

Stay in touch! If you have an interesting topic you'd like to share or a question just get in touch and we'll publish or try to answer.

Hopefully 2022 will be a good year for Wyre Archaeology digs. We have now over 20 members signed up to our 'Diggers' Register' of those happy to share email addresses with dig leaders to speed up organisation and we have at least 3 projects on our to-do list.

We have some unfinished business with the suspected Roman road at Forton and the potential of an unusual excavation at Wardleys Creek, Hambleton, plus our long-term project at Brock Cottage.

With regard to this last, a small team of Kev, Chris B, Colin and Simon carried on work almost up to Christmas with some excellent results, so the site is in great condition for an early start this year.

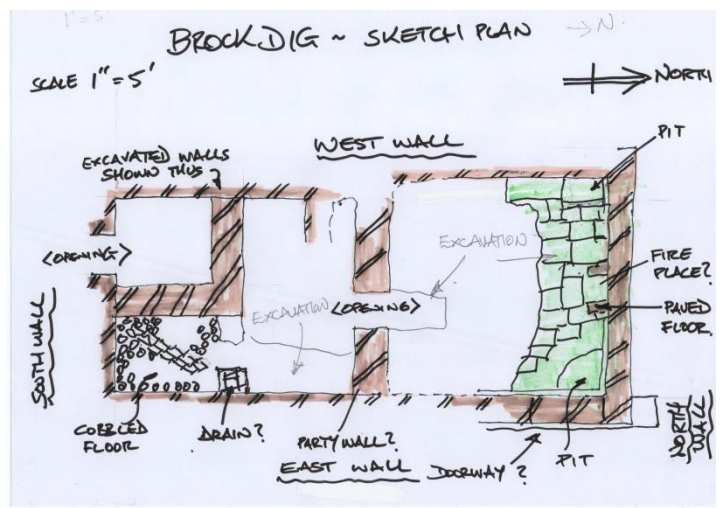


Above: Fireplace & hearth in north wall.

Below: Kev's sketch of excavated features



Kev's photo shows a paved floor by the north wall



If you'd like to be involved in any digs but haven't signed up to the register, please just email secwya@gmail.com

News from Lancashire Archaeological Society

LAS has a new series of talks (starting at 7.30 pm) plus a new address for meetings at **St Margaret's Church Hall, Ingol, Preston, PR2 3ZU**. In some cases, they will be held on Zoom. Please check the LAS website or Facebook pages. New members warmly welcomed.

The programme is as follows:

February 18th 2022. Life and Death in the Early Mediaeval Period, The Bamburgh Research Project. Graeme Young, Director of the Bamburgh Research Project. **On Zoom.**

Friday 18th March 2022. The Religious Landscapes of Hadrian's Wall. Dr Eleri Cousins, Lecturer in Roman History at Lancaster University.

Friday 22nd April 2022. Archaeology, Antiquarians and Anchorites: A New Methodology for Studying Anchorism. Dr Victoria Yuskaitis, Academic Skills Officer, University of Southampton. **On Zoom.**

Friday 21st October 2022. Windy Harbour. Fraser Brown, Senior Project Officer at Oxford Archaeology North.

Friday November 18th 2022. Recent Excavations in the Wyre Area. Mr. David Hampson, Secretary, Wyre Archaeology.

Lancashire Archaeological Society is also delighted to offer their first ever mini conference.

Sickness, Disease and Death, will be held on Saturday 12th February 2022, 9.30 am – 1.00 pm. Tickets £12.

Sickness, Disease and Death holds a fascination for many archaeologists and historians as a primary source of evidence about the lives of past populations. This mini conference will present new research happening in our region. The speakers will be:

Firstly, Professor Geoff Timmins (UCLAN) speaking about Investigating sickness, disease and death: the local historian at work. Geoff will cover the lure of the physical evidence – local gravestone and monument inscriptions, the public health dimension: identifying and explaining local population crises.

He is followed by a speaker from Norton Priory Museum in Cheshire. Norton has an important collection of skeletal remains from patrons and monks and the talk will focus on new research into diseases and diet of the inhabitants.

And finally, Suzanne McGalliard, from Headland Archaeology, will speak on the post excavation skeletal analysis completed on St Peter's Burial Ground, Blackburn. Before working at Headland Archaeology, Sue worked in Western Australia with Aboriginal communities and the mining sector, undertook the exhumation and analysis of the first Archbishop of Perth and is working on the HS2 project.

Conference tickets are available at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sickness-disease-and-death-an-archaeological-mini-conference-tickets-236723184417?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

WEBSITES WORTH VISITING

Lancashire's Roman Roads (David Ratledge): www.twithr.co.uk

Roman Roads Research Association: <http://www.romanroads.org>

Lancashire Archaeological Society: <https://lancsarchaeologicalsociety.wordpress.com>

Wigan Archaeology Society: www.wiganarchsoc.co.uk

University of the 3rd Age: <https://u3asites.org.uk/lytham-st-annes>, <https://u3asites.org.uk/wyre-lancs>, <https://u3asites.org.uk/preston>

Membership Benefits: Full Membership: 10 meetings with voting rights, group membership of Council for British Archaeology and CBA(NW) and Lancashire Local History Federation, free training, participation in digs, basic kit loan, personal dig insurance, WA Newsletter, Wigan AS and Lancashire Local History Federation newsletters, Lancaster Uni's Centre for Regional Studies circulars. (£12 individuals, £18 two family members at same address, full-time students up to age 21 free). **Associate Members:** newsletter and circulars as above (£5).

WYRE ARCHAEOLOGY OFFICERS & COMMITTEE

Acting Chair	Dave Berry
Immediate Past Chair	Chris Clayton
Treasurer	Simon Millward-Hopkins
Secretary	Dave Hampson
Committee Members	Mike Edwards, Peter Scott, Helen Coulthard.
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