



Looking Back - 2011

Over the past year the Heritage Group met every month except one, with four meetings addressed by outside speakers on subjects ranging from old postcards and their photographers to place names, community archaeology and drove roads. At three meetings members and friends gave talks on turnpike roads, World War 2 in this area, and an update on archaeology in Warmington, Burton Dassett and Tysoe.

Walk and talks around Cropredy in June and Fenny Compton in August were very successful and July's family event at the Herb Centre, part of the Council for British Archaeology Festival, went well despite the weather. We are truly grateful to all the many volunteers, and to the Turner family, for all their help and support. Finally the group held a Christmas social - many thanks to Jenny and Roger Handscombe for their hospitality - a good opportunity to catch-up without the usual time constraints!

The group's membership grew again this year and despite the disappointment of not receiving the lottery grant, enthusiastic teams of volunteers beavered away through the summer and autumn at the Herb Centre site and made some fascinating finds.

The Warmington Hoard went on display this summer at Warwick Museum, with a smaller temporary display at Banbury. Many members visited the exhibitions and it is wonderful to see the hoard with the re-assembled pot it was discovered in. In addition the group's website was launched (warmingtonheritage.com) and has received a lot of positive feedback. It would be lovely to hear from anyone who would like to help with inputting information to this site - training can be provided!

We are always keen to receive feedback from members about the programme and activities, so let us know if there is a subject or speaker which might be of interest to the group. Happy New Year!

Outings to Alcester and Lichfield

WHG is planning two trips further afield this year, to Alcester town and museum on Saturday April 14th and Letocetum/Lichfield on Saturday August 11th.

Alcester is a lovely market town with a long history and many interesting artefacts from Roman times onward. The modern museum contains finds from the extensive archaeology done in and around the town.

Letocetum (Wall) is an interesting Roman site two miles south of Lichfield with a small museum while Lichfield Cathedral has many treasures from the Anglo-Saxon period onward. It would be possible to arrange a special tour of the library and other treasures not usually on view to the public. Please let Liz Newman know if you would be interested in either trip.

Below: Detail from the Lichfield Gospels



2012 Programme

The 2012 programme has a wide range of items including talks on Farnborough's landscape and rescuing a brick kiln.

Research, local history and archaeology will feature together with a village walk and talk and trips to Alcester and Lichfield in April and August. A one-day family event, part of the national Festival of British Archaeology, is planned for July.

Copies of the programme will be sent to all our members and can also be downloaded from the group's website at warmingtonheritage.com

Contact Details

To submit an article for the newsletter, or let us know if 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

Thursday January 19th - Medieval Church and Community day school in Warwick. To book a place or more information contact karenkemp@warwickshire.gov.uk

February 13th - Members' Miscellany: Please let Liz know if you would like to talk or display any materials at the meeting.

Saturday 3rd March 10am-4pm. Milestone Society annual regional meeting Wroxton Village Hall. Talks on turnpike trusts, roads and milestones.

Parish symposium - the tenth Warwick Symposium on parish research is from May 25th-27th. For more information visit Warwick University website.

Warmington open gardens Sunday June 24th - WHG has been involved with this for some years.

Festival of British Archaeology - WHG and friends will hold a family event at the National Herb Centre on Sunday July 15th. This year's event will be for one day only and will focus on traditional crafts as well as archaeology.