Good news!

I have been given permission to site the test pit on the meadow below the church on Mill Street by the new owners.

We had a pit on the field/church boundary a few years ago and came up with evidence of an earlier wall, medieval pottery and some huge horse bones.

This time we will be slightly further towards the mill, where the ground is level.  As far as we know this has always been open land, but must have been used for many things over the years.  We have photos of the Merchant Taylors School using it for sports and plays or pageants.

My plan would be to clear the top and maybe go down a level or two on Saturday 13th and then use the Sunday (14th) to hopefully get a good way down.

Please pass on an invitation to any others you think might like to help and we can establish a good time on Saturday and when to start on Sunday morning.

The new owners have put in a wide wooden gate just along form the church gate and parking should be possible just opposite in Mill Street.

Also advance notice……I have a plan to hold a ‘Search for the Saxons’ weekend, in September as part of the Ashwell 1100 celebrations (if that is OK Cliff) where we will hope to have 5 or 6 pits as close as possible to places where traces of Early Medieval pottery have been found.  Obviously we need to recruit lots of people in order to run several pits and I’m hoping that you might all agree to be involved??

Anyway, not to get ahead of myself, lets hope the weather is good next weekend, and let me know your thoughts,

Thanks very much

Sarah