

## YOUR CHANCE TO SEE ARCHAEOLOGY IN ACTION!

# The search for the Iron-makers of Myers Wood

Weds 9th April to Mon 21st April 2003 (inc Easter weekend)

Archaeology Open Days



The ancient iron-making site discovered by local archaeologists in woodland near Storthes Hall, Kirkburton, is to be re-opened for extended excavations. The first dig, in September 2002, found evidence of clay furnaces, slag mounds, roasted iron-ore, charcoal and a possible smithy. Samples of pottery from the site have been identified as dating from the late 13th to early 15th century. Other finds are from even earlier.

#### Who were the iron-makers?

It is known that Normans, Danes, Romano-British and even Iron Age people lived and worked in the vicinity. The mediaeval Cistercian monks from Roche abbey had a Grange on the edge of the woods at Thunderbridge.

A joint project between the Huddersfield and District Archaeological Society and the University of Bradford, to interpret and date the site, has been awarded a substantial Heritage Lottery Fund grant. Experts from the Department of Archaeological Sciences have already declared this to be a very important site, with more to be discovered.

#### You too can be involved.

- Meet the archaeologists and specialists.
- Watch them at work.
- See demonstrations of geophysical surveying and excavation techniques.
- Be the first to see new discoveries unearthed.



*The search begins.*



*Excavated furnace.*



Entry to the site is through the main entrance to the Huddersfield University student village at Storthes Hall, Kirkburton, about 3 miles (5km) south of Huddersfield. Follow the University Campus road signs from the A629 Penistone Road at the Storthes Hall Lane turn-off. Enter at the first security gate on your left.

Once inside the grounds follow directions to a special car park from where you will be directed to the dig.

This project has been made possible with the full co-operation and kind permission of the site owners, the University of Huddersfield.