

Romans in the Peak District and Aquae Arnemetiae



Altar of Arnemetia
from Brough on Noe



The Roman Temple
at Aubechies

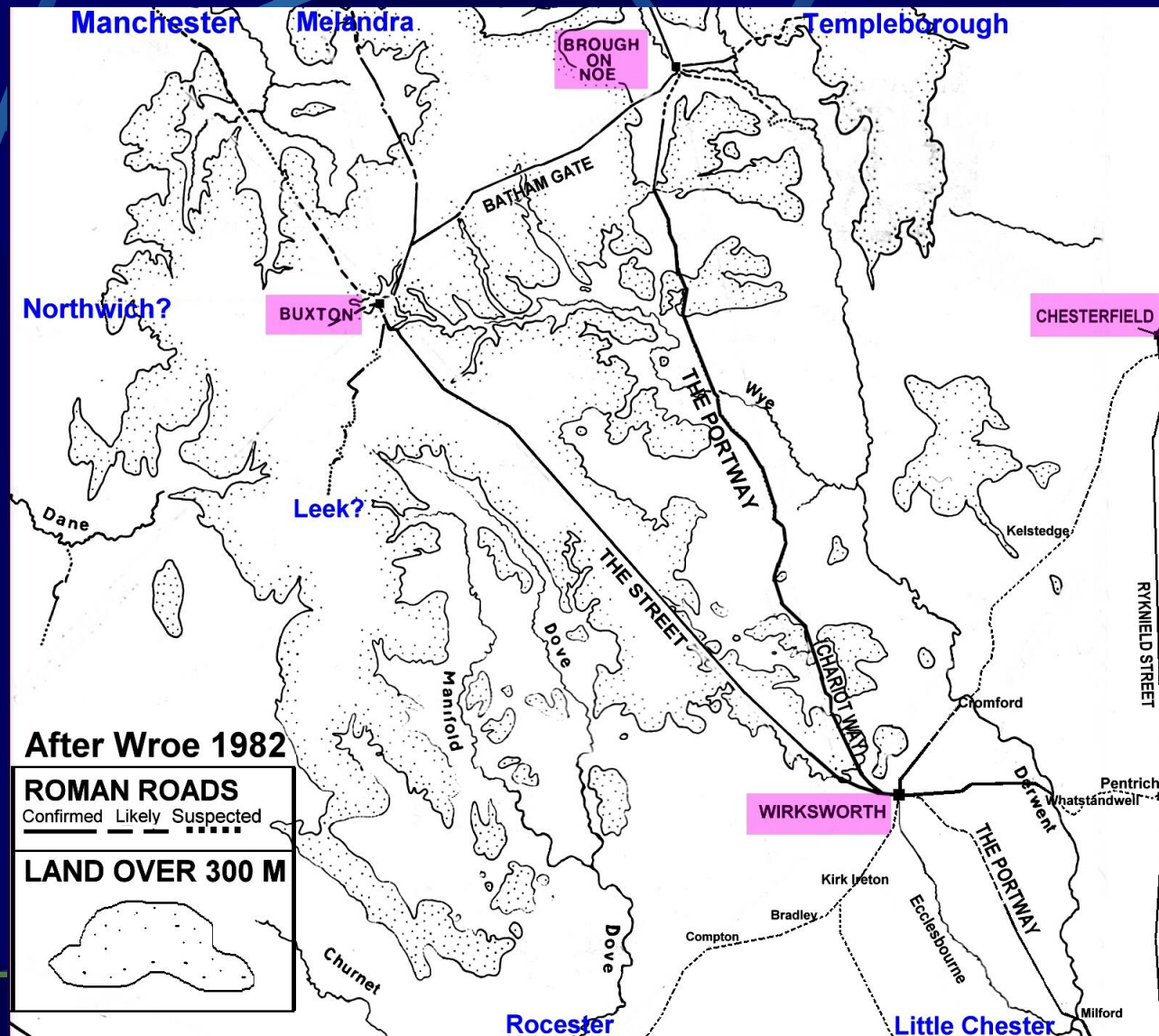
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Introduction

An overview of this talk:

- The Romans in the Peak District
- The Romans and Aquae Arnemetiae
- Buxton Roman Spa - Baths and Temple
- Buxton Roman Settlement - Vicus
- The hinterland and surroundings
- Questions and answers

Romans in the Peak District



The Romans and Aquae Arnemetiae

- Before 71AD and arrivals
- Peaceful trade not war for the Peak District
- The Roman settlement: finding the settlement
 - The Baths and Temple
 - The Vicus, an elusive fort or mansio
- The hinterland around Aquae Arnemetiae
 - Caves, merchants and industries
 - Roads and traffic on them
 - Countryside and agriculture

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The baths and temple

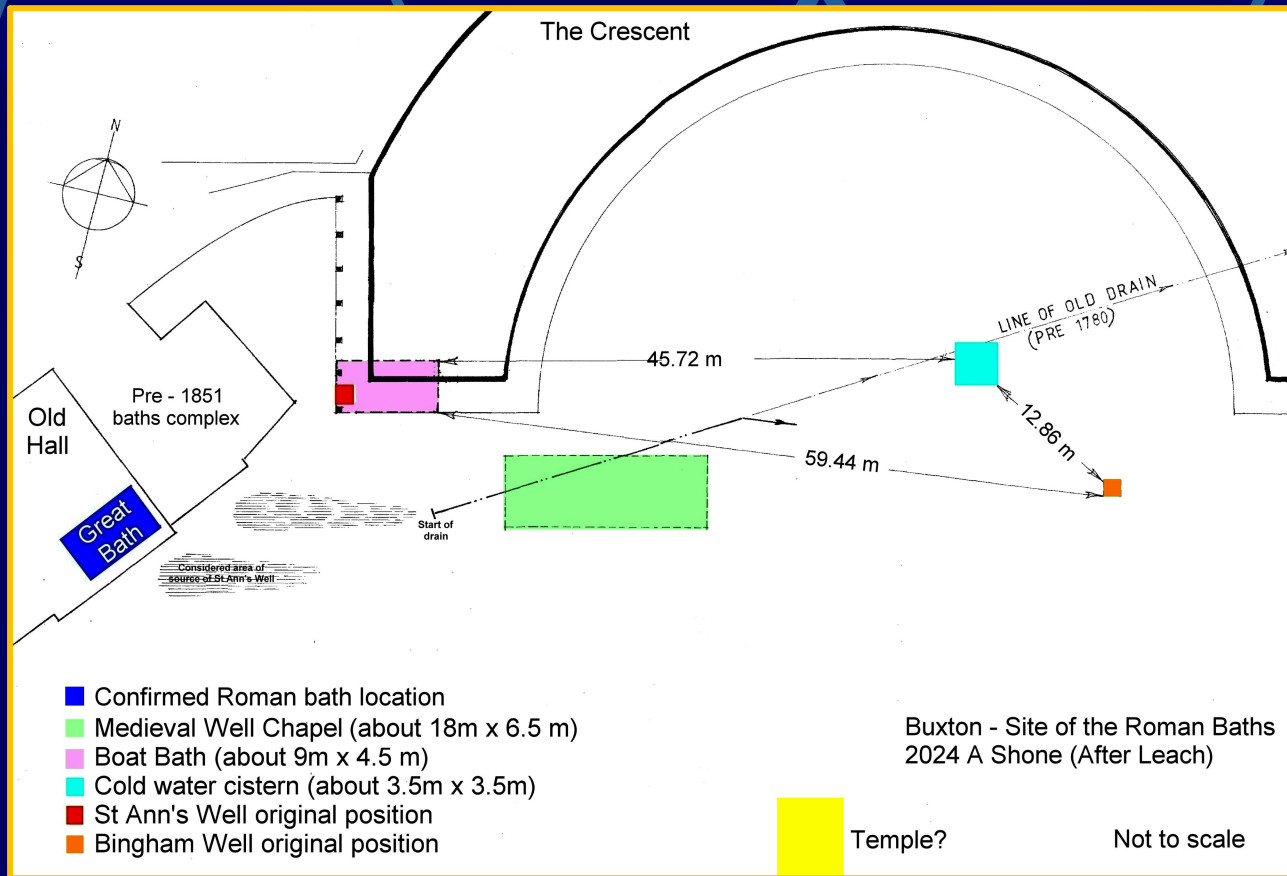


The baths at Weissenburg, Germany

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The baths and temple



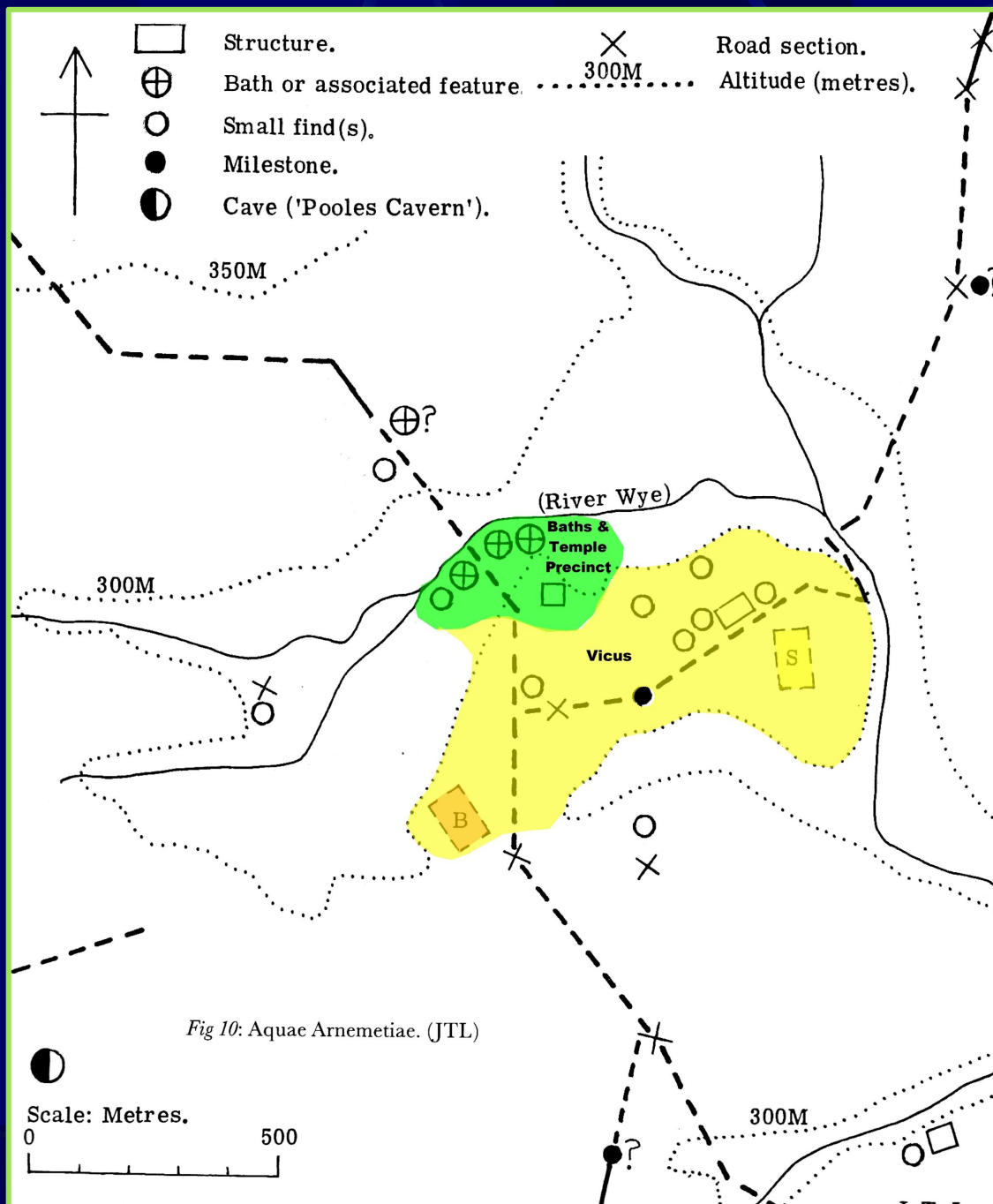
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The baths and temple



Roman Temple at Aubechies, Belgium

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Based on Leach 1987

Green - the baths and temple precinct
Yellow - the vicus and domestic sites

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The vicus: domestic life

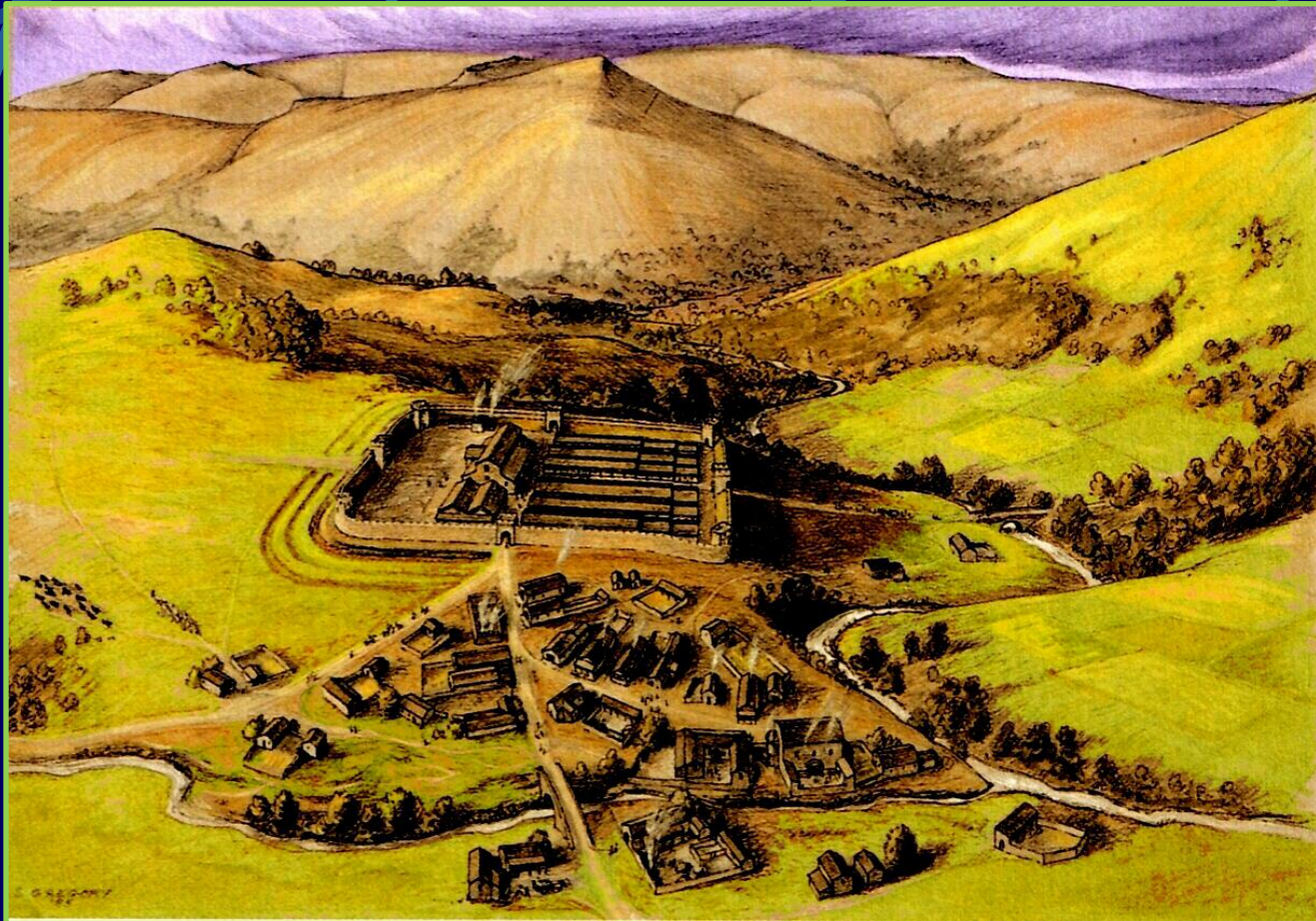


The Roman villa at Carsington

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An elusive fort



Brough on Noe Fort
at Buxton Museum

Known finds

HER 31112 - Roman Buxton summary
HER 2832 - Holker Road, Silverlands
HER 2836 - St Anne's Well (See Leach, 1999)
HER 2842 - Roman Milestone, Silverlands
HER 2833 - Suspected Roman Temple, the Slopes
HER 2869 - Coin hoard in the great bath ("Natural Baths")
HER 2834 - Lead bath near the crescent (Cistern as noted by Leach, 1999)
HER 2838 - Roman pottery east of Holker Road
HER 2839 - Roman pottery in Bennett Street
HER 31127 - Samian pottery at 2 Windsor Road
HER 31100 - Roman cobbling surface and pottery, Darwin Road (appears to be an error for Darwin Avenue)
HER 2840 - Unproven fort site, Silverlands (alternates being Bath Road or Market Place)
HER 2863 - Roman coin of Gallienus found at Park Road
HER 2852 - Suspected Roman building at Lismore Road near the vicarage
HER 34010 - Suspected horeshoe and spearhead at Fairfield Road

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The hinterland & Pooles Cavern



Roman Derbyshire ware at Derby Museum

Image: Anton Shone

Roman Buxton Future work

There is a need to systematically examine all the sources for archaeological finds in Buxton town to ensure they are valid and for them to be properly and accurately mapped.

There is a need for a programme of test pitting in order to determine if there are any other locations where Roman finds are present or focussed.

There may then be a need to develop a plan to identify potential sites for greater attention, not just the bath and temple precinct & the vicus around Silverlands but also locations for a possible short-lived fort or other structures

Questions and answers



Thank you for listening