

Jigsaw Advisory Group Meeting Minutes Tuesday 16th September 2014

Present: John Stanford (JS), Richard Halliday (RH), Mary-Ann Parsons (MAP), Phil Hill (PH), Alex Fisher (AF), Andy Ketley (AK), Martin Davies (MD), Quinton Carroll (QC), Stephen Macaulay (SPM), Jemima Woolverton (JW).

Apologies: Jo Richards, STAG, Rog Mould/Warboys, Ron Fish.

1. Matters Arising

2. Jigsaw Project Progress

a. 2014 Training Courses

less attendance this year – have met need for these courses?

b. 2015 Training Courses

List of potential experimental/demonstration and classroom courses and training dig:

Experimental/Demonstration

Medieval tilemaking
Wattle and daub
Medieval pottery making
Flint knapping
Roman pottery making
Iron smelting
Firing pottery

Classroom

HER repeat
HER visit day
QGIS level 2
Healthy Group Dynamics workshop

Training Dig – adapt the Graduate Trainee pack of advice in archaeological techniques for attendees and Best Practice Guide.

Proposed by Advisory Group

Sue Oosthuizen on Medieval village
How to set up and run a site
Animal bone (L2) and human bone (L1) – combined
Roman glass (AK) – it was decided that this wasn't a sufficiently big enough topic for one course and that suitable information could be garnered by talking to a specialist or reading a guide. **Action: SPM to put AK and AF in touch with a specialist at our North office.**

Jigsaw Conference: could have finds specialists here to do basic finds ID.
Action: JR/JW to ask groups/individuals when it would be best to hold the Jigsaw Conference.

QC: Eighth in the East project trains community groups to record WW US airforce heritage. Coming to Cambs in 2015 and want to meet Jigsaw groups and dovetail training in building recording. Have money to run the courses, but want to work with us so we don't double up.

Action: if any requests for courses, send through. If have a site for training dig, let us know. JW to set up questionnaire for votes for 2015 courses.

- c. Equipment Resource – would like a drone! But Jigsaw can't afford one, and issues with licensing as a commercial company. Suggest groups borrow each others (e.g. Warboys have use of one). New electronic booking form to be launched soon.
- d. Consumables – available to buy. Still more being bought.
- e. Best Practice Users Guide. Request for Snuffler guide. MAP: Roman Pot guide could use improvement – starts with premise you have whole pot, rather than pics of individual fragments. **Action: SPM and JW to talk to Alice, find photos and slight rewrite**

3. Publicity

- a. **Website:** the Missing Piece not much in use. **Action: people to use if find it useful.** Network seems to be working via email/training courses as lots of intermingling.
- b. **Social Media:** **Action: keep following us on Facebook and Twitter.**
- c. **Jigsaw Conference 2014:** positive feedback. Want to do it again. **Action: JR/JW circulate potential dates to avoid clashes e.g. with FEAG dig.**
- d. **CAS Conference 22nd November 2014:** **Action: group leaders/members to come and bring a stall if you can. If anyone wants to speak with us for 10mins, let us know.**
- e. **YouTube films:** CCC guy who was going to do these has left! **Action: QC.**

4. AAGs and Affiliated Groups update

- a. **FEAG (JS):** 20p dig. Useful to have professional visitors giving input. Need a year out from digging to write up, but do other fieldwork during year so as not to create more data. Useful to have less turnover of attendees for continuity purposes.
- b. **Hunt U3A (RH):** no news
- c. **Covington (MAP):** great summer dig, lovely geophysics of IA/Roman site. Have involved local sixth formers in dig – and one now wants to do Archaeology at university – **Action: JR/SPM to put in report.** Family Archaeology on 13 Sept was a big success – lots of activities and 300 attendees. **Action: JW to put on website.** Kimbolton School might like an archaeology group? **Action: MAP to talk to OAE or QC about setting up an archaeology group there if there's interest.**
- d. **Sawtry (PH):** Great Gidding want to do a big dig, and have money for it but don't want to join Jigsaw as not formally set up. Possible affiliation

with Sawtry/Catworth. Geophys has been postponed. Not much willingness among history society for archaeology events.

- e. **FenArch (AK, AF):** WISMAR two 3m trenches – Roman, ash burning. Going to extend geophys survey to try to understand it better in October.
- f. **Gransdens (MD):** Time Travellers historical drama of village events took place in July. Great way of bringing past alive. **Action: MD to circulate info of how to buy/see DVD, and any useful info on how other groups could do something similar.**

5. **Project Evaluation**

BAA Awards – sadly didn't win, but good competition!

6. **Project Board and Advisory Group**

Haven't met since last meeting.

7. **Partners**

HLF happy with the project, referring other people to us for advice.

CCC: insurance question over level of cover. CCC still to answer this. **Action: QC chase.**

CBA East: a few ideas on how to support them are afoot. Maybe do Eastern Region guided walks and events to replace CCC Events Programme. Maybe theme of Warfare Through the Ages – Roman forts, Devils Dyke, WW2 defences etc. CCC were happy to deliver but needed someone to administrate it.

8. **Health and Safety**

No incidents to report.

9. **AOB**

Potential for doing a Radio 4 programme on Archaeology and Wildlife with producer Jo Pinnock, and another one on community archaeology – could involve Jigsaw groups. **Action: SPM to circulate info by Adrian Chadwick about recording ancient hedgerows.**

10. Next meeting – Tuesday 27th January.