

Community Archaeology continues to grow – Debach & Parham.

The first two weekends in November saw thirty-six people take part in the return of our popular **free** courses about the **archaeology of airfields and building recording techniques**.

These day-long courses took place at the [493rd Bomb Group Museum, Debach Airfield](#) on **Sunday 2nd November 2014**

And at the [390th Bomb Group Museum, Parham Airfield](#) on **Saturday 8th November 2014**.

The morning's of each day were spent learning how to conduct a building survey, followed by afternoon sessions where our participants got to test their new recording skills and explore airfield buildings nearby.

Our intrepid archaeologists at Debach braved a torrential downpour to put their new skills to the test, whilst at Parham we were privileged to be able to attend the airfields remembrance serve in honour of the 720 US airmen lost from the base during WW2.



Along the way we learned what **Romney's, Ripper's and Jane's** are; that it takes **four and a half million bricks** to build an airbase, unearthed sections of temporary runway structures- PSP (Perforated Steel Structures) and uncovered some graffiti made in a hardstanding over seventy years ago.

We really can't thank these two great local museums enough, as we couldn't have delivered these events without the invaluable assistance of Richard & Prilly Taylor at [Debach](#) and Peter Kindred & Tim Brett at [Parham](#), alongside the support of local landowners. Please go out and visit these museums when you have the opportunity.

You can see the images from the day in our gallery below.

And if you would like to come to a future training day, or host one of these great sessions at your museum, please email martin@8theast.org

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