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The SUMMER PARTY will be held at Cob Cottage, Salcott by kind permission of Anna and John Moore. Meet at Cob Cottage on Monday 19th July 2010 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 per person which includes free drinks.

Directions - Cob Cottage is a pink house on the right opposite the recreation ground and old school. Coming from Colchester, turn left at the crossroads on the B1026 marked 'Salcott only' and the house is about half a mile down The Street. Some parking is possible in The Street and there will be more space available opposite the church, about a hundred metres further on.

OPEN DAY AT WORMINGFORD LODGE SITE

The fieldwork team will be holding an open day at the Wormingford Lodge Hills site on SATURDAY 10TH JULY 10am to 4pm in conjunction with the Wormingford Church Fun Day.

Directions available from the car park beside the Black barn, close to Wormingford Church.

Tractor Trailer rides to the site should be available, also Group transport available, if required.

ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WELCOME.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The AGM will be held on Monday 4th October 2010. Christmas Party is on 6th December 2010. Details will be announced later at the Monday evening lectures.

ROMAN CIRCUS APPEAL

Colchester Archaeological Trust are continuing detailed negotiations to resolve planning and service issues associated with the purchase of the Sergeant's Mess. Most of the major issues have been resolved, and with the co-operation and good will of a large number of organisations and individuals, it is expected that the remaining obstacles can be overcome, although this process is expected to take several more weeks.

A cheque from CAG for £3575 has been passed to CAT. When gift aid relief is claimed and added in, this will mean that the total Group contribution will be just over £4000. Many thanks to all the individual members who chose to support the appeal through the group.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Group is still seeking a replacement for Robin Morrow, who will be retiring as Independent Examiner after inspecting this year's accounts. The post requires a few hours work each year, usually between July and September, and the Examiner should be able to read a balance sheet and check through a manual or computer accounts ledger. If there is any member, or anyone known to a member, who feels that they could take on this role, could they please contact the Treasurer, John Mallinson at jmallin704@aol.com or on 01206 545969, or any Committee Member.

LANDSCAPE SURVEY

Under the direction of Howard Brooks, CAG will be conducting a landscape survey of Wormingford parish. Volunteers are being sought from CAG membership to work on the survey, which will take place over the next year. Some of the work will involve looking at documentary sources, either online or in the Essex Record Office or Local Studies Centre; other tasks will be more physically active and will involve walking field boundaries, looking at hedges, earthworks and woodland. There will be some training available. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Howard Brooks at hb@catuk.org.

ADDITIONS TO THE GROUP LIBRARY

Europe's Lost world: The rediscovery of Doggerland (reviewed in the CAG bulletin)

Hunting in Britain, from the Ice-Age to the present –

Barry Lewis. By popular request, very comprehensive.

Secrets of the Gardens – Pre-Construct Archaeology –

Relates to the lecture by James Gerrard on Drapers Gardens, London

Tatberght`s Lundenwic – Pre-Construct Archaeology – Saxon London

Debating Late Antiquity in Britain AD 300-700 – British Archaeological Reports

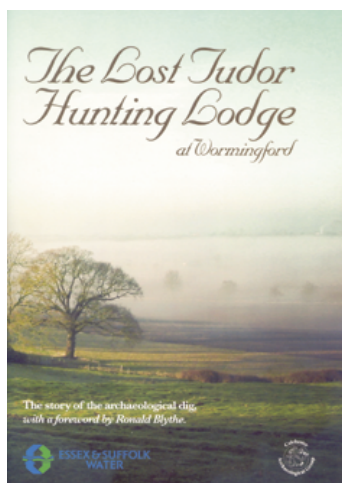
Anglo-Saxon Island – Sue Howlett. A donation from Mersea Island Museum trust. Very interesting.

Mediaeval Colchester's Lost Landmarks. John Ashdown-Hill

Pub. Breedon Books. ISBN 9781859836866 . £14.99

The author feels that Colchester's mediaeval history has been neglected and, indeed, much of it destroyed in the past 60 years. In this book he seeks to show how the town must have been; both as a place to live and trade and to its` many visitors.

I especially enjoyed the map of 1460-80, this plan still exists in the present day street system, and so with this in mind we can easily locate the buildings and places mentioned. Sir John Howard – later Duke of Norfolk and Constable of the Castle – lived at what became the Red Lion and 'shopped locally'! Many trades and traders benefitted from his patronage. Names like Flyngaunt, Medewe, Drynmelk, and Fyshwyf are mentioned. You can also find out about whirligigges, sortilegas and dunghills! - Gill Shrimpton



The Lost Tudor Hunting Lodge at Wormingford booklet was launched on 28th May 2010 at Wormingford Village Hall.

The book is available from John Mallinson. The cost of the book is £3 for members of CAG and £5 for non members.

Copies are also available from local book shops at £5.

Colchester Archaeological Group Committee Members

Chairman: Don Goodman - Deputy Chairman: Anna Moore - Minutes Secretary: Denise Hardy (Library Committee)

Treasurer: John Mallinson - Secretary and Membership Secretary: Gill Shrimpton (Library Committee)

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