

Monthly dig report for members of Leicestershire Industrial History Society and Swannington Heritage Trust.

Morning dig with about 12 of us including a very welcome appearance from Dennis who has been very ill and was out for the first time after a spell in hospital with pneumonia.

BBQ Area South Of Engine House



One of the teams moved the red ash from the area by the buried cast iron drainage pipes to the corner of the boiler house and the flue to the chimney, to replace the red soil/ash that had been there and was removed. During this there was no evidence of a furnace although a brick and a couple of part bricks in pristine condition were found and put with the red soil/ash. Soil was placed against the side of the tunnel to support the side thrust created by the arch.



The dumper (kindly placed by Geoff) was filled with spoil excavated around the area where the cast iron drainage pipes are buried and around the "BBQ". We tried to excavate to find the depth of the "BBQ" brickwork but were below the water table, so didn't locate how far down it goes.

Miners' Cottages



Moving inside the cottage from the front porch an internal wall is now evident. So far only a small part has been uncovered.



The artefacts found during the excavation of the cottage were handed over to the Heritage Trust. They will be photographed, labelled and displayed by the Trust during the festival of archaeology.

Inside the back porch there is evidence of what appears to be the same internal wall.