



As many of you know, the project was granted Heritage Lottery funding in June 2011, and the project started in earnest in September 2011, when Joanna Richards and Jemima Woolverton came into post as the Jigsaw project officers. Jo and Jemima work part-time, three days a week, on the project (usually Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, but this varies from week to week). They spent the winter setting up the project, networking with groups and individuals, setting up training courses and buying the equipment resource. The project officially launched on 27th March at Shire Hall, Cambridge, and Stephen and Jemima promoted the project on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire. The work of the project has continued in earnest, and we have run many training courses and engaged in practical fieldwork with groups since then.

MEET THE TEAM



Jo Richards, Jigsaw Community Archaeology Officer

As senior project officer for Jigsaw, I am one of the two main points of contact between the community and the professional archaeology service. I develop the involvement of groups and volunteers, provide support, advice and guidance and co-ordinate training. I have worked professionally in Cambridgeshire archaeology since 1990, so my knowledge of the county is a great basis for engaging the community in the archaeological potential of the area.



Jemima Woolverton, Jigsaw Community Archaeologist

Hello! I'm working with Jo on the project, processing affiliation applications, working with affiliated archaeological societies, organising training courses and creating new Archaeological Action Groups. I'm also responsible for updating the website and other online media.

PROJECT BOARD



Stephen Macaulay, Jigsaw Project Manager

It's my role to ensure Jigsaw delivers its objectives and we maximise the opportunities to get as many people involved, and enjoying community archaeology in Cambridgeshire. Since coming to Cambridge in 1992, I have worked to deliver public archaeology throughout the county and I see Jigsaw project as the next piece in our long history of public and community engagement.



Quinton Carroll, Historic Environment Team Manager, Cambridgeshire County Council

I head up the County Council's Historic Environment Team, partners of OA East for this project. My role is to ensure that the project delivers the council's own requirements as well as looking for opportunities within Cambridgeshire's archaeological community for closer working.



David Crawford-White, Outreach and Learning Officer, Oxford Archaeology East

I have worked in archaeology since 2000 and after four years in field archaeology have since then undertaken a wide range of community and school based archaeology/heritage based projects both in and outside the county. As an ex-teacher and youth & community manager I have developed a large number of educational resources that can be used to supplement my work with groups of all ages or can be used in conjunction with the exciting new Jigsaw project. I also co-ordinate volunteer placements with OAEast and support school and community groups in grant aid applications.



Sally Croft, Senior Archaeologist, Cambridgeshire HER

I manage the Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Record (CHER), the most comprehensive source of information on archaeological sites and finds in the modern county of Cambridgeshire. My role is to support Jigsaw participants to research and record Cambridgeshire's past.

NEWS

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Jo and Jemima, supported by James Fairbairn and Peter Boardman of Oxford Archaeology East, spent a week in June supporting Godmanchester Primary School's 2012 Big Dig. The school held an Archaeology Week to coincide with the town's 800 celebrations, and after carrying out a resistivity survey a couple of months ago, trenches were opened in the school's playing field. Every child in the school was given the opportunity to dig, so there were 406 pairs of little hands carrying out archaeology. One evening the site was open to adult volunteers; a total of 200 people.

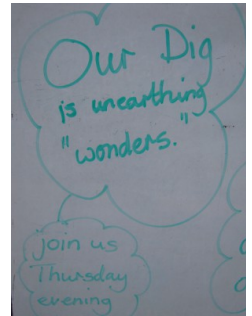
It has been very successful indeed, and an exciting range of Roman pottery was excavated. The head teacher summed up by saying "The whole school is buzzing with excitement and enthusiasm".

WELCOME

Each issue we will be welcoming new local history and archaeology groups who have affiliated to Jigsaw, and new Archaeology Action Groups. So we would like to welcome:

Cambridge Antiquarian Society
Cambridge Archaeology Field Group (CAFG)
Catworth Local History Society
Covington History Group
Eltisley History Society

Fenland Archaeological Society (FenArch)
Fen Edge Archaeology Group (FEAG)
Haslingfield Village Society
Huntingdon U3A Archaeology Group



We look forward to working with you all!

BUILDING A COMMUNITY NETWORK

One of the aims of Jigsaw is to encourage groups to share ideas, information and skills. To that end, Jo and Jemima have been out and about, speaking to groups about Jigsaw. They have given presentations and spoken to individuals at a variety of history and archaeological societies, schools and local community events. They have also attended outdoor events at Cherry Hinton History Fair, The Gransden Show, Reach Fair and Chatteris Historic Jubilee Festival. Many people have visited our gazebo and we have made a number of new contacts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Introduction to the Historic Environment Record –
Quinton Carroll, County Archaeologist

Tuesday 17th July 7-9pm
Ramsey Library

Learn what the HER is and how to use it for your research.



Conservation and Monument Management

Stephen Macaulay, Senior Project Manager, Oxford Archaeology East
Quinton Carroll, County Archaeologist

Saturday 15th September
10am - 12.30pm
Tillage Hall, Waterbeach

Principles and practical applications of conservation and monument management.



SPOTLIGHT ON FENLAND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (FENARCH)

FenArch has spent the winter of 2011/2012 preparing to work with Jigsaw after our recent affiliation. As a local archaeological society, formed in 2009 at the Wisbech Castle community dig run by Oxford Archaeology East, we were aware of our limited experience and equipment. Enthusiasm however was not in short supply and as soon as the Jigsaw training courses were announced we made a



point of getting as many members as possible signed-up for them. So far the courses have been extremely good and we look forward to them encompassing more of the archaeological spectrum – and the depth of knowledge increasing year on year. The winter was also a time to prepare the society for more effective and efficient running.

In August we plan to return to last year's moated manor site where the majority of the earthworks can still be seen. We intend to provide proof of high status buildings within the moated enclosure. It had previously been described as a 'possible defended sheep enclosure.' Already the amount of medieval brick, roof tiles and some fragments of glazed floor tiles is beginning to dispel that supposition.

FenArch is currently working on two excavation reports for sites dug in 2010 and 2011. These have been 'modelled' upon excavation reports published by Oxford Archaeology East and should therefore contain all elements of a professional report.

Our affiliation to Jigsaw has heralded exciting times for our members. Already most of them have received formal training, some being lucky enough to have been introduced to the magic of 'Resistivity Surveys.' Jo Richards and Jemima Woolverton have worked tirelessly to support our enthusiasm and we can fully recommend joining Jigsaw to other groups that may be debating their position.

Andy Ketley, Fenland Archaeological Society.

GEOPHYSICS

Jigsaw has its own resistivity and magnetometry geophysical survey equipment, which forms part of our community equipment resource. In March and April the Jigsaw team received training from Peter Masters of Cranfield University in how to use resistivity and magnetometry, and we also ran a couple of training sessions with Peter for members of societies. We have also received some training in using Geoplot. Groups wishing to use the resistivity equipment will need to undergo training with Jo and Jemima; after that they can use it on their own. We are unable to release access to the magnetometry equipment at the moment, as our own training on this has been put back a few months.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

BBC Heritage Lottery Fund 'All Our Stories'

This is a new, time-limited grant programme aimed at community groups. Awards of £3-10,000 are available for the following projects:

- Visits to places like historic buildings, landscapes, parks, burial grounds, museums, archaeological sites or industrial heritage sites like railways.
- Using collections like archives, libraries and museums, including collections held by people in the community.
- Talking to people who know about heritage or holding workshops, talks and sessions exploring people's memories.
- Recording things like people's memories or local wildlife; scanning old photographs and documents; archaeological digs or surveying historic buildings.

See <http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/allourstories.aspx> for more information. Applications need to get to HLF by 31 July 2012. They will tell you in October 2012 whether you have been successful. If you would like Jigsaw assistance in putting together a grant application to 'All Our Stories' or any other grant-giving body, we are happy to help. We will keep you up to date with future HLF initiatives.

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