

# THE FIELDWORKER

NEWSLETTER OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE MUSEUMS  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELDWORK GROUP



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- 1. THE NEXT MEETING** will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm at Jewry Wall Museum, St Nicholas Circle, Leicester. This will be the Annual General Meeting, including a discussion on the future development of the Group, followed by the presentations for the Miss Linford Award 2008, for which there are 3 entries:  
A document of the Earls of Chester and its significance by Hannah Boston  
Tempe Farm, Swepstone, Fieldwalking Survey by Witan Archaeology  
The Oakham Parish Fieldwalking Survey by Elaine Jones  
This is, as ever, a diverse group of projects. The winner is chosen by the LMAFG committee on the basis of written submissions. Each entry has 15 minutes to outline their project to the members at the meeting before the decision is revealed.
- 2. 2008/9 SUBSCRIPTIONS**  
Subscriptions are now due for 2008-9. Subscriptions have been held again so membership remains a real bargain. Please use the renewal form attached. A short questionnaire about the group is part of this. The Committee is reviewing the future in the light of changes at the County Council and will bring forward proposals later in the year.
- 3. DIARY DATES FOR 2008 (Unless stated at Jewry Wall Museum at 7.30pm)**

September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Liddle: The Time Team at Stonton Wyville
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Jonathan Clark: The archaeology of Ulverscroft Priory
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Meeting
- 4. NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY WEEK (July 12<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>)**  
The programme for this year's **Leicestershire Archaeology Week** is now complete and at the printers. Main events are: **ROMANS REVEALED** at **Jewry Wall Museum (SAT 12<sup>th</sup>)**; **DARK AGE DONINGTON** at **Donington le Heath Manor House (Sun 13<sup>th</sup>)**; **ROMAN CRAFTS** at **Rutland County Museum (both weekends)** and **STEP BACK IN TIME** at **Beacon Hill (Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>)**.  
Running all week there are a display of local archaeology (in conjunction with Witan Archaeology at **Ashby Museum** and a **Colliery Dig at Gorse Field, Swannington**. On the 2 Saturdays **Hinckley Fieldworkers** invite people to help on an excavation at **Wykin** and **The Old Rectory at Loughborough** will be running an Identification day. There are events every day of the week. On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> there is a talk on **local pottery** by **Richard Pollard** at **Charnwood Museum** and a guided walk at **Burrough Hill**; on Tuesday a talk by Peter Liddle on **Time Team in Leicestershire** at **Harborough Museum**; On Wednesday a **children's Roman event** in the afternoon and a talk on **Roman Leicestershire** by **Peter Liddle** in the evening at **Donington le Heath**. On Thursday **Richard Knox** is speaking about **Anglo-Saxons** at **Melton Carnegie Museum**, **Ernie Miller** is doing 2 guided walks at **Grace Dieu** and the **Upper Welland Group** are doing a **guided tour** of their area; On Friday **Ernie Miller** will be talking about **Grace Dieu Priory** at **Hinckley Museum** and there will be a **village walk** at **Belton** with **Ann Tarver**. For the last weekend there will be exhibitions by the local groups in Hallaton

and Great Easton village halls, while on the final Sunday there will be a **tour of Great Bowden**, A picnic and tour of **Papillon Hall** and a talk by **Glenn Foard on Bosworth Battlefield Archaeology at the Battlefield Centre**. Full details in the leaflet and on line at [www.leics.gov.uk/leicestershire\\_archaeology\\_week](http://www.leics.gov.uk/leicestershire_archaeology_week)

#### 5. **SUMMER AT DONINGTON le HEATH MANOR HOUSE**

At **Donington** the **Manor Garden Party** is on June 22<sup>nd</sup> – this time themed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. There are 3 outdoor theatre performances. **Midsummer Night's Dream** on June 27<sup>th</sup>, **The Tempest** on July 26<sup>th</sup> and **King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table** on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Prices held once again! Only £10 per ticket for LMAFG members (saving £2 per ticket). Please book using the Membership form. There is also an indoor **Early Music concert** of music from Shakespeare by Galliarda on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Every Wednesday afternoon there will be School Holiday activities mostly on a historical theme. The July event is **Donington in the Dark Ages** on 13<sup>th</sup>, while in August the Society of the Open Rope will bring the **English Civil War** to life on 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> August.

#### 6. **SUMMER AT JEWRY WALL MUSEUM**

There are a number of events at Jewry Wall including **Medieval Glass painting** on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July (11.00 and 14.00) (Booking essential, £1.50) Workshops open to adults and children (over five years); **Riddles of the Sphinx** on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August (11.00 - 15.00) (£1.50) where you can find out about Egyptian pharaohs and sphinxes in this event looking at Egyptian kingship and government; and **All Along the Empire** on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August (11.30 - 15.30) (Free), where you can find out how Roman Leicester was influenced by the far reaches of the Empire and beyond. This is a family drop-in event with activities running throughout the day. There will be opportunities to handle real objects and replicas, take part in exciting activities as well as the chance for children aged 8 - 11 or 12 - 16 to submit their entry for the national Young Archaeologist of the Year Award 2008!

#### 7. **TRIPS**

The first trip on Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> is now full and has a waiting list. Please let us know if you have a place booked and cannot attend.

The **second trip** on Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup> is to **St Albans** with a chance to look at the Roman remains, the Verulamium Museum and the Abbey to be led by Alan McWhirr. This should be an excellent trip. Cost is £11 including entrance to the museum. Please use the membership form to book.

#### 8. **ANNUAL TRAINING DAY**

The annual training day at Jewry Wall, aimed particularly at new members, is planned for Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 10am to 4pm. This will give an introduction to most classes of object likely to be found in the field and research and fieldwork techniques. Please book your place using the membership form.

No outdoor training is planned this year.

#### 9. **CHANGES AT LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Environment and Heritage Services is in the middle of a re-organisation. There will be changes in the way that the Group is supported but this should not affect its work. In future there will be a Curator (Archaeology), a Community Archaeologist and a Keeper of Donington and Bosworth. The Finds Liaison post is not affected. Full details will be in the next Fieldworker.

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