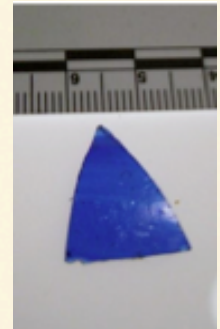




FELDON Archaeological Society's work at Granslet Farm continues this season with work focusing on the re-used possible building foundations used by Roman road engineers. The excavation's objectives have been to date the construction and establish the extent of the foundation. This spring two small but extremely useful and dateable artefacts have been found by our members, which after research by the society, have enabled us to offer a date for at least the end of the occupation.

The first item was identified as part of a small Samian bowl displaying a trailed leaf design. These small bowls had applied strap handles and are dateable to the Flavian period of the latter part of the first century CE (AD). The second artefact, recovered less than a metre from the Samian sherd was a fragment of Roman glass. This is a rarity for our site because of its strong blue colour which went rapidly out of fashion by the end of the reign of Titus Flavius 'Vespasian' 79CE. Excavation continues but because of these items we can confidently date the foundation of the road to the first century CE, ruling out the possibility of it being an Iron Age construction. Both artefacts, along with 100 others can be viewed at the Fenny Compton Time-Line Exhibition on Sunday 3rd June.



(From left to right: Foundations, looking north; Samian sherd; Blue Roman glass). Peter Spackman BA arch PIFA. Full article can be found on the WHG website www.warmingtonheritage.com

AN INFORMATION pack is available for those interested in the WHG trip to Lichfield on Saturday, 11th August. This promises to be a fascinating outing with a visit to the Roman fort and mansio (guest house) at Wall, before spending the rest of the day in Lichfield city and cathedral. This would include a guided tour of this ancient building which could be tailored to match our group's interests.

Members would have the choice of visiting one of the three museums in Lichfield or following a self-guided city trail. The use of the word city is a little misleading as the very compact centre is easily walkable. The day would finish with home-made cream teas.

Lichfield is just over an hour's drive away - please let us know if you would like to go but feel transport may be a problem. For more details, or to receive a copy of the information pack, please either ring Liz on 01295 69641 or email alecnewman@btinternet.com

IN OTHER news for local historians, Claydon History Group have hit the ground running and have already gathered lots of oral history and accounts of who lived where. They are a practical group, making improvements to the Church Rooms and have repaired the parish bier and returned it to the church. Plans are in hand to record the memorial inscriptions in the churchyard. Our contacts are Dorothy Beckett and Jenny Gough.

Kineton History Society's meeting on Friday 18th May is at 7.30pm in the village hall. James Bond will be talking about deserted medieval villages in Warwickshire and Worcestershire.

For those with an interest in the Victorian era, a fascinating photographic display of buildings runs throughout May at the Old Library, York Road, Leamington. Run by the Victorian Society, this is a national exhibition titled 'Saving a Century'.

A FEW spaces are still left for Dr John Hunt's day school: A tale of three parishes; south-east Warwickshire in the Middle Ages. The course will explore local aspects of medieval life and society in Warmington, Tysoe and Halford, looking at the landscape, Anglo-Saxon period and Domesday, the establishment of the manor and parish, monastic and church development and the impact of the Black Death.

The day school starts at 9.45am on Saturday, May 19th in Warmington village hall, finishing at 4.30pm. Refreshments, but not lunch, is provided and the day costs £12. For more information or to enroll please contact Karen Kemp, Adult and Community Learning, Orion House, Athena Park, Tachbrook Park, Warwick CV34 6RQ or call 01926 731230.