

The Romans of Fane Road

Newsletter 3

Newsletter Date
July 2014

HLS & the Community Excavation (19 May - 8 June)

Heritage Learning Sessions

Since the last Newsletter three more Heritage Learning Sessions will have taken place.

HLS 4 - This session looked at identifying animal bones prior to the Community Excavation. Chris Faine (OA East) spoke about the range and age of animal bones found at the Itter Crescent excavation. After the break Paul Clarkson looked at Human Skeletal Remains (HSRs). An exercise using two skulls was used to show some of the main characteristics.

HLS 5 - The first part of the evening was a talk and PPT presentation by Sarah Poppy (English Heritage). Sarah spoke about the national and local role of English

Heritage and the various laws associated with the protection of scheduled monuments. The second part of the evening, led by David looked at the various categories used by archaeologists. This 'hands on' session involved a range of artefacts from all time periods.

HLS 6 - The first part of the evening was a talk and PPT presentation by Helen Fowler, the Finds Liaison Officer for both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. She spoke in detail about her work recording finds as part of the national Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS). The second part of the session looked at metal detecting by Steve Critchley. Steve was used on the Fane Road Community Excavation and found most of the metal finds that will be displayed on the 25th October.

Just some of the many photographs from the Community Excavation



What is next ?

- 7th October - HLS 7
- 25th October - Exhibition of the Fane Road Community Excavations
- 28th October - HLS 8
- 18th November - HLS 9
- 9th December - HLS 10



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The Community Excavation

The Community Excavation lasted 20 days and involved over 120 volunteers working alongside OA East staff. The age of the volunteers ranged from 8 years to 86 years. Besides site tours for local groups and organisation, nine local schools came to view the site and take part in finds processing. There were four Open Days (two of which had Roman re-enactors) and one Open Evening which saw many visitors. A 'Roman type' kiln was built onsite and visitors and volunteers were able to add a slip to a pot of their choice before it was fired in the kiln. Below are just some of the 000s photographs taken during the Community Excavation.

Remember there is an EXHIBITION of the finds and photographs from the Community Excavation on Saturday 25th October (11 - 4) at the Paston & Gunthorpe Community Association Centre, Hallfields Lane, Gunthorpe, PE4 7YH. The prizes of the Schools Art Competition will also be awarded at this event.



Useful contact details – If your school would like a visit by an archaeologist to give a free talk about the project and run an activity session or you have a query about any aspect of the project please e-mail David Crawford-White at david.crawford-white@oxfordarch.co.uk or ring 01223 850 500.

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