

About AIM and the archaeology around Marlow

AIM was founded in 2003. Since then it has undertaken the ROMADAM (Recording Of Marlow And District's Monuments) Project, funded by a generous grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund; searched for Roman Roads in the local area, completed a study of Medieval Burgage Plots in central Marlow; and conducted research and excavations in Little Marlow, Happy Valley and at Warren Wood (details of the last two venues overleaf).

Lectures, visits and other projects

Archaeology in Marlow encourages its members to participate by joining in our archaeological field work and research investigations. We run practical beginners' training courses for young and old alike. We hold talks on our discoveries and invite speakers to talk on a wide variety of archaeological subjects. We also arrange visits to archaeological sites in the vicinity and circulate a regular newsletter keeping members informed of the group's activities.

Archaeology in Marlow

Affiliated to the Council for British Archaeology

Archaeology In Marlow (AIM) is an active local archaeological group, which investigates the history and pre-history of Marlow and its surrounding parishes.

Future Plans

It is planned that in 2013, and beyond, investigations will take place at various venues in and around Marlow. However, our first priority is to learn more about the archaeology in Warren Wood and the surrounding area. For up to date information on all our investigations, please visit our website - www.archaeologyinmarlow.org.uk, or tel. 01628 481141.

Archaeology

- Research
- Excavation
- Geophysical and field surveys
- Field walking
- Finds identification
- Recording
- Training activities



Activities

- Talks and visits
- Regular newsletter



Projects

- See inside

World War 1 Training Trenches

Medmenham Hill fort

Danesfield Hill fort



Warren Wood

Happy Valley

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A few of *AIM's* Projects in the Chilterns

Medmenham and Danesfield Iron Age Hill Forts

At Medmenham there is a large Iron Age hill fort dominating the valley below in which the River Thames runs.

Archaeology In Marlow (AIM) surveyed this hill fort



North-west Bank of Medmenham Hill fort

and tried to locate the whereabouts of the Norman 'Bolebec Castle', said to have been built within the hill fort's ramparts.

The hill fort is just off the crossroads at Medmenham, diagonally opposite the Church, on a promontory of land at NGR SU8070:8470. A steep public footpath allows access to the western part of the hill fort.

At nearby Danesfield there is another large Iron Age hill fort overlooking the River Thames immediately below. *Archaeology In Marlow* also surveyed part of this hill fort and conducted research to discover whether there was a link between it and the Medmenham hill fort only a kilometre away.

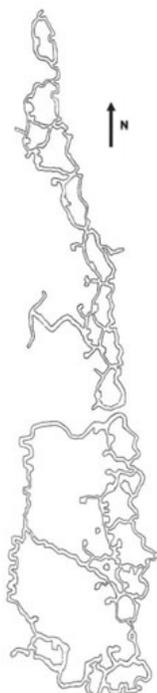
This hill fort at NGR SU8180:8440 straddles the SAS Institute and Danesfield Hotel and Spa estates and permissions are needed to visit it. Public information boards, provided by *AIM*, can be found at both locations.

First World War Training Trenches at Pullingshill Wood

At Pullingshill Wood, adjacent to Marlow Common, is an important and significant network of training trenches, utilised by, and probably dug by, soldiers during the initial years of the First World War.

Apart from surveying these trenches (see the plan to the left), *Archaeology In Marlow* has investigated their construction, design and purpose.

Research was also undertaken to identify Army Regiments which were sent to Marlow and where they were billeted.



Plan of World War 1 Training Trenches (Marlow Common)



Chiltern Woodland Project's visit to Pullingshill Wood

The trenches are situated at NGR SU8215:8630, to the west of the minor road running through the Common on land owned by The Woodland Trust and are accessible to the public. Again, public information boards, provided by *AIM*, can be found at this location.

Happy Valley

To the north of Henley Road a public footpath runs through the middle of Happy Valley (NGR SU835:863 to 837:859).

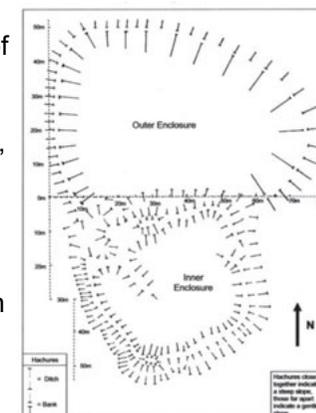
Archaeology in Marlow has conducted a series of investigations over the last 10 years. In 2003, a search was undertaken to find the Roman vineyard rumoured to be there.

In 2004, an excavation took place across an ancient trackway. In 2009 more excavations were conducted in search of Iron Age round houses, whose location had been suggested by dowsing.

Warren Wood Earthworks

There is an earthwork at Warren Wood, north of Little Marlow, situated at NGR SU8720:8970.

Although on private land, it can be accessed from the footpath on the right, about 1.5km heading north up Winchbottom Lane. The earthwork can be observed on the left after walking about 400 metres.



The earthwork is a double enclosure and probably dates from medieval times. However, Neolithic/Mesolithic artefacts have also been found, as well as pottery from the late Bronze Age, or early Iron Age (see adjacent photograph).

Field work and research is continuing at this site to try to unravel its purpose and origins.



A public information board, provided by *AIM*, can be found alongside the adjacent footpath.

