

DISSENTERS' GRAVEYARD FINDS DAY

Saturday 13th February 10am-4pm

At St Thomas Methodist Church, Cowick Street, Exeter EX4 1JE

This is an opportunity for EDG volunteers and supporters to take a close look at the archaeological finds recovered from the graveyard during the 2014 clearance and recording work and the 2015 investigations of the small building and the two burial vaults.

In the morning we will be sorting and cleaning any unprocessed finds (including pottery, glass, clay pipes, metal objects and tombstone fragments). In the afternoon, Naomi Payne, Finds Specialist with AC Archaeology, will be examining, identifying and dating the finds. Naomi will also tell us how to date some of the main types of post-medieval finds, such as pottery, glass bottles and clay pipes. Finally, we will examine what the finds tell us about the date and history of the excavated structures.

The finds day will be held in the Playgroup Room, which has its own entrance on the east side of the church.

Tea, coffee and cake and biscuits will be provided, but please make your own arrangements for lunch. There are a number of cafes on Cowick Street and in the St Thomas precinct. There is a Tesco Express close to the church, and a Co-op supermarket in the precinct.

There is parking in front of the church and limited street parking along Cowick Street, Old Vicarage Road and Wardrew Road. The A, E, F1 and F2 buses run regularly from the City Centre and stop very close to the church (ask for 'Speedway Garage').

TIMETABLE

10 am onwards Wash and clean finds and lay them out to dry.

11.30 Refreshments.

12 pm onwards Wash and clean finds.

1 pm Lunch.

1.30 onwards Naomi Payne will examine, identify and date the finds and provide information on dating post-medieval pottery, glass bottles and clay pipes.

3 pm Refreshments.

3.30 onwards A review of the investigations at the graveyard in the light of the dating evidence from the finds.

4 pm Finish and pack-up.

Please let me know if you are intending to come to all or part of the day so we know how many people to expect.

You can e-mail me at salmardyer@blueyonder.co.uk or telephone 01392 251516.

Hope to see you there.

Martin Dyer