

# The Greater Manchester Archaeology Festival

June 22nd to June 25th 2017

## **Description**

The Greater Manchester Archaeology Festival will run from June 22nd to June 25th 2017. It is organized by the Centre for Applied Archaeology in the School of Environment and Life Sciences at the University Salford, in conjunction with the Greater Manchester Archaeology Federation. The Festival aims to increase access, encourage the exploration, and celebrate the archaeology of Greater Manchester.

We will be presenting the following events;

*Please note - Where there are multiple times for an event to start, please could you email me and specify the time that you would like to book on for? [p.r.d.dargan-makin@salford.ac.uk](mailto:p.r.d.dargan-makin@salford.ac.uk)*



**The Greater Manchester Graffiti Survey** - a tour to look at the recently discovered protective marks hidden in Ordsall Hall.

Join Ellen McInnes and Carolanne King of the Greater Manchester Graffiti survey at Ordsall Hall where we will guide you round the hall showing you some of the mysterious marks and symbols that were used to protect 16th and 17th century buildings against the supernatural. See if you can find some we have not spotted yet.

Meet in at Ordsall Hall at 2:55pm for a 3pm start and bring a torch.

The tour is free, however, the car park is chargeable at £2 for 3 hours, over 3 hours is £5. The tour is accessible to wheel chair users and by public transport

**Meeting point:** Ordsall Hall Entrance

**Venue:** Ordsall Hall

**Event Leader:** Carolanne King

**Length of Event:** 50 minutes

**Maximum number of places:** 20

**Date:** Thursday 22nd of June

**Time:** 3pm



**STAG (South Trafford Archaeological Group) - Pub crawl** - This walk is based on Inns, Taverns and Public Houses mention in the Commercial Directory Pigot & Co. 1822-1823

**Meeting point:** Altrincham Old Market Place, outside Orange Tree Inn, WA14 4DE

**Venue:** Various Historic Pubs in Altrincham

**Event Leader:** Member of South Trafford Archaeological Group

**Length of Event:** Approximately 2 hours.

**Maximum number of places:** 18

**Date:** Thursday, 22nd June, 2017

**Time:** 6pm – 8pm approx.



**Centre for Applied Archaeology - Archaeology North West: A decade of archaeological research.** A seminar by eminent experts Mike Nevell, Andy Myers, Norman Redhead, Carol Anne King, and Ian Miller. Once you have booked on to this event you will be sent the program. Any questions about this day please feel free to email me - [p.r.d.dargan-makin@salford.ac.uk](mailto:p.r.d.dargan-makin@salford.ac.uk).

**Meeting point:** At the Old Fire Station at the University of Salford

**Venue:** the Old Fire Station at the University of Salford

**Event Leader:** Mike Nevell & Norman Redhead

**Length of Event:** 5 hours 30 minutes

**Maximum number of places:** 50

**Date:** Friday 23rd June

**Time:** 10 am - 3.30pm



**Bury Archaeological Group.** The event will be a tour of Bury's historic landmarks which will include Bury Castle, Two Tubs, Parish Church, old market sites, Wylde, gutter ends, Great Town Ditch and Rock. It will finish with a tour of the museum.

**Meeting point:** The meeting point will be on Castle Street (to the rear of The Robert Peel monument and Two Tubs). There will also be a small stand with archaeological objects that can be handled at the meeting point which will be open from 10 am until 4 pm.

**Event Leader:** Charlotte McKeown

**Length of Event:** Approx. 1 hour 30 minutes

**Maximum number of places:** The maximum number of people on each tour is 14.

**Date:** Saturday 24th June.

**Time:** There will be two tours the first at 11 am and then 2 pm.



**Salford Archaeology Society.** Members of the recently formed Salford Archaeology and History Society will provide a guided tour around this historic park, giving an account of the key history, structures and archaeological sites. There will be an opportunity to see archaeology in action, as the society undertakes test pitting focused on one of the historic sites.

**Meeting point:** Meet in front of Buille Hill Park Hall, off Eccles Old Road.

**Venue:** Eccles Old Rd, Salford M6 8GL

**Event Leader:** Sarah Cattell.

**Length of Event:** The tour will last approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes.

**Maximum number of places:** Places limited to 25.

**Date:** Saturday 24th June

**Time:** Guided tour at 10.30am



**Salford Archaeology Society and the Centre for Applied Archaeology - present 'Walking a Revolution: A Tour of Worsley Canal Village**

Mike Nevell leads an exploration of the Worsley Village end of the world's first industrial canal, The Bridgewater. Highlights include The Delph entrance to the 50 miles of underground coal mine tunnels, The Packet House, miners' cottages, lime kilns, old warehouse and probably the oldest surviving dry dock on a British Canal. The tour will also explore Worsley's transformation from industrial canal village to middleclass suburb.'

**Meeting point:** Worsley Green Monument

**Venue:** Worsley Village and The Delph

**Event Leader:** Mike Nevell

**Length of Event:** 2 hours

**Maximum number of places:** 20

**Date:** 25th June

**Time:** 12-2pm



**The Friends of Castleshaw Roman Forts.** This event provides an opportunity to be shown around the fascinating remains of the Roman Fort established by Agricola around AD 79 and the fortlet which replaced it in the early 2nd century. There will be an opportunity to have a go at geophysical survey and to view archaeological trenches being excavated. There will be three guided walks led by members of the Friends Committee.

**Meeting point:** Public car park near the Castleshaw Centre on Waterworks Road, off the A62 east of Delph village, Saddleworth.

**Venue:** Castleshaw Roman Fort

**Event Leader:** Norman Redhead

**Length of Event:** 1-2 hours

**Maximum number of places:** 20 on each guided walk

**Date:** Saturday 24th June

**Time:** Guided walks will take place at 11am (leader Paul Renshaw), 12.30pm (leader Sue Exon), and 2pm (leader Jacqui Renshaw).



**Tameside Local History Forum.** The Settlement was built in 1785 and is Georgian in style and still retains its unique character today.

Walk 1 - at 2pm This will be around the original border of the site looking at what the pre-industrial landscape would have been like when Manchester was a small, distant village.

Walk 2 - at 3.15pm Tour round Settlement taking in its history and changes Settlement Museum Exhibition - About Tameside's Local Archaeology.

**Meeting point:** Fairfield Moravian Settlement, Droylsden Tameside M43 6AD

**Venue:** Fairfield Moravian Settlement, Droylsden Tameside M43 6AD

**Length of Event:** 50 minutes

**Maximum number of places:** 20 on each guided walk

**Date:** Saturday 24th June 2017

**Time:** 12noon - 5pm. See above for times of the walks.



**Tameside Archaeological Society** – event will be a Finds Workshop within the Portland Basin Museum - Various finds will be set out on tables for everyone to handle, some finds will be in cabinets, as well as a map of Tameside and a records book will be on display. TAS members will be at each session to guide people through the different time zones.

**Meeting point:** Portland basin museum

**Venue:** Portland basin museum

**Length of Event:** 1 hour 30 minutes

**Maximum number of places:** 15 persons per session two sessions available

**Date:** Sunday 25th June

**Time:** at 10.30 am and 1.00 pm



**Littleborough Archaeology & History Society.** Archaeology collection on display.

**Meeting point:** Littleborough Train Station, Platform 2

**Venue:** Littleborough Train Station, Platform 2

**Length of Event:** 4 hours

**Date:** Sunday 25th June

**Time:** 11.30 untill 3.30



**SMART (South Manchester Archaeological Research Team) and the Cheadle Civic Society** – Come and meet the archaeologist! Norman will be at Cheadle Green to explain its archaeology and history, and to answer questions about Cheadle's archaeology.

**Meeting point:** Cheadle Green War Memorial

**Venue:** Cheadle

**Event Leader:** Norman Redhead

**Length of Event:** Up to 1 hour 30 minutes

**Maximum number of places:** 20

**Date:** Sunday 25th June

**Time:** 3pm



**Manchester Museum workshops** - Visitors to Manchester Museum will have an opportunity to stick together broken pottery from excavations in Manchester. It is a little-known fact that when archaeologists were digging on the site of the Roman fort in Manchester during the 1970s they kept the Victorian and Edwardian pottery that they disturbed. This material is the archaeological equivalent of a jigsaw, except that some of the pieces are missing and we don't have a picture on the outside of the box to help us. This hasn't stopped previous visitors putting together teapots, mugs and chamber pots. Come along to the Dig Greater Manchester Festival of Archaeology Event. What will you stick back together? For Adults, Free, Drop In

**Meeting point:** The Manchester Museum

**Venue:** The Manchester Museum

**Event Leader:** Kerry Beeston

**Date:** Sunday 25 June

**Time:** 2-4pm



**Mellor Archaeological Trust** - Harnessing the Power of the River Goyt on the Oldknow estate in Marple and Mellor.

**Meeting point:** Starting point for the tours will be the Roman Lakes Car Park. SK6 7HB

**Venue:** Mellor/Marple

**Event Leader:** Bob Humphrey-Taylor

**Length of Event:** 45 minutes

**Maximum number of places:** 15 per tour

**Date:** 23rd, 24th, & 25th June

**Time:** 2pm



**MRIAS (Manchester Region Industrial Archaeology Society)** - Guided Walk Around Caslefield.

The walk will be in two parts breaking for lunch, and then meeting for the second part at the wooden lift-up bridge over the canal arm diagonally opposite the Merchants Warehouse.

The tour will finish in the Museum looking at the 1830 Liverpool Rd station.

Castlefield is a historically fascinating area which is located on the confluence of the rivers Medlock and Irwell. The first intervention was by the Romans on AD 79, But the great importance historically is the substantial remains of early canal and railway structures. Very recently there has been the latest intervention with the construction of the Ordsall Chord with it's distinctive Corten Steel Bridge.

Lunch - there are plenty of local hostelryes, or bring your own picnic.

**Meeting point:** Meet at the side of the Castlefield Hotel on Liverpool Rd. at the top of the steps overlooking the canal arm and the Castlefield Open Air Arena.

**Venue:** Castlefield

**Event Leader:** Gordon Browne

**Length of Event:** 10.30 am - 3.30 pm

**Maximum number of places:** 30

**Date:** 24th June 2017

**Time:** 10-30 am.



**SMART and Cheadle Civic Society** are getting together to celebrate the launch of the first Greater Manchester Festival of Archaeology. A great day of history and archaeology events is planned for Saturday the 24th June in the heart of the ancient village of Cheadle.

The Upper Room Cheadle (The upper room, 11 Wilmslow Road, Cheadle, Cheshire, SK8 1DW) will be open from 10:30am to 3:30pm for the general public to drop in at any time for free and take part in archaeology based activities and see displays presented by the Cheadle Civic Society and SMART. There will be displays and hands on archaeology based activities. Carolanne King, the Chair of SMART, will give a 40 minute talk on the archaeological excavations SMART has undertaken in and around Cheadle. Meeting point:

**Venue:** Upper rooms

**Event Leader:** Carolanne King

**Length of Event:** 40 minutes

**Date:** 24th June

**Time:** 11:30

During the day St Mary's, Cheadle will be open for drop in visitors (times to be confirmed). Carolanne will give a tour to look at the masons marks and other graffiti that can be seen in the church.

**Meeting point:**

**Venue:** St Mary's, Cheadle

**Event Leader:** Carolanne King

**Length of Event:** TBC

**Maximum number of places:** 20

**Date:** 24th June

**Time:** TBC



**Wigan Archaeological Society.** We are able to offer places on our current dig which is on Toddington lane in Haigh. This Lane, although now only a narrow farm track, was once the main road from Haigh to Blackrod. We have already discovered evidence for the previous 18th century lane (which is shown to be up to 13m wide on early maps), but could it be the long suggested direct Roman road from Wigan to Ribchester - as mention in the 3rd century Antonine Itinerary. Our excavations and geophysical surveys will be investigating this very possibility.

**Meeting point:** Toddington Farm (parking on Toddington Lane – WN2 1LF)

**Event Leader:** Bill Aldridge

**Length of Event:** 6 hours

**Maximum number of places:** 6 on each day

**Date:** Friday 23rd June and Saturday 24th June

**Time:** 10 am - 4.00pm