

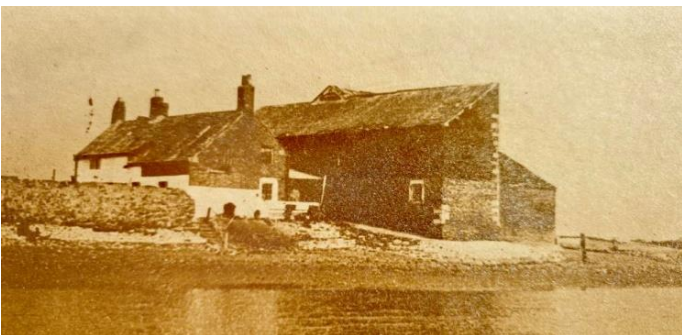
Stay in touch! If you have an interesting topic you'd like to share or a question just get in touch and we'll publish or try to answer.

Holidays, other commitments and bad weather literally put a bit of a damper on digging over the past few weeks but in the brief early September sunshine, Chris and an enthusiastic team returned to Wardleys Creek to continue investigation of the riverside warehouses.

Dig Update

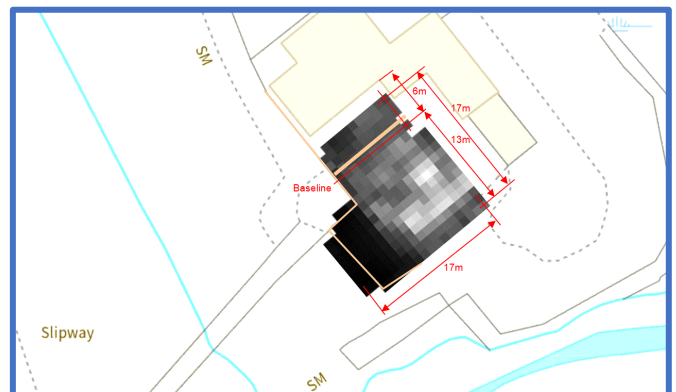
Wardleys

As reported in Newsletter 57, Chris and an enthusiastic team reconvened at Wardleys Creek over the three days of 9th to 11th of September. Chris had planned the dig to coincide with the Wyre Borough Council Heritage festival publicising the 10th as an open day. Over 80 visitors came to visit the site and talk to Chris and the team.



Top: Chris, in striped shirt (centre), explains features to visitors. Bottom: Warehouse occupying Dianne's present lawn.

The dig was planned to throw light on the use of the site for warehouses connected with the former port of Wardleys during the 18th and 19th Centuries. Wigan Archaeological Society had helped out before the dig with a geophys survey (below) to identify potential targets in the lawn and owner of the site, Dianne, had permitted the opening of a number of trenches in her garden.



These revealed features that are believed to be brick foundations of the warehouses and areas of cobbles that may have been an external yard.

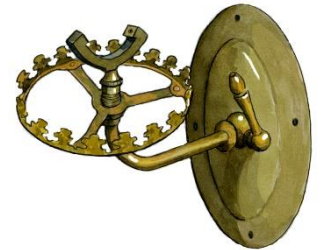




The dig was discussed in detail at our meeting on 21 September when we were grateful for the attendance of Graham Evans who wrote "Poulton: Life, Trade and Shipping in a small Lancashire Port

1577–1839" for his insightful comments based on the history of Wardleys, Skippool & Poulton.

Below: One of the finds from the dig, thought to be a fitting (sconce) for a gas lamp, with a reconstruction of how it may have appeared originally. Fragments of frosted/ribbed glass were found nearby, possibly remains of the lamp shade



IMPORTANT NOTICE: MEETINGS AND CHRISTMAS 2022

There are no further meetings until February 2023. Subject to confirmation the first meeting of 2023 will be on Wednesday 15 February, venue and time to be confirmed. After consultation with members by email and at the October meeting, it has been agreed that there will not be a Christmas meeting & meal but that a similar event may be held at the first meeting or at the Annual General Meeting.

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>

If you've had an interesting archaeological experience, a visit to a historical or to a pre-historical site send in a description and photos for inclusion in the newsletter.

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