



Invitation to Open Day at the Excavations of St Mary Magdalen Hospital, Winchester, 2008

Saturday 20th September 10am – 4pm

The Archaeology Department at the University of Winchester runs a major research and training excavation every year as part of its ongoing programme of research and practical teaching. Currently, we are running a project at the site of a medieval hospital just outside Winchester. The site, originally founded as a leper hospital in the twelfth century, has been the subject of detailed survey which has identified the existence of several below-ground features including the chapel, almshouses, gatehouse and precinct wall as well as other ancillary structures. The high standard of site preservation presents the unique opportunity for the excavation of a complete medieval hospital and precinct. Excavations this year will focus on the area of the Master's Lodge, Almshouses/Dormitory and Chapel as well as a section of the outer precinct.

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The Open Day will give visitors a chance to see work in progress as well as to view the remains of the medieval hospital and the range of artefacts found. Regular transport will be running to and from the site and the University. (Leaving *on the hour* from outside the University Reception, Sparkford Road)

Directions: <http://www.winchester.ac.uk/view.ashx?Item=23555>

(Parking is a problem on site so we request visitors take advantage of the pre-arranged transport)

Contacts

For more information about the site and the Department please visit our Website at : <http://www2.winchester.ac.uk/archaeology/>

Further Link: <http://www.medievalarchaeology.org/LeperHospital.htm>

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