

# THE FIELDWORKER

NEWSLETTER OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE MUSEUMS  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELDWORK GROUP



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1. **THE NEXT MEETING** will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at Jewry Wall Museum, St Nicholas Circle, Leicester. The speaker will be Dr Jeremy Taylor of The School of Archaeology and Ancient History, University of Leicester. Jeremy is the author of the newly published 'Atlas of Roman Rural Settlement in England'. He will be speaking on '**Two Roman Small Towns - Thistleton and Medbourne compared**'. Jeremy has been working with local groups to collect fieldwalking and geophysical data from the two sites which have revealed a wealth of detail. Highly recommended.
2. **2007/8 SUBSCRIPTIONS**  
Subscriptions were due in June. There are still over 100 subscriptions not yet brought up to date. There will be FINAL REMINDER letters with this Fieldworker. A quick response would be welcome.
3. **DIARY DATES FOR 2008 (Unless stated at Jewry Wall Museum at 7.30pm)**

April 5-6 <sup>th</sup>	Fieldworker/LCC Conference: The Archaeology of Medieval Leicestershire. At County Hall
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Jones: Defining spaces – manure, open fields and medieval rural society
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Linford Award and AGM
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Liddle: The Time Team at Stonton Wyville
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	to be confirmed
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Meeting

#### 4. **EXCAVATION NEWS**

**University of Leicester Archaeological Services (ULAS)** is still working on its excavation at **Great Central Street/Highcross Street, Leicester**. Medieval levels have now been removed including a hearth made up of medieval floor tiles, suggesting a link with All Saints Church which lies opposite. The team is now grappling with a complex sequence of Roman deposits.. Work is also continuing at **Lockington**, where Iron Age round houses, small Roman houses, drove ways and other features are now looking like a coherent whole. At **Mountsorrel** work on the former library site has produced the remains of a 16<sup>th</sup> century building. At **Stonesby** an evaluation has produced medieval features including gullies and post holes. Building surveys include buildings of South Leicestershire College at **Wigston** and King William's Bridge, **Anstey**.

## 5. **NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY WEEK**

Next year's National Archaeology Week is from July 12<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. It looks like we will easily improve on last year's total of events. We will not be running an excavation this year, concentrating instead on guided walks, lectures and displays. There will be a second meeting for all those interested in running an event or being involved at 57 Stanfell Road, Leicester at 7.30pm on March 12th. Please ring Peter for directions if needed.

## 6. **NEWS FROM JEWRY WALL**

Jewry Wall has now resumed seven days a week opening. Sam Glasswell is giving a talk on the Anglo Saxons entitled Dying To Meet you at Jewry Wall on Saturday 8th March at 2pm. It is a free event.

The Friends are also running a family event on 19th April entitled Heroes! - in the spirit of, but not exclusively for, St George's Day!!

## 7. **NEWS FROM DONINGTON Ie HEATH MANOR HOUSE**

On Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> March from 11am to 4pm 'The Romans are Coming! This will include soldiers, a doctor, food, cosmetics, archaeologists and craft. This is normally a very popular day.

Over the weekend of April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April we will be returning to the Civil War or, to be more exact, the end of the Commonwealth. The Saturday will see a gathering for a wedding, masking intrigue about the possible return of the King and ending in a battle! Sunday will be a more relaxed day of living history and training (for the survivors!).

Both days are 11am to 4pm and admission free.

## 8. **MEDIEVAL LEICESTERSHIRE CONFERENCE**

All members should have received details about the 'Archaeology of Medieval Leicestershire' conference to be held at County Hall on April 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 2008. The conference will cover many aspects of Leicestershire and Rutland's medieval archaeology. Booking is going well with around 40 places booked and several pre-orders for the eventual publication. While we haven't used County Hall in this way before it has good parking, is well served by buses and good facilities so we have high hopes of a good couple of days.

## 9. **MISS LINFORD AWARD**

Entries for the Miss Linford Award need 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!

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