

## FESTIVAL OF ARCHAEOLOGY – OPEN DAY – YSCEIFIOG – 31 JULY 2011 –

The Society participated in the Council for British Archaeology's Festival by organizing an Open Day at Tan y Llan. Marquees and gazebos were erected and displays of finds and photographs artistically displayed. We had over 80 visitors who were interested to see the progress of our archaeological site.



Tan y Llan © Maria Blagojevic

Graham Cragg hosted tours of the Dig, ably assisted by other Society Members. Wendy's granddaughter Laura and Pat Musk entered into the spirit of the occasion as Tudor serving wenches, dispensing home made food and drinks donated by our members. Visitors came from as far away as Stoke on Trent, Dolgellau, Dolwyddelan and everywhere else from the immediate locality.



Site Tour © Maria Blagojevic

Sid Edwards kept the youngsters amused with metal detecting and were delighted with a find of a pocket watch by one of our young visitors; Sarah Pevely and William Evers Swindell, both dressed in Roman garb brought a selection of

replica artefacts for people to see and helped visitors to identify artefacts that they had brought to the Open Day.



Pocket watch find © Maria Blagojevic

Howard Green attracted attention with his flint knapping and Pam with her nettle products, a recently acquired skill and Andrew and Sue Thomas giving demonstrations and hands on instruction to visitors in the art of 'divining'. Hilary Cordwell and Joyce from the "Tudor Lace Makers" put on a demonstration of bobbin lace making. Hazel Formby enchanted people with her beautiful outfit of Katheryn of Berain.

Thanks should go to all those SAAS members who contributed in their different ways to making the day such a success.



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