



## St. Kyneburgha Building Preservation Trust

*Safeguarding this ancient building for present and future communities*

### Church effigies targeted by gang stealing to order

From The Times September 11 2012

*“The stone effigy of a 13th century Bishop of Hereford is the latest in a series of medieval monuments stolen from unlocked country churches in recent months. At least half a dozen thefts are believed to have been carried out by the same gang stealing to order for wealthy collectors abroad.”*

Hard on the heels of the crisis for churches across the country with lead theft, our ancient churches are being targeted for their ancient artefacts. When I read this article online, the comments left were nearly as tragic as the theft! “Nobody goes to churches anymore so why worry?” “The church has lots of money – so why does it not pay for surveillance?”

These ancient buildings and their contents mark our cultural development as a nation – the ancient architecture, the craftsmanship, the stories of people and communities behind the art and decorations.

We are fortunate in this area that regardless of belief, people care about Kyneburgha’s and so the support we continue to have as a charity responsible for preserving and improving the building and its situation **is fantastic**. Our projects have included improving the security of ancient stones and carvings. We have helped with the practical improvement of securing the church following the lead thefts and we will offer help in identifying and reducing risks to the church contents in the light of this news.

#### Event

*We are pleased to be able to promote an illustrated talk by Dr. Stephen Upex hosted by our Friends at Water Newton.*

### **AFTER THE DIG – WHAT WAS FOUND AT THE ROMAN FORT AT WATER NEWTON DURING THE AUGUST DIG? Built Before or After AD 60?**

Illustrated talk by Dr. Stephen Upex

Friday 12 October doors open 7.00 for a 7.30 pm start at Water Newton Church.



Join The Friends of St Remigius for an interesting evening of historical discovery as Stephen Upex reveals the answers to questions surrounding “The Fort on the River”. When was it built? When was it occupied? What’s its relationship to the campaign fort at Longthorpe?

Stephen led the English Heritage financed excavation with the support of local archaeological groups. Stephen will present the 'findings and conclusions' from the dig and subsequent research and put it in context with the story of Britain in the 1st Century AD. During this period the Romans faced fierce resistance from the local Icenii tribes. Learn about the defeat of the mysterious disappearing Roman Ninth Legion and Water Newton (Durobrivae), around 2000 years ago when the village was close to one of the richest towns and great industrial centres in Roman Britain. Bring along friends and family. Numbers are limited so book early.

Licensed bar serving wines, beer and soft drinks.

Seating will be in church pews so bring a cushion!

Tickets are £10 and available via e-mail [friendsofstremigius@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstremigius@gmail.com) or call **Tony Capon on 01733 237500**.



The Friends of St. Remigius Water Newton is a charitable body dedicated to the conservation and upkeep of the fabric of the building and churchyard of St. Remigius Church to keep the church open for worshippers and for the benefit of the wider community.

### **Forthcoming events**

14 October    Dedication of the Byre following the service at 10.15am

20 – 21 October Celtic beliefs, view of the world and way of life £10 ticket including welcome drink [tickets@stkbpt.org](mailto:tickets@stkbpt.org) or Sarah on 01733 380107

### **Happy staying in touch?**

Our plan is to communicate our news via email. If you would rather we did not email you then reply to this email with **Unsubscribe** in the subject heading. We also use the Parish Magazine and village websites to publicise events.