

## April 21 and 22 - A Weekend of Wonder

Local Churches at Monk Fryston and Birkin are staging a very special weekend for anyone interested in local history on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> at St Wilfrid's Monk Fryston 7- 10pm and at St Mary's Birkin on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April from 10 – 2pm

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April Monk Fryston Time Team will be staging an exhibition of artefacts and presenting illustrated talks on ***Finding Fryston: the Digs and the Discoveries***. The aim is to share new heritage information about the village arising from their 2 year Heritage Lottery Funded research project and answer many questions about the undocumented history of the village. Three new Village History banners detailing some of our discoveries will be unveiled. Tickets at £2.50 are available from Monk Fryston Village Stores or on the door. Refreshments will be available in the Church Hall.

The following day on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April St Mary's Birkin will host a Saxon Festival and Reburial Ceremony. The recent major project to install underfloor heating unearthed many fascinating items which will be on display. Saxon skeletons were found and these will be reinterred with a short Saxon style ceremony at 1 pm featuring mourners in period costume and Saxon poetry.

On a lighter note, there will be the chance to taste heritage food and drink and try Saxon themed activities such as throwing a pot, milling flour, practice a sword and shield drill and to pet some spring lambs. The Church is now open again and ready for dual use as a Village Hall and for Worship. Come and see the display information about the building works undertaken to install ground source heating and the archaeology undertaken.

Refreshments available all day.