

# The Romans of Fane Road

Newsletter 1

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## *The Launch of the Heritage Project*

The project was successfully launched on Saturday 30th November. In the lead up to the project over 200 venues including schools, community centres, youth groups, religious organisations and local businesses were sent posters and project information.

Mr Stewart Jackson, MP and Mr Philip Venning (Committee Member, East of England, Heritage Lottery Fund) launched the event at the Paston & Gunthorpe Community Association Centre close to the allotment site.

Over 260 attended the launch and general archaeology day, which was supported by the project management committee, twenty invited guests and sixteen volun-



Some of the volunteers at the Launch Event

teers as well exhibitors from English Heritage, Vivacity-Peterborough and the Archaeology Dept. of the University Centre, Peterborough. Wendy Gamble, a local potter who volunteered at the Itter Crescent excavations also exhibited a range of pottery inspired by the excavations. All her pots were made from clay from the excavation site.

After the welcome by David Crawford-White and short speeches by Mr Jackson and Mr Venning, visitors had a chance to see a range of artefacts from the Itter Crescent excavations, hear talks by re-enactors, had a go at the many 'hands on' activities or viewed the various displays and project information.

Media interest included the Peterborough Telegraph, Clare McGlasson (Anglia TV) and BBC Radio Cambs. Check out media details on the attached sheet.



(Above) Mr Stewart Jackson MP, Mr David Crawford-White (OA East) & Mr Philip Venning (East of England HLF) at the Launch Event.



### *What is next ?*

- 1st March - Schools Art Competition starts
- 4th March - HLS 1
- 25th March - HLS 2
- 15th April - HLS 3



*Some of the many comments received from visitors at the Launch Event*  
 'An experience to remember', 'Very interesting displays. Pleased to know about the lectures next year', 'Interesting to find out what use to be in our backyard', 'Great', 'Fascinating history', 'Good to see so many people - hope there is room for everyone on the events'

## *Heritage Learning Sessions (HLS) & Heritage Walks (HW)*

The first of the 10 FREE talks begins at 7pm on Tuesday 4th March at the Paston & Gunthorpe Community Association Centre. There are still places on all talks so book ASAP. For talk outlines & details about each speaker see the project web page. Do tell your friends. Thanks.

## *Visits to Schools and Organisations*

If you know of a school, group, organisation or business that would like a FREE visit by an archaeologist between February 2014 and June 2015 or who may want to visit the Community Excavation in May/June 2014, then please let us know or get them to look at the project web-pages. There are just a limited number of bookings now available. Forms are on the website.

## *Useful contact details*

If 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.

Remember that the first HLS starts on Tuesday 3rd March

## *About the Heritage Lottery Fund*

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