

# SOUTHWELL ARCHAEOLOGY

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Welcome to our first newsletter of 2021. We hope you are all staying well and in good spirits despite the current pandemic. Hopefully fieldwork will be possible later in the year and we can meet up again. In the meantime, there are a number of virtual activities to draw your attention to. See over for an update on the landscape project.

## Our next talk:

Gary Taylor from Pre-Construct Archaeology will be giving an illustrated talk about their initial findings from their dig in Bourne, Lincolnshire. Many of you will remember some of the wonderful finds you washed from the site. This is an opportunity for all of us to learn more about this important site and one that might have similarities to Southwell.

**DATE: WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 7.30 pm on ZOOM.**

Please note, due to Gary's schedule, this is a **Wednesday** evening, not our usual Thursday. Zoom link to follow.

## SCAG AGM:

Prior to this talk we will be holding our annual general meeting. An agenda and link will be sent out before the meeting. This meeting is an important part of fulfilling our statutory obligations to the Charity Commission and for members to participate in the governance of the group. The meeting will start at 7 pm before Gary's talk.

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## Derbyshire Archaeology Day,

Friday 5 February 2021, 1pm to 4pm, Saturday 6 February 2021, 10am to 1pm

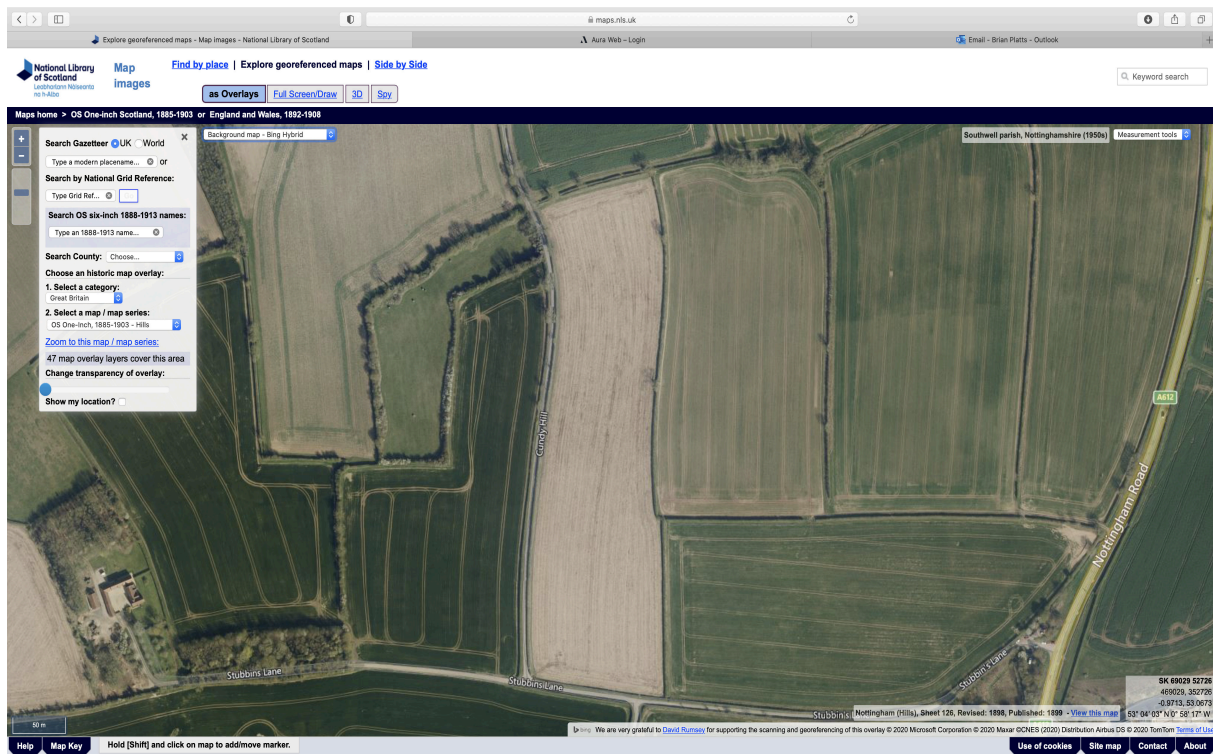
Their popular Archaeology Day goes virtual for 2021. There are some interesting sessions. Information on the sessions and links to registration from the Chesterfield Theatres website -

[https://chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk/shows/derbyshire-archaeology-day.aspx#.X\\_2qUdj7Q2w](https://chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk/shows/derbyshire-archaeology-day.aspx#.X_2qUdj7Q2w)

Registration is now open. If you wish to attend both sessions, you must register for each one.

Thanks to Jim and Shirley Priest for this information

Thanks to Malcolm for spotting that Time Team is returning. See ; <https://www.heritagedaily.com/2020/12/the-return-of-time-team/136345>



## THE LANDSCAPE PROJECT, from Steph Platts

### SCAG Landscape Group

Since Christmas and the new lockdown, the Landscape Group have been working away with their satellite and lidar pictures, and finding all sorts of interesting things in the ancient landscape around Southwell.

Before Christmas, Emily Gillott from Nottingham University gave us a talk on ridge and furrow ploughing, and how to spot it from above. Nowadays large machines are used to plough the land, but often you can still see the remnants of the ancient method of ploughing.

The medieval ridge and furrow ploughing method forms an “s” shaped curve in the furrow, as the oxen swing out in order to turn around at the end of each pass.

Can you spot the remains of ridge and furrow ploughing on the screenshot?

It is the palest field, and you can just see the wavy plough lines.

The group meet once a week via zoom and is open to all members to join. No previous experience necessary. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Stephanie on:

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