



COLLYWESTON
Historical & Preservation Society



Ooh, that looks interesting!!

UPDATE ON THE SEARCH FOR THE LOST ROYAL PALACE AT COLLYWESTON

Collyweston Historical and Preservation Society have carried out 3 physical excavations in various locations in the village and have catalogued numerous minor finds such as nails, pottery, bones, a riding spur etc but nothing of major consequence. It was therefore decided to “spend big” on the latest investigative technique, Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR), and a survey of the Palace Gardens was arranged as this seemed the best bet for a result. The team at Sumo led by Dr John Gator (they do surveys for Time Team) did a survey in April 2021 and produced a report showing the land in horizontal slices at 30cm intervals. This showed a clear linear feature of a perimeter wall and a cross wall just inside the existing boundary walls which were built after the Palace was demolished. In their conclusions they state:-

“Scrolling through the time slices creates an image of rooms or buildings within a larger structural complex. As such, it is tempting to interpret the results as being associated with a substantial structure and given the historical records, it seems a reasonable supposition to suggest these could be part of the long lost Collyweston Palace.”



What a great result, so what next? The Palace is thought to have been a large structure extending further to the west of the Palace Gardens so discussions are in train with landowners to see if further investigations can be carried out. Substantial funding will be required, grants may be available, so watch this space for more news in the future.

If you would like to be kept informed of developments join CHAPS (membership £10 for the year) to receive email updates and free entry to each of our quarterly meetings. Email collyhistory@outlook.com.

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A member of our team will be on duty in the Church at the Christmas Fair on Sunday 6th December, please come along and visit our exhibition in the Chapel and share your memories.

