

The Romans of Fane Road

Newsletter 2

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The Heritage Project is moving forward

After the successful launch of the Project on Saturday 30th November, the residents of Peterborough have been attending the talks and booking their places on the walks and community excavation. The overall response has been very encouraging.

Heritage Learning Sessions (HLS)

So far three out of ten HLS have taken place. Over 30 people are attending each session and over 55 people have signed up to attend. We are lucky that the venue (Paston & Gunthorpe Community Association Centre) can take up to 50 people at any one session.



A photograph of some of the artefacts handles by participants at HLS 1. Can you name them?

HLS 1 - The introductory PPT presentation to archaeology was followed by an artefact handling session. Participants were given a range of artefacts from the Stone Age onwards and had to work out which time period the object came from. This session was led by James Fairbairn and David Crawford-White

HLS 2 - The first part of the evening was a talk and PPT presentation by James Drummond-Murray on the Itter Crescent excavations. Then after the short comfort break Sarah Botfield, the Historic Environment Record (HER) Officer for PCC gave a fascinating presentation on what one can research in the Soke of Peterborough. Using the HER you can research old buildings, aircraft crashes, ancient roddens as well as your village or street.



HLS 3 - Dr Stephen Upex gave a fascinating talk and PPT presentation on the Romans who lived in and around Peterborough. After a short break David led a hands-on session looking at the many different Roman pottery types that are likely to be found on the Community Excavation.



What is next ?

- * 6th May - HLS 4
- * 14th May - HW 1 - Durobrivae
- * 19 May - 8th June - The Community Excavation at Fane Road



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Some of the many comments from those attending the Heritage Learning Sessions .. Really good to handle objects', 'Hands on .. Very practical', 'Fantastic detail', 'The speaker made it so interesting and easy to understand', 'Up to date information', 'Very interesting'.

Geophysics Learning Opportunity

This half day course is now full and will take place on Saturday 26th April. With support from Peter Masters (Cranfield University) participants will carry out a resistivity survey of the community excavation area. It is hoped that these survey results will help the organisers tar-

Community Excavation Open Days

The Community Excavation is now only a few weeks away (19th May - 8th June). There are FOUR Open Days (10am - 3.30pm) on Saturday 24th May, Saturday 31st May, Sunday 1st June & Saturday 7th June. Besides site tours, Roman re-enactors will be present on the 31st and 1st along with lots of activities and the firing of the 'Roman type kiln'. Make a pot on May 24th and add a coloured 'slip' then or on the 31st .. The pots will be fired overnight of the 31st and will be ready for collection on Sunday 1st from 11am. There is also an Open Evening (5.30 - 7.30) on Wednesday 4th June. No booking needed. Just turn up. Please note that the site can only be entered from Itter Park.

Visits to Schools and Organisations ..its not too late to book ..

Since the first Newsletter, David has spoken at a Vivacity Heritage Lecture, Werrington Local History Society and Friends of Werrington Library (FOWL). He has also visited Newark Hill Primary School and Bury St Edmunds YAC group. There are still a few spaces left for an archaeologist to give a FREE TALK about the project to schools, groups, organisations or business between September 2014 and May 2015. Contact David asap.

Useful contact details

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