

Pen Selwood History Society

Meeting 2 - 25 Nov 2014

Pen Pits

The meeting was held at Woodlands courtesy of Jeremy Cox.

Jonathan Cox led a discussion on Pen Pits and their possible uses. Jonathan believes the main use was for mining chert for tools during the Iron Age though the use of the pits probably evolved over time.

He also shared his knowledge of the distribution of the Pits and showed clear signs of Pits on Google Maps in a field owned by Charles Buckler. There was some discussion about geophysical surveys and if they might provide more information.

Information gathered will be collected on the Pen Selwood website under the History Society on the clubs tab.

You can join the Group discussion at <http://penselwood.ning.com/group/history-society>

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on 13th Jan 2015 at the Fitzgerald's

Topics to be introduced by Peter will include Egbert's Stone and Common Land in Pen Selwood, Charles Buckler will introduce the history of the Church.

Please let Peter know (840 895) if you plan to attend.

References

Pen Selwood's history has been recorded in considerable detail in various publications over the years, including:

- CAER PENSAUELCOIT a long lost unromanised BRITISH METROPOLIS - published in 1882 by Somersetshire Archaeological and Natural History Society.
- The Result of Further Excavations at Pen Pits - by Rev 1-LI-I. Winwood, F.G.S. published by Somersetshire Archaeological and Natural History Society in 1885.
- The Story of PEN SELWOOD by Mary Harfield in 1965
- Pen Selwood - A Village on the edge of the great Selwood Forest by Jock Baker and Michael Shiel (illustrated by Olivia Bovil) in 1988
- Pen to Paper - Memories of Pen Selwood by Vi Hocking (compiled by Andrew Jenkins) in 1997.
- [British History online](#)
- [Domesday record](#)
- [Early Roads in Wiltshire](#)
- [Selwood Forest](#) N.B. First warden of Selwood in Wiltshire 1175
- [Selwood Forest map](#)
- [The dispute over Pen Pits](#)
- [A Primaeval British Metropolis](#)