

HYDE900 NEWSLETTER

February 2021

Hyde900 had an exciting and successful 2020, despite all the restrictions. After a lot of work by the volunteers on the committee and many willing helpers on the event days we were able to take part in the Winchester Heritage Open Day festival in the summer. The King Alfred weekend and community dig went ahead in the autumn and despite the rain, was bigger and better than before.



Heritage Open Days, Medieval Tile Making and Displays of The History of

The tile making took place outside in the Cathedral close and over 80 tilemakers learnt how to make floor tiles using Medieval methods and designs.

Enthusiastic tile makers under the expert tuition of Kate Arnold.....and some of the fired and glazed tiles ready to take home later.



During the Open days visitors were able to see and examine finds from the community digs. There were displays about the history of the Abbey, and the 19thc Bridewell which was built over the ruins. There was also a chance to learn about the community project, Hyde soldiers, telling the stories of the men who went to the 1st world war from homes in the Hyde. Further details on this fascinating project are available on the Hyde900 website.



Winchester Museum Display

The story of Hyde900 archaeology is now on display in the museum.

When the museum opens again you will be able to see some of the important objects unearthed during the Community digs.

The display is a celebration of local people who lent their gardens for excavation and along with professional archaeologists, discovered part of the rich history of the Abbey.

These finds have contributed exciting new information to the body of research on Hyde Abbey.

For further information on the display please click [here](#).



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King Alfred weekend and Hyde Community dig

Dig organiser and Hyde900 trustee, David Spurling, said *“The level of enthusiasm of those participating – over 200 in total – was extraordinary, especially given the amount of wind and water thrown at them as they dug.”*

The community Dig sites were in four separate private gardens around the Hyde district in Winchester, making this the largest and most ambitious projects run by Hyde900. It was run with the help local experts and members of WARG, Winchester archaeology and local history society. Volunteers including enthusiastic children had the chance to take part in a real dig with potential for finding objects from the Roman period to the 20th century.

The process of recording and researching the finds, writing up the information and making it available is the next stage and when more information is available, we will make it known through the website and newsletter.



THE HYDE900 KING ALFRED LECTURE 2020

King Alfred of Wessex:
England's greatest town planner?



The King Alfred Lecture 2020

The King Alfred Lecture 2020 took place by zoom with **Patrick Ottaway** discussing: “King Alfred king of Wessex, England's greatest town planner? “

This was an absorbing talk by Patrick Ottaway, an academic peculiarly well-acquainted with Winchester's archaeological history.

For a recording of the lecture please click [here](#).



Hyde Mastermind

Are you a match for Hyde's very own Egghead?

How much do you know about Hyde? Test your knowledge in this unique quiz, compiled and presented by television quizzier Kevin Ashman.

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