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Feedback on our most recent meeting on 30th September

Our new season kicked off with a talk by Peter Liddle MBE, on the subject of Richard III. His talk covered two projects; the Bosworth Battlefield Survey (2005-2009) which as County Archaeologist for Leicestershire he managed for the County. This Survey led to a rethink about the assumed location of the battle of 1485 and resulted in agreement on a revised location for this battle. The second part of Peter's talk was on the Grey Friars project (2012-2013), and covered the background to the search, the discovery and identification of King Richard III's remains under a municipal car-park in Leicester.

Peter was a first class speaker, who kept us enthralled with a fascinating illustrated talk. Following the meeting he told me that he would be happy to do a tour of the historic city centre of Leicester, customised to fit in with the interests of our Society. His general guided walk takes in the Roman bath site (Jewry Wall), the Saxon church of St Nicholas, the site of the Roman forum, the medieval Guildhall and the Castle. This normally takes getting on for two hours without getting into most of the buildings. Obviously following his talk we would wish to factor in the Richard III centre and Richard's new tomb in the Cathedral so it could easily turn into a full day.

Just short of 50 people attended this meeting including several visitors and six new members (who joined on the evening). We now have 92 members.

Our next meeting 25th November. 'A line of pits or a pit alignment. The 2015 summer excavations in Welford.'

Excavations are also the subject of our next meeting, but this time they're much closer to home. In fact they took place here in Welford back in the summer of 2015. One of the conditions stipulated by the Planning Inspector when allowing the Fairlea Appeal was that an Archaeological Investigation be undertaken of the site before any development of The Arbour (now Barton Meadow) took place. This duly got underway in April 2015 and was carried out by the University of Leicester Archaeological Services (also known as ULAS).

The team from ULAS were on site for several weeks and whilst there uncovered a series of Iron Age pits over quite a wide area. The leader of this work, Andrew Hyam will give an illustrated talk on what they did and what they found.

To whet your appetite here are a couple of photographs I took at the time.

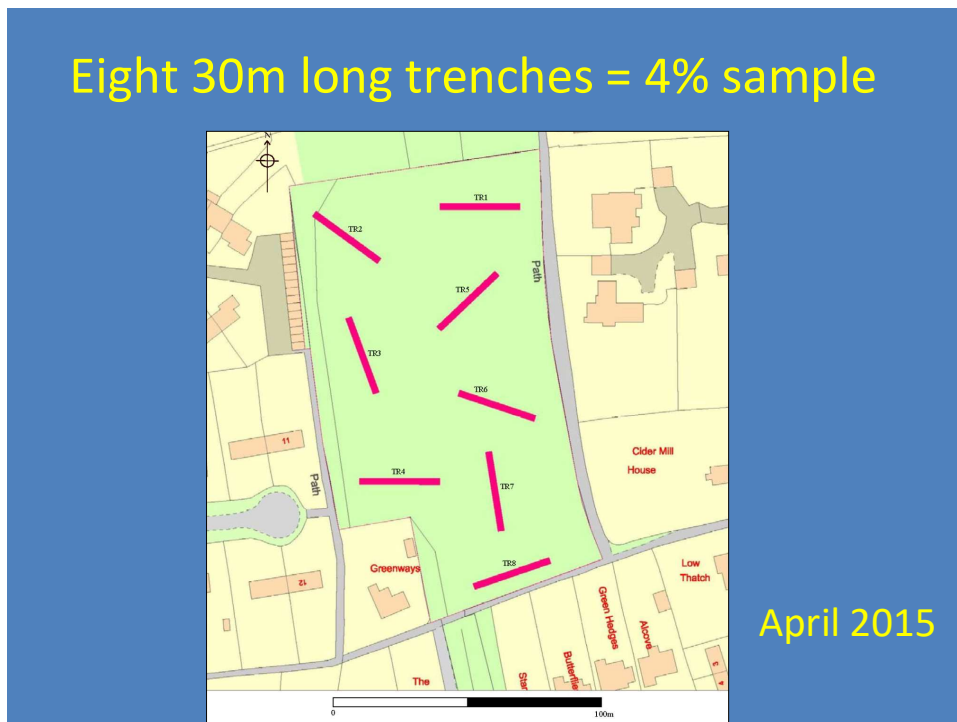


The site – looking West



Time for a well earned rest and a cuppa

And here are two of the slides taken from the presentation that Andy Hyam will be giving on the 25th November.



Kind regards, Brad

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