

# The Romans of Fane Road

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## *A great turn out for the last HLS on 9th December*

### Heritage Learning Sessions

We have now completed all ten of the Heritage Learning Sessions. The last one in December was well attended with over forty people coming to hear about the Community Excavation and some of the details that are emerging from the post-excavation analysis. After the talks by David and James everyone shared what they had brought including seasonal mince pies. It was a really great way to end the series of talks. Thanks for coming.

### The Information Boards

As you know we are also going to be producing two information boards. Following a questionnaire that was sent to over 200 people it has been decided that they will be erected just inside the formal part of Itter Gardens. The place chosen is very close to the entrance to the new Itter estate. The Illustrator, Jon Cane is hoping to complete the two information

boards by the end of February and then we will look at getting them produced & erected.

### Publications

There will also be two small publications about the Community Excavation with basic details and photographs. Hopefully these will be completed by the end of February and printed soon after. The aim will be to provide all those that took part in the Community Excavation with a copy along with all those that have attended the Heritage Walks and Heritage Learning Sessions. In view of the number of people involved and the current cost of postage we are looking at ways of distributing them. Do you have any ideas?



### The Marking of finds

A series of evening sessions at the community centre have been planned, so that all the finds that will be deposited with Peterborough Museum and Art Gallery, can be marked. The first session has taken place.



### *What is next ?*

- February 2015 - Information boards agreed and produced. Publications completed and printed.
- March / April 2015 - Exhibition of finds from both Itter Crescent and Fane Road at Peterborough Museum. Publications ready for collection.
- May 2015 - Celebratory Event. Date TBC

*Just some of the artefacts that have now been seen by specialists*



### Post Excavation work

Since the Community Excavation in May & June last year a lot has been happening behind the scenes. Scaled plans have been drawn of what we uncovered and these have now been incorporated into the plans of the Itter Crescent excavations. Some of these plans, drawings and site photographs will be shown in the two publications now being designed.

With the help of volunteers during and after the Community Excavation all the finds both from a stratified context (i.e. a feature) and unstratified areas have now been washed and weighed. Over the past four months specialists have looked at the worked stone, flints, pottery (Iron Age & Roman), Iron Age loom weights, nails, glass, animal bones, human skeletal remains, coins, brooches, painted wall plaster and worked bone. We are now awaiting just a few reports before James sits down to write the story of Fane Road so far. Volunteers are also now preparing a box of free artefacts for local schools and groups.

As you know, if you visited the site or took part in the Community Excavation, the site has still not revealed all its secrets. In the years to come, others with permission and funding, may well return to the site and extend the excavations that you were involved in. Who knows what else lies under the ground?

### *'Life after Fane Road' the deadline has been extended until the end of February*

Did you get your questionnaire 'Life After Fane Road'? If not let David know asap and he will send you one. If you have yet to return your questionnaire please can you do so by the end of February at the very latest. Your comments / thoughts could be very helpful in any new grant application. Thank you.

### *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](mailto:david.crawford-white@oxfordarch.co.uk) or ring 01223 850 500.

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