

**Saturday 9 March 10.15am - Allhallows Centre Fletchertown.**

**Free of charge as part of Heritage Lottery funding for Holme Cultram Harbour Project**

**' A practical day school on - 12th to 13th century harbour works, boats and ships'**

**evidence from London and elsewhere.**

It sounds like a full and interesting day with an expert on the subject which ties in well with our excavation plans. Please let me know if you are coming to give us some idea of numbers. We will supply tea/coffee and biscuits - please bring a packed lunch.

### **Overview**

The late 12 to 13th centuries was a time of great change in waterfront and building woodwork when the Saxon and Anglo-Scandinavian 'treewrighting' was replaced by the new French 'carpentry'. Much evidence for both waterfront and land based carpentry of this period has been excavated over the last 40 years on waterlogged sites particularly in London. Excavations in harbour zones and other historic waterways have also provided evidence of boats and ships of the same period all over England from the SE to Cumbria. This day school will include illustrated talks on these subjects by Dr Damian Goodburn who has worked in these fields since 1986 in London and other areas of Britain and has contributed to many television programs covering the archaeology of woodwork through the ages from prehistoric to recent times, and also been involved in related experimental archaeology projects.

Excavations at Holme Cultram revealed the remains of part of an early medieval wharf including remains of woodwork, this day school is intended to provide background information relevant to understanding the remains found and what might be found close by in future. Apart from talks attendees will get a chance to handle samples of original woodwork from the period, replica woodwork, and replica tools.

**10.15** coffee

**10.30** Introductions

**10.20 -11.20** Illustrated talk Excavating preserved harbour woodwork of the c. 12th-13th century period in London and the techniques used to record investigate and date the structures found.- questions....

Coffee break and chance to view some publications relevant to that work.

**11.40- 12.40** Boat and ship finds from the c. 12th to 13th centuries in Britain and N W Europe and two small boat finds from Cumbria- questions.....

**12.40- 1.40** lunch

**1.40- 2.15** Short talk on the Holme Cultram project particularly the excavation of the wharf area and view of project records and any samples of lifted timbers available? General discussion By one of the local team.....

**2.15 -3.00pm** Examination of original samples of woodwork and replica woodwork of the period with handling and discussion, of issues such as recognising tool marks, types of timber, and whee to take tree ring samples etc.

**3,00** Tea and biscuits.

**3.20** chance to examine replica tools and fastenings and general discussion.

**4.00** end of the day school