Community Archaeology: The Leicestershire Experience

by

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1. **THE NEXT MEETING** will be on Thursday 17th May at 7.30pm at Jewry Wall Museum, St Nicholas Circle, Leicester. The speaker is the Lincoln City archaeologist, Mick Jones, who will be speaking about 'The Archaeology of Lincoln: New Perspectives'. Mick has been involved in Lincoln archaeology for many years and there is no-one better to cover this subject.

2. **DIARY DATES FOR 2007-8 (All at Jewry Wall Museum at 7.30pm)**

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3. **2007 TRIPS**

   Two trips are planned this year. On Saturday 9th June there will be a trip to Ulverscroft Priory, Langley Priory and Donington Deer Park. None of these sites is normally open to the public and this is highly recommended. **Cost is £12.**

   See enclosed booking form for more details.

   The second trip is planned for August 11th. This will be to Lincoln, visiting the acclaimed new museum, The Collection and a tour of historic Lincoln.

4. **EXCAVATION NEWS**

   Northants Archaeology are excavating at Rothley, where part of the medieval churchyard (probably over 100 bodies) is being excavated. The site is producing large amounts of Roman tile and other building material but, as yet, no contemporary structures, except a possible timber building represented by large post holes. There is 4th century pottery and coins and a few Saxon sherds. At Langa de Abbey work by ULAS on the ha-ha ditch has revealed the original ditch profile and found substantial stone walls probably part of the west range of the medieval priory.

   At King Street, Melton Mowbray evaluation by ULAS adjacent to a fine 14th century timber framed building has revealed stone walls, floor and yard surfaces, a possible limekiln and medieval pits, mostly of Saxon-Norman date.

   At Wymondham an evaluation by Cambridgeshire County Council Archaeological Field Unit has revealed the foundations of a substantial stone building around 40m by 25m in approximately the location shown on a map of 1652. Cut features of medieval date survive west of this building, including one timber building. Some parts of the site have been disturbed by post-medieval quarrying.
Parishes with Archaeology Wardens
As of 26/10/06

- Leicester City - not included in scheme
- Parishes which have asked not to be included in the scheme
- Parishes which have signed up for the scheme but there is a vacancy for a warden
- Parishes with an Archaeology Warden
- Parishes which have not yet signed up to the scheme
Roman Leicestershire and Rutland 1907

- Town
- Villa
- Site
- Pottery kiln
- Road
Fig. 5. Selection of tools from the Creswellian site at Newtown Linford (1-7): Piercers (1 and 2), micro-piercer (3), obliquely truncated blade with a burin scar (4), retouched blade with en éperon preparation (5), blade with worn end (6), Cheddar point (7).
Early Anglo-Saxon Pottery from Stonton Wyville, Leicestershire

- = 1 sherd