

Photographs from the excavations, 2007-2009



Dominic & Sarah Pellew get excited about archaeology as they clean and restore a Moravian gravestone



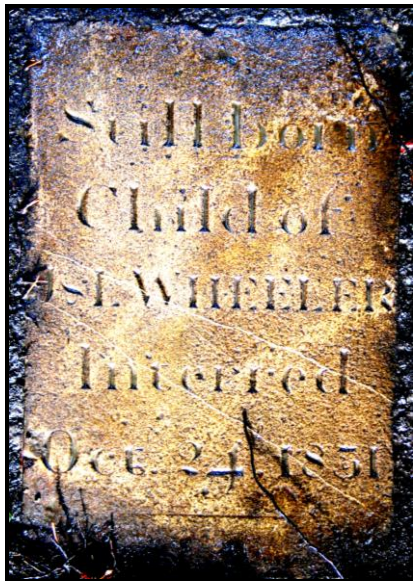
The old gravel path can be seen in the top half of this trench on the western side of the burial-ground



Christian and Bev, stone conservators, hard at work!



Nick Mack-Smith, one of our hardest working volunteers, with a completely transformed early 20th century section behind him ...



There is no record of this child in the burial records. It was probably the child of John & Louisa Wheeler, who tragically



Corinne excavates the understone of John & Louisa Wheeler's stillborn child

lost another child in 1835



Kirstyn (age 12), hard at work excavating one of her own finds, that of an unknown baby or infant boy.



The magic moment! After two whole days of chiselling and sawing away, Bunty Campbell manages to extricate the gravestone of Uriah Evenis, aged 6 months, from the clutches of the ancient lime tree.



Terry, a volunteer from Wiltshire Library & Museum Service, raises an understone and replaces the topstone, in the completely transformed Boys' Choir Row.



John, Gill, Andy and Fiona hard at work! Andy and Fiona came down from London. Andy is excavating the gravestone under the tree roots, while Fiona has two new boys' understones to contend with ...



Australian lawyer Lew Jackson learns how to apply backfill – observed by physiotherapist and ex-Olympic gymnast Elaine Willett, under the watchful eye of Site Manager John Young



Bristol Ware found in the Moravian burial-ground, c. 1750-80



A slate gravestone, turned upside-down, showing the slice through the bevelled edge on the left, indicating reuse, perhaps from a dairy



Bunty, Fiona, and Tessa concentrate hard as they work to transcribe and interpret the very worn and moss-laden text



ELIZ RICE Dep. Aug 3d 1736 Agd. 19 Yrs
Twelve years before the graveyard was founded?
Clearly this inscription was completely wrong,
showing that what one sees should not always be believed!



Gravestones displaced by the increasing size of the large lime tree, and uncovered by the Project Team after nearly 60 years



This farthing of George II (1727-60) was found dead centre of the bricks at the top of the grave presumed to be that of Mrs. Ann Wheeler (d. 1752), the first Widow to be buried in the Widows' Choir Row. The position suggests that this may not have been by chance, but a deliberate gesture. This was the first coin found, and it generated great excitement - and took many hours to clean it to anything like a readable state. The date (below 'BRITANNIA' on the obverse) is almost indecipherable, but may read '1747'. Around the head of George we can read GEORGIVS II REX.