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Festival of British Archaeology 2010

**CPAT at the Owain Glyndwr Institute,
Maengwyn Street, Machynlleth, Saturday 24th
July 2010**



The Festival
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Archaeology is the annual 'extravaganza of heritage events' coordinated by the Council for British Archaeology and is aimed at families across the UK. This year, the Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust (CPAT) travelled to Machynlleth for a fun packed day of Medieval Mayhem!

A small team of CPAT staff - Jeff Spencer, Abi McCullough and Sophie Watson set up camp inside the Owain Glyndwr Institute – the Old Parliament House (reputedly the site of the first Welsh Parliament in 1404), which holds interesting exhibitions and displays on the life and campaigns of Glyndwr.

There was a range of fun activities for families to try out on the day. Jeff Spencer lead the 'Make your own Medieval Tile' which proved to be the most popular event this year with both the children and adults. Visitors could also try their hand at some pottery reconstruction – this proving to be very popular with the Dads! Many who started piecing together our giant broken pot couldn't stop until they had completed it!

Abi McCullough and Sophie Watson were on hand to supervise (and also have a go themselves of course!) at the design of Medieval shields and brooches, explaining the meanings of the different heraldic symbols and colours. For example, the colour blue could mean strength and loyalty. Green could signify freedom, beauty and joy. Of the many heraldic symbols, the griffin proved a popular design for shields, signifying valour, death-defying bravery, strength, vigilance and perseverance!





Sophie Watson, August 2010

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