

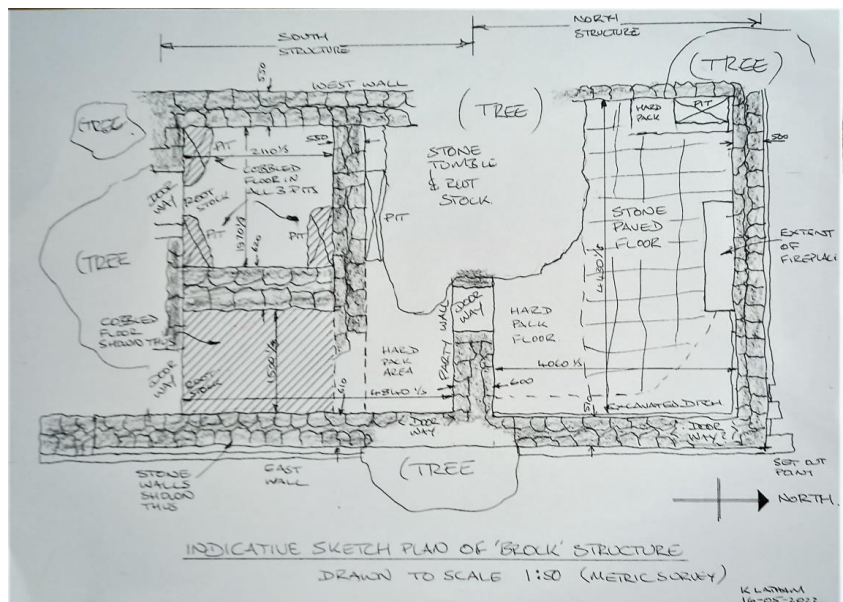
Stay in touch! If you have an interesting topic you'd like to share or a question just get in touch and we'll publish or try to answer.

Despite the earlier wet and windy weather and the absence on holiday of a few active diggers, the tail end of May and beginning of June have been relatively productive on the excavation front and, in the background, work has also carried on to develop existing projects and line up new ones.

Brock Report

Kev, currently exploring Iceland (the country, not the supermarket) in a campervan, managed before his departure to produce this excellent scale sketch of the cottage at Brock that shows what a brilliant job the team of regulars has made so far.

It also amply illustrates some of the challenges posed by the environment for a complete interpretation. The dig continues and diggers will be invited via the Diggers' Register.



Hurst Grange Park

Following on from our dig at Hurst Grange Park, Greg Clark, Senior Parks Technical Officer for South Ribble Borough Council, tells us that the site had been left open for public viewing for a while but is now backfilled. He says: *'There're still some more questions to answer and not all footings were uncovered but hopefully we've found enough to be able to scale off the old maps and extrapolate the remainder of the house. The plan is to hopefully get some money to lay some block paving in the future to show the position of the house'*.

We hope to be able to publish up to date photos of the dig in a later issue.

Dig Update

Some time ago – in fact in October last year – Newsletter 47 described Chris Clayton's researches into the ancient quayside at Wardleys Creek, Hambleton, with the prospect of a dig this season. Chris's research paid off and, over the weekend of 20 May, Chris, Helen, Darren, Jenny H, Jenny W and Peter opened a number of trenches in the quayside garden.

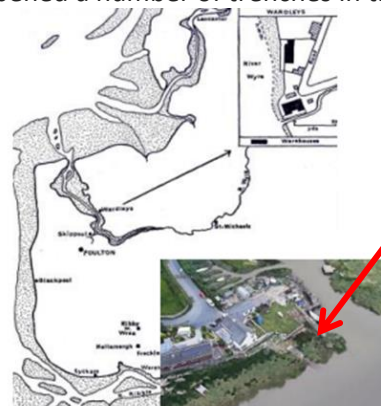
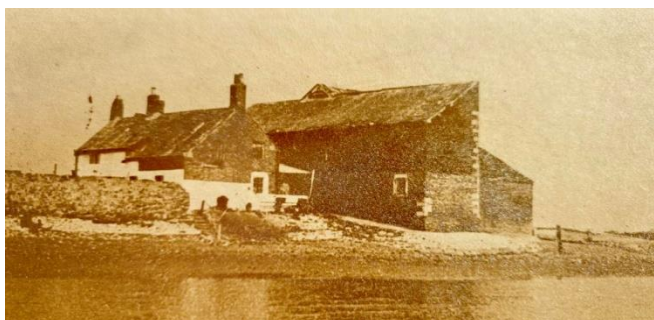


Figure 1 THE FULDER IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY Based on Maps of Farnon of 1756 and 1761

An apology is owed to Peter of the Friends of Hurst Grange Park who in our previous newsletter was erroneously referred to as 'Peter Gilroy'. He has pointed out that his correct name is Peter Gilroy Wilkinson.

Dianne, the owner of the site, was keen to establish the nature and footprint of buildings that had occupied the area. This early photo gives some idea but exactly how they sat on this site remained a question.



The photo above, taken from a point almost directly facing the viewpoint in the previous photo, shows the trenches along what was believed to be the front of the building with Chris (right) and Darren comparing notes and the two Jennys working in an open trench beyond.

Future Projects

With over 40 volunteers now on our Diggers' Register, we're obviously on the lookout for more field work.

Later in the season we hope to be tracing Roman activity in the *vicus* of **Kirkham Roman fort** and along the **Roman road at Forton**.

Also later this season, to coincide with Wyre Heritage Week in mid-September, we've been invited back to **Wardleys** to continue the investigation of the quayside buildings.

Meanwhile, following up on a lead by Helen, Dave B, Helen and Dave H went out to investigate the possible line of the Ribchester to Kirkham Roman road where it passes through Lea to the west of Preston.

The farmer who owns the land in question was quite enthusiastic and has given permission for us to put in a number of trenches or test pits along the presumed line.

Dave B is hopeful that this dig can take place over the next week or two and will be contacting members on the Diggers' Register to seek volunteers, so do check your emails.

Thanks to all who have paid this year's subscription. As previously announced, the contact details of those who have not renewed membership will now be deleted so this will be their final newsletter.

WEBSITES WORTH VISITING

Wyre Archaeology: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1091772967850657>

Friends of Hurst Grange Park: www.facebook.com/pages/category/Community/The-Friends-of-Hurst-Grange-Park-127722403929150

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>

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