



AUTUMN 2013

Summer Trip to Evesham

In August a small but enthusiastic group travelled to Evesham for the annual summer outing. With rain forecast (but not arriving!) we reversed the day's itinerary and managed to fit everything into a packed day. We had a look at the abbey ruins, and associated churches, which gave a tantalising glimpse of the former grandeur of this monastic foundation.

Of the original abbey, the only undamaged structure remaining (apart from the Almonry) is the 16th century belltower, completed by Abbot Lichfield who was 'advised' to retire or face the consequences. His successor, who speedily handed over the abbey to Henry VIII's officers, was handsomely rewarded for his co-operation. A river trip with a knowledgeable guide was the next highlight before visiting the town's almonry museum. This lovely building, worth a visit in its own right, is crammed full of fascinating artefacts, reflecting life through the millennia in the Vale of Evesham.



Lest we forget.....

Next year marks the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War. It would be fitting if the Heritage Group could find a way to mark this.

Although there is a lot of knowledge within the group already, there is always room for original research. We could also consider if this is a project that should involve a much wider community and/or other local history societies. If you would like to be involved in thinking about how this could work please email Liz Newman on alecnewman@btinternet.com



Are you hiding a talent?

We rely on the good will and energies of a small group of members and friends to keep things ticking over. If there is a role - no matter how small - that you would like to take on, we would love to hear from you.

Report published

Dr Stanley Ireland's report on the Warmington Hoard is now in print. Entitled The South-Warwickshire Hoard of Roman Denarii, Dr Ireland has kindly donated a reference copy to the group. The book is available from Hadrian Books Ltd, 122 Banbury Road Oxford, or online at www.hadrianbooks.co.uk

Contact Details

If you would like to submit an article for the newsletter, or if you think there is something we've missed out please contact Liz and Harriet Newman by phone on 01295 690641 or by email on alecnewman@btinternet.com

Dates for your diary

The next heritage group meeting is on Monday October 14th when Alan Godfrey will talk about the history of Warwickshire's postal service. All are welcome - refreshments served from 7.15pm in the village hall.

The AGM and annual archaeology round-up is on Monday 11th November. If you would like to join the committee please let us know in advance - you would be very welcome.

If you would like to come to the Christmas Social please keep Monday 9th December free in your diary - more details to follow soon.

The Heritage Group will be taking part in a major event at Warwick School on Saturday 26th October between 10am and 4pm. Organised by Heritage and Culture Warwickshire, the event will feature a series of talks and displays about local history and archaeology. Places, £10, must be booked in advance by calling 01926 412132 or 412501 during museum opening hours. Payment includes drinks but not lunch.