

Faculty of Lifelong Learning

SPRING 2009 ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRAINING
EXCAVATION AT HATCH FURLONG, EWELL, SURREY
20 – 24 APRIL 2009 AND 27 APRIL – 1 MAY 2009

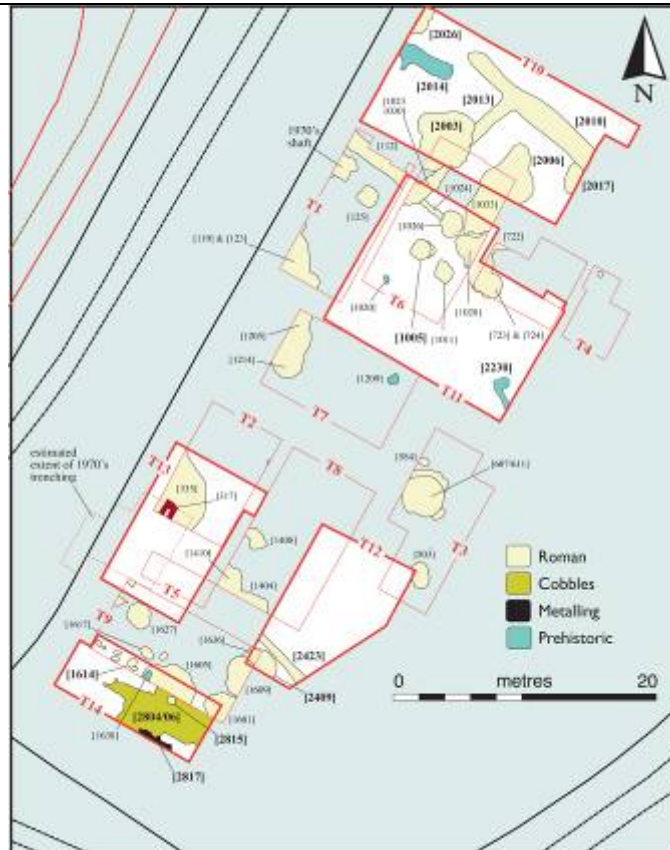
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A fourth season of exploratory archaeological evaluation (trial excavation) is being planned on this interesting prehistoric and Roman site, in conjunction with the Epsom and Ewell History and Archaeology Society, the National Trust, the Surrey County Archaeological Unit, and the Museum of London. The training excavation will consist of two similar, consecutive 5-day (Monday-Friday) courses.

These five-day courses provide training in archaeological excavation and recording techniques, and include elements of initial finds processing and other aspects of archaeological investigation. No experience is necessary, and places on the training excavation are open to **beginners as well as those with experience in archaeology.**



Investigating archaeological features: Ewell 2006



Plan showing features investigated and recorded in 2008

The training excavation will provide an archaeological field experience for students of all ages, from 17 years and upwards. The course carries accreditation and assessment will be based on site work and an essay.

Hatch Furlong is a parcel of land lying on a tongue of North Downs chalk that projects north-westwards down into the centre of Ewell Village. The Surrey County Council Historic Environment Record contains references to a series of Roman finds from the immediate area of the site. The most significant are a group of late 1st century and early 2nd century chalk-cut shafts that were located during quarrying operations south of the site in 1847 and 1860. Finds from the shaft found in 1847 were lodged in the British Museum and some of the pottery from the two shafts emptied in 1860 is in the Bourne Hall Museum. Small-scale archaeological interventions were carried out on the site in the 1970s and these located features of Roman date, together with a range of finds of prehistoric, Roman and later finds.

Birkbeck College carried out a preliminary geophysical investigation on the site in 2005 and this revealed potential archaeological features. The Birkbeck/Epsom and Ewell History and Archaeology Society evaluations in the ensuing three years have found a number of Roman period shafts cut into the chalk, some apparently on a linear alignment, as well as shallower features including pits and ditches (reports in Surrey Archaeological Society Bulletin 397 and 405). The 2009 archaeological evaluation is intended to place the previous discoveries in their local topographic, historical and wider contexts. It is also intended that the results will help inform the future management of the site. The educational aspects include training in field techniques and the project will provide an opportunity for local community access and participation.

The training excavation is non-residential and consist of two similar Monday-Friday week-long courses, beginning 20th April and 27 April 2009. The fee is £200 per week of attendance, to include all tuition.

Further information including health and safety advice will be sent nearer the date. Steel toe-capped boots and an up-to-date tetanus inoculation are essential. Students are also reminded that such courses may be cancelled, or their nature modified, through circumstances beyond our control. If the course is cancelled, fees will be refunded in full.

Places are limited, and you are advised to return this form with your payment as soon as possible to: Brett O'Shaughnessy, Archaeology Desk, Birkbeck Faculty of Lifelong Learning, 26 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DQ. Telephone Brett on 020 7631 6627 to obtain further information or email: archaeology@bbk.FLL.ac.uk

To enrol by telephone, call Birkbeck Central Enrolment on 020 7631 6651.

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CENTRAL ENROLMENT FORM

Please complete in BLOCK LETTERS and either enclose a cheque or postal order for the correct fee (£200 per week) made payable to 'Birkbeck College' or complete the credit card payment section. The address to send this enrolment form and any cheque or postal order is Archaeology Desk, Faculty of Lifelong Learning, Birkbeck College, 26 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DQ.

Please indicate the starting date of the week(s) you wish to attend:

- 20 April 2009 Course no. FFAR087H4 ACB
27 April 2009 Course no. FFAR087H4 BCB

Name: Date of Birth:.....

Address:.....
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Telephone: (Day)..... (Evening).....

Email:.....

Do have any special needs that you would like to bring to our attention? Yes No

PAYMENT DETAILS

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Cash (in person only) Cheque Postal Order Credit Card

FEE PAYABLE: £200 PER WEEK

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