

Hinckley Archaeological Society



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HAS
Newsletter
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March &
April 2020

Join us on Mon 1st June 2020 to celebrate 25 years of researching local history and archaeology from 1995 to 2020...

Monday 2nd March – AGM and “Finds Identification Session” Part 2 for more CRABTREE FARM & other fields !

Please bring along ALL of your many “washed fieldwalking finds” in named & dated bags

7.15pm to 7.30pm : Teas, coffees & biscuits served (50p)

7.30pm : HAS 2020 AGM – **Nomination form attached**

7.50pm to 8.50pm : Finds Identification Session

The United Reformed Church (room to the rear, access by path at the RH side),
The Borough, Hinckley, Leics LE10 1NL

Another opportunity for you **to pay your £15 HAS Annual Subscription 2020 – form attached.**

Monday 6th April – Talk for HAS by Kathy Sedar,

“THE ART OF ILLUMINATION”

Kathy has been a scribe for over 30 years and is an accredited tutor of the Calligraphy and Lettering Arts Society. Kathy has a special interest in the traditional skills of manuscript production and the use of illumination for decorating and lettering.



Kathy's presentation will include a display of her work and the tools and materials she uses.

Please bring friends – everyone welcome. Doors open 7pm.

7.15pm to 7.30pm : Teas, coffees & biscuits (50p) served

7.30pm : HAS information update

7.40pm to 8.40pm : Presentation by Kathy Sedar **(£5 per person)**

The United Reformed Church (room to the rear, access by path at the RH side),
The Borough, Hinckley, Leics LE10 1NL

Please note there is not an HAS Meeting in May ...

Sunday 17th May – Burbage Common Family Fun Day (10.30am to 4.30pm) Free entry & parking !!

Burbage Common's visitor centre will be transformed into a festival of fun for the whole family.

The area around the visitor centre at the Leicester Road entrance will hold the main event in a large marquee accommodating a variety of stalls including our HAS stand for the 17th consecutive year !

If you can volunteer for an hour or two then please call Theresa (01455) 619425 ASAP !!!



Mon 1st June – HAS 25th Celebration Evening !!!

Walk, talk & supper in Roman Mancetter and Boudicca Heritage

Centre with Eddie Smallwood at St. Peter's Church,

Mancetter Road, Mancetter CV9 1NH

1995 – 2020

A special event to celebrate our 25 years of researching local history and archaeology – more details very soon !!

Festival of British Archaeology, organised by the Council for British Archaeology (CBA), will run this year from :

Sat 27th June to Sunday 26th July – Leicestershire & Rutland
<https://leicsfieldworkers.co.uk/festival-of-archaeology>

Sat 11th July to Sunday 26th July – Nationally
www.festival.britarch.ac.uk

Monday 6th July - Festival Talk for HAS by Dr. Turi King, “Richard III - A major DNA Case !”



Hinckley Archaeological Society (HAS) welcomes Dr. Turi King, Professor of Public Engagement, and a Reader in Genetics and Archaeology at the University of Leicester. Turi is best known for her work in "cracking one of the biggest forensic DNA cases in history" during the exhumation and reburial of Richard III of England.

Do not miss this opportunity to learn more about the diagnostics of Turi's DNA analysis of Richard III.

The United Reformed Church (Main Sanctuary), The Borough, Hinckley, Leics LE10 1NL
No need to pre-book. Doors open at 7pm **Entry : £5** per person
Teas, coffee and biscuits served between 7pm to 7.30pm for a donation.

Saturday 11th July - HAS Festival Workshop – 10am to 12noon Archaeological Pottery Finds Identification

at 149, Sketchley Road, Burbage, Leics LE10 2DX

HAS will provide a workshop to help you identify pottery sherds from Roman to Victorian from our collection. You are very welcome to bring your own pottery for identification, too.

Suitable for ages 10+. **Adults £5. Under 21's £4.**

This price includes tea, coffee and cakes.

Pre-booking essential with Theresa 01455 619425 and
theresa.withers@mypostoffice.co.uk



Other talks (not listed again in the diary on the last page !)

2020 Talks organised by Claybrooke History and Heritage Group

Please see the attached diary of their talks for 2020. These meetings are held on Tuesdays in Claybrooke Primary School (LE17 5AF) which is set away from the school with parking in between. All talks start at 8pm. Visitors/guests £4.50 including refreshments.

Spring Talks for Bosworth Links

All meetings commence at **7:30 PM**. Non-Society members are welcome (subject to availability) and will be asked to make a donation of a minimum of £3.00.

Meetings are held at **The Free Church, Barton Road, Market Bosworth**.

To check availability and if guests are welcome please contact info@marketbosworthsociety.com or call Chairman, Nigel Palmer on 07930 149408.

- Thurs 19th March – David Woolerton talk, “Richard Dawes a Flawed Genius”
- Thurs 16th April – Roger Thomas talk, “Field Walking Tips and Discoveries!”

Hinckley & District Museum, Lower Bond St, Hinckley LE10 1QU

opens on Easter Monday 13th April for the 2020 season until the end of October

New displays for 2020 :

WWII Prisoners of War

Conflict between the Grey and Hastings families during the 15th/16th centuries

The Higham Hoard

Sketchley Dyeworks

Viewing Hinckley with Maps over the Centuries



Opening hours :

Saturdays and Bank Holiday Mondays : 10am - 4pm

Bank Holiday Friday (8th May): 10am - 4pm

Sundays : 2pm - 4pm

Mondays (except Bank Holidays) from April to August 11am - 3pm

All with last admission 30 minutes before closing

Admission : Adults £2 Children (5+) £1 Event Days £2 per person

Museum talks take place in the upper schoolroom of the Great Meeting Chapel, Baines Lane, Hinckley, and commence at 7.30pm.

Admission is free to museum members (bring membership card) and £5 for non-members at the door. Free parking is available in the Druid Street and Lower Bond Street car parks.

- Thurs 19th March - Nick Marshall talk, “Bustles and Bloomers”
- Thurs 23rd April – Eddie Smallwood talk, “The role of the Barber surgeon in the Wars of the Roses”



Theresa's Fundraising for Asthma UK on Sat. 22nd Feb raised a very impressive **£550** for the charity ! Very well done, Theresa & family, for such a fantastic selection of homemade cakes & Theresa's handmade gifts. We wish Alice, Theresa's granddaughter, good luck and an enjoyable run in this year's London Marathon.



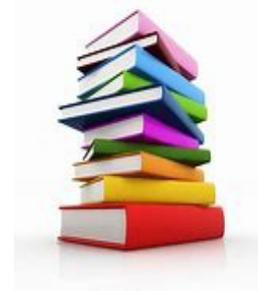
2020 HAS Questionnaire – thank you for the excellent response to the Questionnaire which will help the Committee members target your requirements more effectively. Additionally, your skills have been noted !!

Fieldwalking, excavation, talks and trips are enjoyed by the majority of members.

Several members advised us that they would like metal detecting sessions and geo-physical surveying to be an additional activity.

We are already addressing concerns that pottery and flint analysis can be improved for members at our “Finds Identification” sessions.

Many members are interested in historical research so please see the attached “**2020 HAS Lending Library**” file. All these books are free to loan for HAS members on a monthly basis. If there are specific books that you may require that are not on the list, and would also be beneficial to the Society, we will always consider purchasing additional books.



If you have archaeological / historical books of your own that you want to sell please let me know and we can advertise them for you.

A member of the Leicestershire Fieldworkers currently has this book for sale :

*Henry James Francis, “History of Hinckley”,
2nd edition printed in 1930 (235 out of 350 prints).*

Apparently, the 1st edition was not a good printing & this 2nd edition book is in excellent condition and is priced at £65. Please let me know if you are interested in buying it & I will contact the seller. Book measures 9½”w x 12”h x 1¼”d.

I possess a copy of a similar history of Hinckley (this is not listed in the library file) and I am willing to loan it on a short term basis :

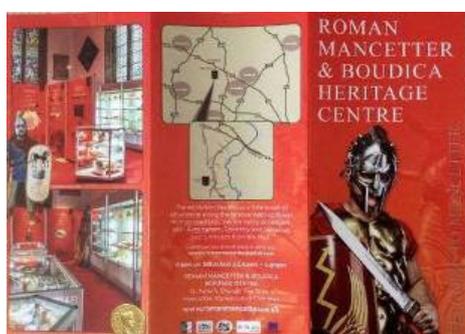
“The Cradle & Home of the Hosiery Trade” by Arthur J. Pickering 1940

Opening of the Roman Mancetter & Boudica Heritage Centre on

Saturday 15th Feb 2020 was a huge success with over 300 visitors and more than 50 copies of Margaret Hughes’ book, “Boudica at Mancetter”” being sold ! Well done, Eddie & Malcolm.

Current visiting times to the Centre in St. Peter’s Church, Mancetter Road, Mancetter CV9 1NH are Saturdays from 10.30am to approximately 3.30pm.

The website www.romanmancetter.co.uk is still under construction – it will be up and running soon...



2020 Calendar for Hinckley Archaeological Society

MAR :

Mon 2nd : **HAS AGM & Finds Identification Session** at The United Reformed Church (room to the rear, access by path to RH side), The Borough, Hinckley LE10 1NL. Tea / coffee and biscuits (50p) from 7.15pm. AGM at 7.30pm.

Thurs 19th : **Talk by Ian Meadows, “The Roman town at Irchester, Northants”** at 7.30pm at the University of Leicester organised by Leicestershire Fieldworkers. Venue is the Medical Sciences Building on the corner of University Road and Lancaster Road, Leicester LE1 7RH. Lecture Theatre 2 on the first floor. There is parking opposite. No need to book, all welcome. Admission is free for first visit & then you can decide if you would like to be a member of the Leicestershire Fieldworkers and the price of annual membership is £6 for a single person and £10 household membership.

APRIL :

Mon 6th : **Talk for HAS by Kathy Sedar, “The Art of Illumination”** at The United Reformed Church (room to the rear, access by path to RH side), The Borough, Hinckley LE10 1NL. Tea / coffee and biscuits (50p) from 7.15pm. Meeting at 7.30pm. £5 per person.

MAY :

Sun 17th : **Burbage Common Family Fun Day – HAS volunteers required !!**

Thurs 21st : **Talk by Chris Fern, “The Staffordshire Hoard and Helmet”** at 7.30pm at the University of Leicester organised by Leicestershire Fieldworkers. Details as 19th March.

JUNE :

Mon 1st : **HAS 25th Celebration Evening with Guided walk around Mancetter with Eddie Smallwood followed by supper.** More details & booking form soon.

Thurs 18th : **Talk by Mathew Morris , “The Excavations at Oakham Castle”** at 7.30pm at the University of Leicester organised by Leicestershire Fieldworkers. Details as 19th March.

JULY :

Mon 6th : **Festival Talk for HAS by Prof. Turi King, “Richard III : A major DNA case”** at The United Reformed Church, Main Sanctuary, The Borough, Hinckley LE10 1NL. £5 person – no need to pre-book.

Sat 11th : **HAS Festival Workshop for Pottery Identification – need to pre-book see page 2.**

SEPT :

Sun 6th : **HAS Summer “Car sharing trip” to Creswell Crags.** More details & booking form soon..

OCT :

Mon 5th : **Talk for HAS by Mathew Morris, “Medieval Castles in Leicestershire & Rutland”** at The United Reformed Church (room to the rear, access by path to RH side), The Borough, Hinckley LE10 1NL. Tea / coffee and biscuits (50p) from 7.15pm. Meeting at 7.30pm. £5 per person.

Flyers Attached : Mon 2nd March : HAS 2020 AGM Nomination form
 Mon 6th April : Kathy Sedar talk, “The Art of Illumination”
 HAS Annual Subscription form
 HAS Lending Library
 Claybrook H & H 2020 Diary

For further details about any HAS activities please contact Shirley : (01455) 636833
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