

Winchelsea Archeological Society

Winter Programme September to December 2021.

Freely open to all those interested in the archaeology of Winchelsea.

These two talks are intended to take a fresh look at the outlying parts of Winchelsea with a view to developing new areas for research.

September 25th 11.00 to 12.00

ZOOM Talk/Discussion by Andrew Scott.



Winchelsea's South Side

Why is the New Gate at the bottom of the hill when the other two town Gates are near the top? Why is there no sign of a portcullis? Where is the New Well? Why is the Hospital of the Holy Cross (the leper hospital) within the town defences, rather than outside, as elsewhere? It doesn't add up; is there an explanation?

October 30th 10.30 to 11.15

ZOOM Talk by Andrew Scott



Winchelsea's East Side

Comparison with a medieval fortified village, Monpazier in the Dordogne - founded by King Edward 1 in 1284 - four years before he founded New Winchelsea. A look at Strand (East) Gate and the remains of Winchelsea's defences in Rookery Field. Is there evidence for the Friars Well?

12.00 to 13.00

Walk - meet at The Town Well to visit some of the sites on the south and east sides. Details are subject to ground conditions.

November 27th 11.00 to 12.00

Talk/Discussion on future research - led by Andrew Scott - ZOOM or venue to be decided.

After nearly four years work, we are in the last phase of a major collaboration with the National Trust, analysing 90 crates of pottery sherds from the Blackfriars Barn cellar. Outline proposals for a follow-on research programme will be presented and then thrown open for discussion.

Anyone interested in becoming involved in discussing this new research or for details of how to access the ZOOM meetings should contact Andrew Scott at andrewscottb@aol.com or No 3 Hiham Green.