



AUGUST NEWSLETTER

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HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2023

Heritage Open Days is nearly here!

Join us and numerous heritage organisations and venues across Lincolnshire for just over a week of interesting talks, tours and events!



8TH - 17TH SEPTEMBER



The festival celebrates England's architecture and culture by allowing visitors free access to interesting properties that are not usually publicly accessible or would normally charge a fee. It also includes tours, events and activities that focus on and celebrate the local heritage of the area.

Visit our website for a full list of events!



SLEAFORD CASTLE COMMUNITY DIG

Archaeological Project Services recently carried out an engaging community dig at Sleaford Castle.

Over the course of three days, from July 19th to July 21st, the public had a unique opportunity to delve into the captivating world of archaeology, witnessing first-hand the meticulous archaeological processes.

Sean Parker, Senior Project Officer at Archaeological Project Services, reflected on the community engagement aspect of the dig: "Our aim was not only to find out more about Sleaford Castle's past but also to provide an educational and interactive experience for the public. The presence of the local schoolchildren from St. Botolph's Primary School, Carre's Grammar School, William Alvey and Sleaford Day Nursery, was particularly heartening. Witnessing their enthusiasm and curiosity as they tried their hand at using a pin pointer to find metal objects was really rewarding."



Among some of the finds unearthed during the excavation, was a ceramic floor tile, bearing evidence of a whimsical moment from the late medieval to early post-medieval era. This tile, measuring approximately 12cm square, features an unexpected and heart-warming detail, a cat paw print on its surface. Finds such as this provide a tangible link to our ancestors' lives, offering a glimpse into the day to day lives of ancient peoples.

Another interesting find from the site was a coin which has been provisionally identified as a Jetton of Hans Krauwinkel II from Nuremberg, dating back to the period of 1586 to 1635. This coin gives an indication of the economic and trading networks of the time.



WEDDINGS AT THE OLD KING'S HEAD

The Old King's Head has been lovingly restored by Heritage Lincolnshire, the county's Buildings Preservation Trust, with generous support from funders including the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Architectural Heritage Fund, Garfield Weston and many more, for full details on the restoration of The Old King's Head, visit our website. The building reopened in October 2021 as a Café, B&B and Barn function suite.

The recent acquisition of a weddings licence for The Old King's Head means that couples can now officially get married at this beautiful, historic building. The venue's wedding license opens up a world of possibilities for couples, ensuring that their wedding day is as seamless as it is memorable.

Located in the heart of the charming village of Kirton, on the outskirts of Boston, Lincolnshire, this historic gem captures the essence of a romantic village hideaway for couples and their loved ones.



Tracy Stringfellow, CEO of Heritage Lincolnshire comments, "We're so pleased to be able to enhance our weddings package to include civil ceremonies right here at the venue. By choosing The Old King's Head as your wedding venue, you're also supporting Heritage Lincolnshire, a local charity, to achieve our mission to preserve the historic buildings of Greater Lincolnshire".

The Old King's Head can provide a perfectly tailored wedding for up to 80 guests, with bespoke décor, entertainment and catering packages, as well as a dedicated and friendly team to ensure every detail, from the flower arrangements to catering is taken care of.



CALENDAR PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

There's still time to enter our calendar competition!

Each year we ask people to submit their stunning shots of Lincolnshire, with the winner's photographs being used for our annual calendar!

To Enter:

Select your photos

Fill out the entry form on our website

Email your submissions to

photocomp@heritagelincolnshire.org

Submissions close 30th September



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to become part of a dedicated and friendly team of volunteers, meet new people and gain new skills? Or do you know somebody who would be interested?

We have some exciting projects coming up, including the Peterson's Oral History Project and our Young Archaeologist Club.

Our volunteers application form can be found on our website.

WE NEED YOU!

