

The AGM and exhibition on the A14

After the business of the AGM, we listened to our guest speaker, Tony Walsh, who has been the Project Manager of the A14 excavations. He explained what has been found during the painstaking excavation of sites opened by construction works.

What did we learn?

It has been such a large-scale project that archaeologists have had to be recruited from all over Europe.

A great number of animal bones were found, specifically domestic animals i.e. sheep, goats and cows, showing the prevalence of farming in the Ouse valley area.

Saxon finds were predominant.

Burial sites were discovered and some puzzling circles or 'henges'. No clues have been found to explain their usage. Were they for animals? Were they used for religious rites? Opinion leans to the latter because they were so carefully made.

Detailed reports on what has been discovered will be published. Members will be able to research finds in their own villages in due course.

Further learning....?

- We must have a sound system if we are to continue to use a Village Hall for our AGM!
- Cake and bellinis make a very nice way of ending the year

Thank you to all who came and supported the event; special thanks to all contributors, organisers and chair movers.