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# Caistor Newsletter

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## Second chance for test pit training

Giles has arranged a final opportunity for test pit training: those who could not make it before will be free to join in, again at Great Moulton in the same field - but at the church end where the auger result looked very promising. This will take place on the weekend of 9 and 10 August. A single pit will be opened on the Saturday and must be completed on the Sunday. He will be there early but we are aiming for a 0900 start of works.

John Davies who arranged the dig informs us that the village hall is booked on the Saturday, so we cannot use the toilets. The chapel is available for that day so people will have to plan their toilet breaks to allow time to get there. John has arranged for the keys to the hall for Sunday.

As there is only going to be one pit, we can park on the field itself, and John will make sure the appropriate signs are out. We will have an area for our use with the rest of the field given over to parking for any wedding events which may be planned.

**Directions:** Take the A140 south and take a right turn at the Shell garage by the traffic lights in Long Stratton and follow the road through Wacton. There will be a **CRP** sign where you need to turn for the church. The village hall and access to the church drive will be signposted. Post code is **NR15 2LA**.

**Equipment:** Bring as many as you can of the following: trowel (blade no more than 10 cms), compass (to record orientation of pits), stout boots, rubber gloves (if washing), chair, camera and drinking mug. You will need to take all your refreshments for the whole day as there is no convenient shop.

If you intend being there please let Chrissy know at [brilix@icloud.com](mailto:brilix@icloud.com).

## Message from Chrissy:

Hi, everyone. I thought it would be nice if we could get together before we begin the test pitting in Caistor. A lot of you will know the pub on the river just a little further on down the lane from our barn at Kirby Bedon. It is called the Water's Edge and in the evenings, weather permitting, Lee who runs the pub has a barbecue. If we cannot get the barbecue, which has plenty of choice for vegetarians, we can still eat and drink in the pub so if you would like to join a gathering the details will be:

*The Water's Edge, Bramerton, Tuesday 19 August from 18.30 onwards*

Please let me know if you think you might be attending and if you are bringing anyone with you. I would like to give Lee an idea of numbers that might turn up. Contact me on

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Hope to see you there.  
Chrissy

## Where would we be without a t-shirt?

And just in case your thought Chrissie had been relaxing in the sun she has been organising this year's t-shirt. There are 30 t-shirts on order and they will be allocated on a money received basis. The t-shirts are in any colour you want as long as it's black with a simple design over the left breast saying:

Caistor Roman Project  
Test Pitting  
Caistor St Edmund  
Norfolk  
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Each line is picked out in a different bright colour. They cost £10 and the sizes that have been ordered are SM/ MED/ XL. If you would like to reserve a one please contact Chrissy at [brilix@icloud.com](mailto:brilix@icloud.com) and she will forward her address to you so you can make payment. She will not be making any refunds if you are not totally delighted with your purchase so be aware that you WILL be totally delighted with your purchase.

## Oral history and caption competition

Nat reports that about a dozen volunteers came to her first oral history workshops recently to get to grips with the audio recording technology and learn some interviewing skills. Future sessions are planned so if anyone is interested please get in touch with her at [npharlow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:npharlow@yahoo.co.uk) and likewise if they know anyone they might like to interview. She provided this photo of the session but it just cries out for a caption. What has Dani twigged that Gwen is still pondering? And why is Tony disdainfully peering at a suitcase? Entries please by replying to this newsletter.



## New blog

Ian Jackson has set up a blog at [www.caistorromanproject2014.wordpress.com](http://www.caistorromanproject2014.wordpress.com). Do have a look at the pictures of the test pitting.

## Lost property

I had hoped to do a 'WLM ..... with GSOH' section but we must content ourselves with getting possessions rather than persons together:

Further to the missing trowel saga, John Davies now needs to reunite someone else with their goods and chattels. The lady of the red shoes has had them returned, but now he is in possession of what he believes to be her mac and marigolds (sounds like a music hall act). If you are the lady in the red shoes (or know her) contact him at [jalexdavies@btinternet.com](mailto:jalexdavies@btinternet.com) to reunite yourself with your clobber.

## Pheeew! Nearly there.....

And as though all this was not enough the editor was perusing his EDP over breakfast the other day and noticed a letter to the editor from Graham Ford, Churchwarden at St Edmunds church at Caistor, saying that there will be cream teas in the church from 3.00 to 5.00 every Saturday and Sunday throughout August. Some respite for the diggers around the village on the weekend of 23 and 24 August.

## .... and a thank you to round off:

The project has had donated to it some expensive items for our first aid kits from NG Training. We have Nigel Gilham to thank for this who JUST by coincidence is related our own Gwen Digby. See [www.n-g-training.co.uk](http://www.n-g-training.co.uk) for more information about his company.

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