholas Circle, Leicester. This will be the Annual General Meeting followed by the presentations for the Miss Linford Award 2007. This year there are 5 entries:

Raw Dykes – the Search for a Roman Canal – Part 2 by Steve Mitchell

The Green Bicycle Case and New evidence by Alison Keay

Excavation at the Priory Site, Hinckley by Hinckley Field Walking Group

The Surviving Evidence of Stoney Stanton's Quarrying Industry by Alison Jackson

Flitland Fieldwalk – An archaeological survey of Cattows Farm, Heather and Swebstone parishes by Witan Archaeology

This is a bumper entry and a very diverse group of projects. The winner is chosen by the LMAFG committee on the basis of written submissions. Each entry has 10 minutes to outline their project before the decision is revealed.

2. **2007/8 SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Subscriptions are now due for 2007-8. Subscriptions have been held again so membership remains a real bargain. Please use the renewal form attached.

3. **DIARY DATES FOR 2007-8 (All at Jewry Wall Museum at 7.30pm)**

September 20th Jeremy Taylor: Thistleton Roman Town

November 15th Claire Lingard/Dick Moore: The archaeology of the Ashby Folville to Thurcaston pipeline

December 20th Christmas Meeting

January 17th Richard Pollard: Roman pottery production in Leicestershire and Rutland

4. **LINCOLN TRIP**

The year's second trip is on **August 11th**. This will be to Lincoln, visiting the acclaimed new museum, **The Collection** and a tour of historic Lincoln. The trip will leave the Jewry Wall Museum in Leicester at 9.00am and Southfields Road, Loughborough at 9.30am. Return around 17.00 (Loughborough) and 17.30 (Leicester). Coach fare £8. Please use the membership renewal form to book your place.

5. EXCAVATION NEWS

Northants Archaeology are continuing their excavation at **Rothley**. It would appear that this is on the edge of a Roman villa complex.

At **Wymondham Cambridgeshire County Council Archaeological Field Unit** is now excavating the foundations of a substantial stone building, probably the Manor House shown on a map of 1652.

University of Leicester Archaeological Services have found a medieval cobbled surface and gullies in trial trenching at **Great Bowden**. Neolithic and Iron Age features were located during topsoil stripping at **Husbands Bosworth**. Work has started on a 4 week training excavation at **Leicester Abbey** with work concentrating on the possible infirmary hall. Stripping has shown an adjacent square stone foundation and stone capped drains. At **The Newarke, Leicester** trial trenching in advance of new university buildings has revealed some well preserved medieval deposits including a stone structure and a paved surface. A section of the Newarke east wall has been revealed with adjacent timber structures. A trial trench at **Peacock Lane, Leicester** has revealed a well and a pocket of surviving Roman stratigraphy with a sequence of floor levels. At **Humberstone** a windmill mound is being excavated. It seems to have been constructed in two phases with a substantial encircling ditch. The cross trees of the mill have been revealed below the mound. An Iron Age rectangular enclosure and pits have been found nearby.

6. DONINGTON EVENTS

On Sunday **June 24th** (11am to 4pm) is **The Manor Garden Party** – a chance to step back more than a hundred years to a Victorian village garden party.

On Saturday **July 21st** we will be running a National Archaeology Group event – **Archaeology Alive** – we will need all the help we can get to demonstrate archaeology to the public.

7. DIGGING DONINGTON & NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY WEEK

The excavation at Donington is confirmed for July 14th – 22nd. Please use the membership form to indicate your interest in taking part. This will be the chance to add to Donington le Heath Manor House's history and help publicise the group. We need diggers, finds processors and guides. The local programme for National Archaeology Week is included.

8. SHAKESPEARE AND EARLY MUSIC AT DONINGTON

There will be 2 Shakespeare performances at The Manor House this year. On June 29th there is **Much Ado About Nothing**; On August 2nd **As You Like It** and a new departure early music from **The York Waits** on July 8th. We are able to offer a discount price of £10 per ticket for each performance for LMAFG members. Please use the membership renewal form to book. Cheques payable to Leics County Council. We will open early for picnics.

9. OPEN DAY AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ALDEBY

Enderby Heritage Group will be having an open day on June 24th (St John's Day) from 2pm to 5pm at the church site near Enderby. Access to the site is along the footpath alongside the former Clark's Garage on the Fosse Way near Palmers Nursery.

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