

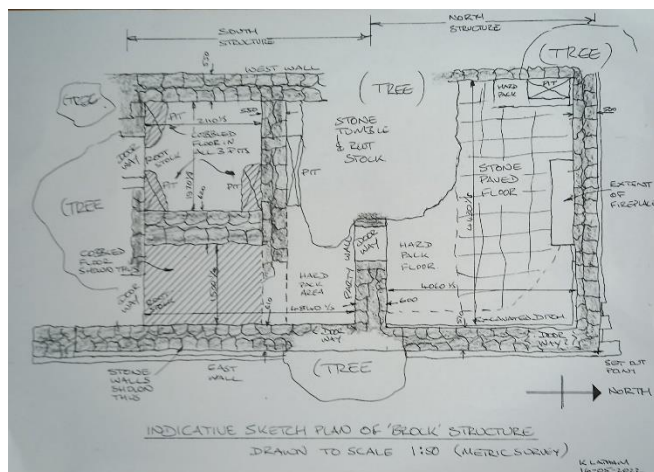
Stay in touch! If you have an interesting topic you'd like to share or a question just get in touch and we'll publish or try to answer.

Digging season is getting underway and our scouts have already been out looking for new projects to add to our existing programme of digs. We're also pleased to open the 2023 season of monthly meetings. As usual these will be held on the 3rd Wednesday each month up to October, and the venue is the Village Centre, Great Eccleston. Our opening meeting on 15th February

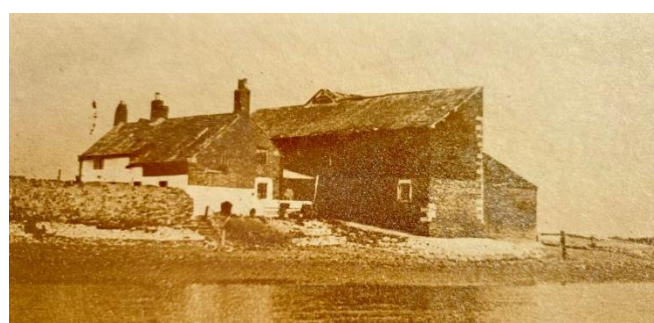
saw a good turnout including several new members and there was lively discussion about the dig programme.

Dig News

The dig at **Brock** cottages will be continuing mainly on Thursdays but there will potentially be a few weekend digs at the site.



A return to the **Wardleys** site is also planned, probably around early to mid-April and Chris, the dig leader for that project, has identified several target areas for excavation.



Meanwhile, Andy has spotted some intriguing stonework on the possible line of a Roman road near **Caton, Lancaster**. An email has been sent to those on the Diggers' Register for a dig planned for **Sunday 5th March**.



New Member Jenny came to our rescue by offering a spot in a field in **Bilsborrow** to store our digging equipment. Coincidentally, it appears that the line of the Roman road that we *didn't* find at John Cross School may actually cross that very field and there are other intriguing features nearby that merit investigation. We're in the process of buying a shed for our kit and hopefully will also be able to have a dig there.

We learnt that the investigation into the **Roman vicus at Kirkham** may be proceeding this summer having received external funding, so we'll be hopeful of being involved once again. Details will follow when received.

Andy has also been busy investigating a potential site close to our Roman road dig at **Cabus**. There are indications of a building platform in a nearby field and whilst it's known a cottage once occupied the spot, it is on the line of our Roman road so who knows what else may be there?

As always, dig leaders will contact members on the Diggers' Register via email with details.

Lancashire Archaeological Society

Meetings 2023 v2	
Friday 20 January Annual General Meeting and Members' Evening - a programme of short talks by members, including Neil Coldrick, on Holcombe Moor Heritage, Lewis Hardman on Tress Ness and Mavis Shannon on the Weald & Downland Museum - In hall	Summer excursions Sunday 11 June: From Fishergate to the Ribble: a walk around Preston's core - Steve Harrison, Friends of Winckley Square
Friday 17 February New Neolithic excavations on the island of Sanday, Orkney - Dr Vicki Cummings, University of Central Lancashire - In hall	Saturday 22 July The Duxbury Township Trail: a guided walk Bill Walker, Chorley Heritage Centre Support Group
Friday 17 March Ightenhill Manor, Burnley - Roger Frost, Burnley Civic Trust - In hall	Friday 20 October Burscough Priory: a 21st century view of a 19th century excavation - Paul Sherman, NW Heritage - In hall
Friday 21 April Beyond Names and Dates: Why churchyard and cemetery memorials are so important - Prof Harold Mytum, Dept of Archaeology, Liverpool University	Friday 17 November Hulton Hall, Bolton - recent excavations Colin Elder, Salford Archaeology - In hall
	Friday 19 January 2024 Annual General Meeting and Members' Evening - In hall

Lancashire Archaeological Society have shared their programme for the year. Subscriptions are: Family Members £15, Individuals £10; Students & Visitors £3. Meetings are held at St Margaret's Church Hall, Tag Lane, Ingol, PR2 3ZU.

AGM Change

At our opening meeting there was a brief discussion and agreement on a suggestion from the Exec Committee to bring forward the Annual General Meeting by one month to 15th March. The venue will be the Village Centre, Great Eccleston and it's hoped to have a guest speaker AND a buffet.

The agenda will be emailed to members in the next week or two with a request for confirmation of attendance.

NEXT MEETING: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 15 MARCH 2023. VILLAGE CENTRE, GREAT ECCLESTON.

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-lanacs>, <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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