



Archaeology for all

Festival of British Archaeology

18 July to 2 August 2009

From digs to delicacies, foreshore to forest, this year's Festival of British Archaeology features activities to entice just about everyone. Nationwide, over 600 events have been registered so far for the Festival, expanded this year to 16 days, and coordinated by the CBA.

After dipping our toe in the water in 2008, *London Archaeologist* is working with two other projects this year to help expand visibility for London's heritage.

Come along to Wanstead Park on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th July (11.00 to 17.00), where we're joining Wanstead Parklands Community Project and West Essex Archaeology Group as they explore Wanstead's visible 18th century parklands and the Iron Age and Roman archaeology that

lies beneath. As well as a trial excavation, there will be live geophysics demonstrations, finds handling, walks, talks and more. Come and help *London Archaeologist* create a Roman mosaic.

We're also taking part in the amazing 'Thames Treasures' extravaganza at the Museum of London and Museum of London Docklands (see panel for more details). Visit us on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd August at the Museum in the City to help build our very own London Bridge.

Below we highlight just some of the events taking place across Greater London. Some require pre-booking, but most are free. For full details and more activities, check the Festival website: www.archaeologyfestival.org.uk.



Maisie discovers archaeology at last year's Festival © Becky Wallower

Wed 15–Sat 18 July
Lunchtime Gallery Talks
 13.15–14.00
 British Museum, WC1

Sat 18 July
Guided Walk around Roman London
 10.30–13.00
 All Hallows by the Tower, EC3

Sat 18–Sun 19 July
The Tudors: In Person and Under Your Feet - a Tudor Fayre and archaeological dig on the site of Elsyng Palace
 11.00–16.00
 Forty Hall, Forty Hill, Enfield, EN2

Sat 18 July–Sun 2 Aug
Thames Discovery Fortnight: the Thames Discovery Project hosts a range of activities on and about the foreshore: for details see: thamesdiscovery.org.

THAMES TREASURES

Sat 18 July–Sun 2 Aug
 For more than 25 free events head for the Museum of London and Museum of London Docklands where the river runs through activities for adults and families throughout the Festival. Experts reveal the hidden history of London's great river, including coracles, mudlarks, elephant gods and whale-bones in talks, walks and foreshore visits. You'll find lectures on sunken Tudor ships, riverside tours, Iron Age storytelling, finds to handle and the chance to make a boat or a Roman lamp. Join LA at MOL and help us create a new London Bridge. See the websites for all the details: museumoflondon.org.uk museumdocklands.org.uk

Hidden Treasures from the Mary Rose
 Over 250 fine objects from the Tudor ship
 10.00–17.00
 Whitgift School, Nottingham Road, Haling Park, Croydon, CR2 6YT

An Exhibition of Archaeological Artefacts
 Greenwich Heritage Centre, Artillery Square, Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, SE18

Archaeology in the Paul Hamlyn Library
 10.00–17.30
 British Museum, WC1

Sat 18–Sun 19, Sat 25–Sun 26 July and Sat 1–Sun 2 Aug
Rose Theatre: Visit the site of Bankside's first Elizabethan theatre where Shakespeare learned his craft
 11.00–18.00
 56 Park Street, London SE1

Sun 19 July & Sun 2 Aug
Guided tours of Coombe Conduit: the Tudor source of Hampton Court's water
 14.00–16.00
 Lord Chancellor's Walk, Kingston upon Thames KT2

Mon 20 July
A Place by the Thames: Exploring the Ancient Riverscape of Fulham Palace
 19.30–21.00
 Bishops Avenue, Fulham, SW6

Thu 23 July
Explore the Fulham Foreshore
 11.00
 Bishops Avenue, Fulham, London, SW6

Fakes and forgeries: spot the fakes and make your own medieval badge
 14.30–16.30
 The Cuming Museum, The Old Town Hall, 151 Walworth Road, SE17

Sat 25 July
Treasures of the Thames: sort and identify finds from the river at Greenwich Foundation
 13.00–15.00
 2 Cutty Sark Gardens, SE10

Sat 25 - Sun 26 July
COLAS at HM Tower of London: handle finds, explore a spoil heap, dress up as a Roman and have fun on the foreshore. There's also foreshore archaeology with Historic Royal Palaces here.
 10.00–16.00
 Queen's Stairs, HM Tower of London, EC3

Archaeology In The Park: excavating near a Roman villa site and lots more. Help LA make a Roman mosaic for Wanstead.
 10.00–17.00
 Wanstead Park (park in Northumberland Ave)

Sat 25–Fri 31 July (Not Wed & Sun)
Kingston Archaeology Week: lectures and events to celebrate 40 years of KUTAS
 Kingston Museum, Wheatfield Way, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 2PS

Sun 26 July
Life in the Roman Army: games, mosaics, costumes and weapons at the Roman villa
 10.00–16.30
 Crofton Road, Orpington BR6 8AD

Sat 1–Sun 2 Aug
Visit A Real Roman Bath House
 11.00–16.00
 Roman Bathhouse, Poverest Road, St Mary Cray, Orpington BR5 2DH

Sun 2 Aug
Roman Cookery Demonstration: plus metal detecting and pottery with HADAS
 14.00–17.00
 Avenue House, 17 East End Road, London N3