

SOUTHWELL ARCHAEOLOGY

Southwell Community Archaeology Group newsletter

APRIL 15th TALK

Ellis Morgan will be giving an illustrated talk on Thurgaton Priory.

THURSDAY 15th April, 7 pm

Zoom link to follow.

CBA MEETINGS

The Council for British Archaeology are holding a series of virtual meetings for groups that should be of interest to us.

On April 14th 12 midday, there's one about creative ways to engage more people in archaeology: "From Find to Mind: Creative responses to archaeology"

On 19th May there's one about attracting younger members.

If you think you would like to take part and help SCAG develop more strategies for community engagement, please email Stephen on docsrogers@btinternet.com for more details,

or visit the CBA website

<https://new.archaeologyuk.org/>

The Landscape Project Group

continues to meet regularly and is producing some interesting work. More details from Steph Platts

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"TIME FOR ACTION"

as a group we subscribe to Nottinghamshire Local History Society. This appeal was in their latest newsletter:

The following is an appeal from Collingham and District Local History Society [CDLHS] in support of the preservation of the Roman villa site and remains which lie just across the A46, opposite the Station/Potter Hill Road junction at Villa Farm, Folly Lane, Norton Disney. Lincoln Proteins has resubmitted an application to build a large industrial-scale animal waste by-products facility in the midst of this historical environment. We ask you to submit an objection to the resubmission to Lincolnshire County Council by 23rd April 2021.

Along with the Norton Disney History and Archaeology Group [NDHAG] and their lead Richard Parker (who has done most of the work on this) CDLHS will be objecting to the loss of the unique heritage aspects of this site and we encourage you to do the same. The more objections received the greater the likelihood of stopping this unfortunate development.

For more information on the application go to

<http://lincolnshire.planning-register.co.uk/>

and enter PL/0012/21 in the 'Application Number' box.

The villa site and its surrounds.

The villa site was discovered and excavated in the 1930s, the cost of which was borne largely by local subscription and support from Nottinghamshire's Thoroton Society, The Duke of Portland and Newark Corporation. A number of the finds are in the care of the National Civil War Centre and the Newark Museum.

The villa stood in a prominent position above the Fosse Way looking towards the Roman towns of Brough and Newark with views across the Trent and Witham valleys. This prominent positioning is viewed as a sign of status. It is thought that the villa was the centre of an agricultural estate. The name Potter Hill comes from the large amount of pottery waste found thereabouts. This is probably the

SCAG SURVEY

Thank you to all those who have taken part in the survey. We have had a 37% response rate so far, which is a good start. For those who have yet to complete it, please take 5 minutes to do so. It will really help trustees plan for the next phase of development.

We are all looking forward to being able to get on with meeting up and doing some fieldwork.

There are a number of possible projects in the pipeline and hopefully we might be able to restart our finds processing - there is still a lot of 'stuff' to record. The survey will be closed on April 19th.

CERAMIC RESEARCH

As we look forward to returning to some 'normality', we will certainly look to revive our Thursday finds processing meetings. One project I wish to start is compiling a detailed fabric database on some of our more interesting ceramic finds. Taking off from the work Jane Young has done with us, I have also compiled some recording tools based on the work by Clive Orton and Michael Hughes in their book: "Pottery in Archaeology".

If you would like to be part of this research group please email for the details.

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result of local production of low-grade pottery that was used for storage and to carry manure to be spread onto the land.

Placing a ruler on a map along North Scaffold Lane shows an almost perfect alignment between the villa, the lane, and the river crossing at Cromwell Lock. Therefore, the villa was placed in a dominant position in relation to this crossing point as well as the Fosse, both of which probably had pre-Roman origin.

Iron Age finds and the orientation of the villa led to suggestions that it belonged to a Romanised Celtic Briton and was built on an established site. Recent work by Richard Parker and NDHAG has revealed that a large area around this site was used for pre-Roman iron smelting which supports this theory. Furthermore, despite limited access, surveys suggest that there are further remains to be found in the area.

One result of Richard Parker's work has been that designation by Historic England has been extended from just the excavated area to the whole of the field in which the villa was found. However, a comprehensive survey of the wider landscape has not yet been possible. The villa is situated between Hill Holt Wood and the proposed industrial site.

How to object:

Write to or email Marc Willis. Planning Services. Lincolnshire County Council. Lancaster House. 36 Orchard Street. Lincoln. LN1 1XX.

Email marc.willis@lincolnshire.gov.uk Website <http://lincolnshire.planning-register.co.uk/>

Quote reference PL/0012/21 & Villa Farm, Folly Lane. Norton Disney.

For Further Information: CDLHS Facebook Channel

<https://www.facebook.com/CottinghamLocalHistorySociety> or see the NLHA webpage

NLHA news page :

<https://nlha.org.uk/news/time-for-action/>