

Salvete – Welcome

SALT 2003

The Lion Salt Works welcomes you to the Salt Making Demonstration day this 28th day of September, 2003.

Funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund has helped us reconstruct a Roman salt making site as it may have looked 1,800 years ago in the year 203AD through a practical reconstruction as a live demonstration and as an animated film using digital technology.

We have two salt pans. The Roman replica is made from over 300lbs of lead.



Look out for the items surrounding the salt pan. The objects are based on artefacts discovered at Roman sites. Replica pots are for sale.

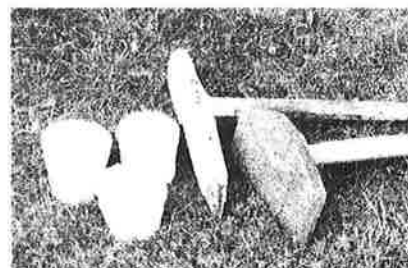
Brine springs were well known from before the Roman conquest. Some may have had special significance.

Make a donation to the spirit of the brine spring during your visit.



It is based on a pan discovered near Shavington, Cheshire. Our second is made from modern stainless steel so that you can taste the salt. The Roman salt has 1,000 times more lead in it than is considered safe today!

For your safety, please keep behind the barriers as the brine is near boiling and would scald you.



This event is linked to the Roman Festival at Middlewich. Look for the free bus between Lion Salt Works and Harbutts Field.

The Centurion from the Ermine Street Guard will visit the salt pans during the morning to inspect the salt being made. Soldiers were once paid in salt- sal, hence the word salary.



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MARQUEE - ROMANS

John Hudson - Potter

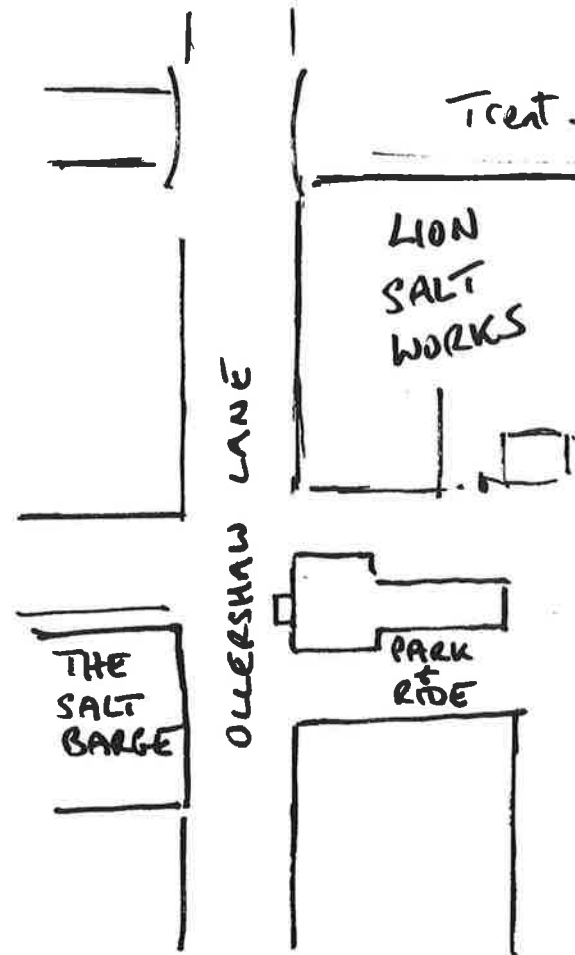
John Hudson has appeared on Channel 4's *Time Team* and BBC 2's *Meet the Ancestors*. He specialises in reproducing ceramics from the past and is a skilled salt glazed potter.

We stock many of his specialist salt pieces, which include Salt Ladies, Wakefield Pillar Salts, Delft Capstan Salts as well as slipware, Weatheriggs Salt Kits. For SALT 2003 the Lion Salt Works Trust commissioned a special reproduction of a rare decorated salt kit originally made in 1847.

You can own it by taking part in our raffle. Tickets are 50p each, or £2.50 for a book of 5. Support the restoration of the Lion Salt Works by entering. John will draw the winning ticket at 4pm.



There are three main marquees. We've called them - FRIENDS, ROMANS & COUNTRYMEN



LION SALT WORKS TRUST Technical Displays and Information

DIGITAL FILM

Watch the preview of a digital film of a Roman Salt making site based on evidence uncovered by Manchester Archaeology Unit at Nantwich in 2003. Funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, created by TAKE 27.

LASER SCAN SURVEY

A laser scan survey of the Lion Salt Works was completed this summer by AEDAS and APR Services, funded by English Heritage. A digital aerial view has been created and is also shown for the first time.

VIDEO PRESENTATIONS

Open University, Scientific Eye, Hart Davies on History.

TRUST DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Outline design for a new salt pan producing salt using biomass fuel as part of a working museum. Meet the Trustees.

Guidebook, Research Report No.1 and salt related ceramics for sale.

Overseas Salt Museums

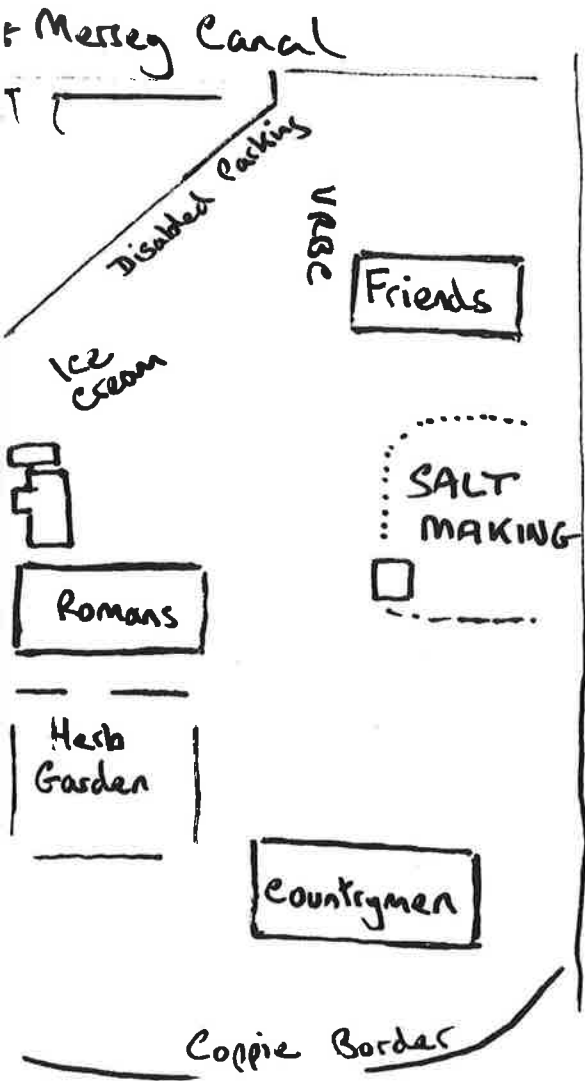
There are poster displays from salt projects in Europe and the USA.

The Lion Salt Works is pursuing closer contacts with other historic salt making sites. There are many comparisons in the salt making processes and we have many things to learn about how our salt heritage can be used to provide a valuable background to our future economic developments.

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The *Friends* marquee is north of the salt making demonstration. *Romans* can be found next to the Managers Office. *Countrymen* is between the Herb Garden and coppice border on the south side of the site.

MARQUEE COUNTRYMEN

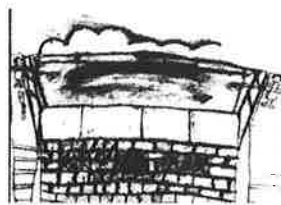


Here you can discover some of the local projects being carried out in the area, land reclamation, school projects and tourism.

THE MERSEY FOREST

The Mersey Forest Trust promotes Community Woodlands in Cheshire. Look at the local based products available in our area.

RIVER WEAVER INITIATIVE



The RWI has been working with Comberbach School for a number of years looking at the river and its links with local industries such as salt and the history of the river. Recent projects are displayed here.

SALT TELLERS

RWI and the Lion Salt Works Trust are working with Robert Meadows to produce a Community Play based on the historic salt industry of the area linking the Weaver and the Trent and Mersey Canal. Would you like to take part or help create the play?

Please let us know if you would like to participate.

NORTHWICH MINES PROJECT

Abandoned mines beneath the centre of Northwich are soon to be filled with concrete, ash and salt. The project aims to prevent the collapse of the town centre. The Adelaide Flash north of the Lion Works demonstrates the catastrophe, which might otherwise occur!

VALE ROYAL TOURIST ASSOCIATION

Where to go, what to do in Vale Royal.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

The Lion Salt Works is looking to use biomass fuel. How else can we be kind to the planet?

Please walk around the grounds of the salt works and up to the canal.

We manage the site for wildlife and wild flowers.

The Herb Garden

Planted beds linking the use of salt with cooking, dyeing and pot pourrie.

The Coppice Border

Poplar, willow, ash, hazel and sweet chestnut. Cut at three year intervals to demonstrate the sustainability of wood.

Look for the shaft linings to a rock salt mine; the mast from a Weaver Flat and the remains of the private siding with the rare pitched roof salt van (one of only four left in the UK).

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FRIENDS MARQUEE

The new Salt Works mascot will be joined by *Tricky* the mascot of Northwich Victoria FC and *Wilbur the Wyvern* from Vale Royal Borough Council. There's a book token for the person who helps us find him a name.



Potters Barn

Pottery demonstrations by Andrew Pollard from The Potters Barn, Hassall Green. On the Trent and Mersey Canal. Make your own pot or press mould a decorative Lion Head.



How many Lions can we have at the Lion Salt Works?
Would you like to be a Lion for the day?

FREE FACE PAINTING

Have your face painted as a Lion and keep our Lion company until we can find him a name.

Colour your own Lion before you leave and take him home as a reminder of your day.

Refreshments

Soft drinks, coffee and sandwiches on site - or drop over the road to the THE SALT BARGE. Don't miss the photographs and maps of old Marston in the front parlour.

Whilst relaxing over refreshments why not try your hand at a Roman Game.

Counters, Boards and Instructions for :-

LUDUS LATRUNCULARUM - the soldier's game

MERILS - Nine Mens Morris

TABULA - LUDUIS XII SCRIPTORUM (backgammon)

DICE

KNUCKLEBONES - (jacks or dice)

Wincham CP School

The logo for Wincham School is a brine pump based on the nodding donkey at the Lion Salt Works.

Students visited the works earlier this month and have prepared a display to fit the Roman salt making theme.



ON SITE PARKING FOR BLUE BADGE HOLDERS ONLY

PARK AND RIDE SCHEME

To & From Northwich -

Find the PICK UP POINT sign on Venables Road.

Also connecting with trains at Northwich Station.

To & From Middlewich -

Regular bus between Lion Salt Works and Harbutts Field



**GREAT BUDWORTH
REAL DAIRY
ICE CREAM**

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