

DOA, DIGI-ARCH, AND GEOFIZZ

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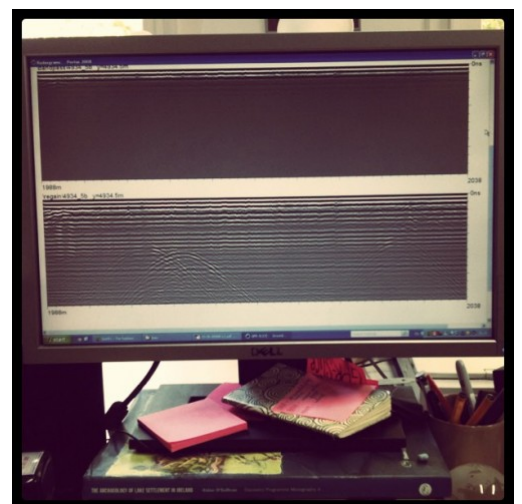
Jess' Desk

After much delay, I've finally sat down to write my Day of Archaeology post. Yay! As some of you might already know, I'm one of the co-organizers of the event along with Andy, Stu, Tom, Matt, Lorna and Dan. We've been working hard on the event for many months now, so it's been totally amazing to see everything go so well! I'm still in the process of reading over the many many posts from around the world – it's truly exciting to see that so many archaeologists turn out to share their experiences.

Today (yesterday!), as many of you can probably guess, I spent the majority of the day 9am – 9pm holding down the DoA inbox. We were still issuing logins at 9pm, which is a testament to the entire event I think. In the words of Lorna, “We done good”.

But when I'm not doing the DoA, I'm actually a partner and archaeologist at [L – P : Archaeology](#), a commercial archaeology partnership based in the UK. My work at L – P usually entails being a jack of all trades, but mostly with a technological spin. I'm very involved with our open-source [archaeological recording kit \(ARK\)](#) and provide support for many of the projects which are using it in the field ([as mentioned in Andy Dufton's post!](#)). We also do lots of work with HLF funded projects which often involves creating websites for community groups wishing to branch out into the digital engagement side of archaeology. Most of this is usually done from my desk in our London Office.. featured left!

On top of that, I'm also in charge of geophysical surveys for L – P and can often be seen pushing a pram (GPRrrr!), stylishly [wearing no metal](#), or yelling at my computer screen full of black and white blobs.. :-S I'm very grateful that the geophysics gets me out of the office once and a while, that's for sure! Currently I'm processing a load of GPR data for the [Portus Project](#), which is (as always) turning up lots of interesting results for the team. (See lovely hyperbola(s) on right)



But I guess that's about it for now. I'm pretty shattered from the last few days of helping with the DoA and juggling my work responsibilities. And now I shall shoot off for an afternoon in the pub to celebrate everyone's hard work. Many, many thanks to everyone who made it such a great day. If anything I really hope that these sorts of events will not only raise awareness about the true (and diverse!) nature of archaeology as a discipline, but also highlight the sorts of things that are possible when we all just open up and share what makes us all passionate about archaeology. Thanks again!

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