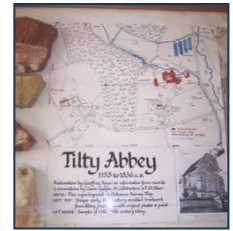


TILTY ARCHAEOLOGY & LOCAL HISTORY GROUP



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Background and Launch of Group

Extensive survey work was carried out at the site of Tilty Abbey during 2010. Oxford Archaeology East, in association with English Heritage, undertook a detailed survey, the results of which were presented in a report published in August 2011. The investigation incorporated earthwork, topographical and geophysical surveys, and a wider area survey was also carried out, although the focus was on the Abbey. As a result of the surveys, much more specific information is now available, establishing the history of the site, particularly its later occupancy (after the Abbey had stopped functioning).



In addition to the survey and report, there was an illustrated talk and guided walk around the Abbey meadow in December 2010. Despite the vile weather at the time, many people attended this event, and it stimulated a great deal of interest amongst those keen to discover more about this historic area, and to become involved in further research opportunities.

This interest led to an initial meeting in November 2011 to investigate the feasibility of establishing an archaeology and local history group. Rachel Clarke (Oxford Archaeology East) and David Kenny (English Heritage) kindly attended this meeting, both to report on the Tilty survey and to provide guidance in setting up a group, as did Neil Blackshaw from the Chelmer Valley Project; their assistance was very much appreciated. This well-attended first meeting led to the formal launch of the Tilty Archaeology and Local History Group in December 2011.

The group has now been formally constituted and a Committee elected; its Officers are:

Jane and Martin Pedley (Joint Presidents), Darren Stone (Chairman), Fiona Tidswell (Treasurer), Maggie Stevens (Secretary & Project Co-ordinator), Tom Pedley (Press & Publicity Officer), Ben Dixon (Events Secretary), Alf Wright (Photographer) and Nicola Longman (Membership Secretary).



If you would like to join the Group, or find out more about it, then please speak to any of the above Committee Members, contact them by email at Tilty.Archaeology@gmail.com – or join our [Facebook group](#). Meetings are open to members and guests; annual membership fees are £10.00, with payment due 1st January in each year.

Meetings and Events

Regular General Meetings will be held in the upstairs Meeting Room at **The Three Horseshoes** in Duton Hill, starting at 7.30 p.m. -- Dates for 2012:

13th March 8th May 10th July
11th September 13th November [AGM] 11th December

Other events, and talks from external speakers, are being planned – some of which will be held at Tilty Church; dates to be advised.

Tilty Walk -- Sunday 12th February 2012

Experience looking at the landscape from an archaeologist's viewpoint – join us on a guided walk around historic Tilty.

Starts 10.00 a.m. from Tilty Church Car Park – details available shortly.