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Test pitting and Christmas party

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Caistor Clarion

Message about the Oral History group from Nat

I have booked in another oral history workshop at Dragon Hall on Friday 28 November, 4.00 to 6.00 pm. This is a multi-purpose session for *any* volunteers interested in doing the interviewing, whether they have done work on the group before or not. The newbies and those who missed the first training session will be able to familiarise themselves with the equipment and I will give a refresher to those who came last time but have not got started on the recordings. Finally I will show the more advanced how to write up a summary of their interviews and answer any questions that might come up in the process.

If you intend participating please contact Nat at npharlow@yahoo.co.uk.

Nat Harlow





Rhiane reaches a milestone with a very appropriate cake. Note the figure digging and the wheelbarrow.

Final date for UEA course

Just a brief reminder that the UEA is rerunning its excellent introduction to archaeology early next year and that the closing date for applications is 24 November. This runs on Monday evenings for the duration of the spring term and was reviewed by Eileen Wallace last time. More info at

<https://www.uea.ac.uk/art-history/introductory-courses/studying-archaeology>

End of the Year Report from Chrissy

Test pitting around Caistor

A big thanks everyone for a really wonderfully successful beginning to our latest project. It is just a start though as although we have completed 20 test pits around Caistor St Edmund we still have another 20 gardens to visit as well as returning to Wymer Field and Caistor Old Hall in the New Year.

The Home Visiting Team will start to call on householders in February and if the weather is kind we hope to get everyone back out digging in March.

Work on finds has continued at the barn regularly on Mondays. The finds should all be washed but sorting and looking at them will continue in the New Year when we can return to the barn, again when the weather warms up.

The Archive Group have had their noses stuck in books and old maps and the Oral History Group will soon be gently questioning the local populace.

What we have to do is tie all these strands together so we are all feeding into the work of each other just as the Geophysics Team have indicated by their work the places where we should dig. At some time in the future more geophysics will be used to inform each time we want to dig a pit.

In Test Pit 18, quite close to the north wall of the town, a possible road surface was found and the householders would like it investigated. So with this in mind the members of the group who have acted as Team Leaders on the individual digs are planning a small excavation which should take place in 2015. Keep your trowels and kneelers at the ready.

Christmas Get Together

As usual we will be having a get together before Christmas. This year we are meeting up in the Turkish Cafe 'Aslan's Den.' We will have the upstairs rooms.

This is situated behind Primark and next to Holland and Barrett at 23 White Lion Street in the city centre. They will do us a delicious buffet at a cost of £13 a head. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available to buy.

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Date: Wednesday 3 December Time: 7.00 onwards. Partners welcome.

Will is hoping to be there and we will have some seasonal remarks by him and the other trustees about past, present and most importantly the future.

I do hope you will be able to attend and you are all welcome to bring your partner or friend.

Please indicate if you **will** be coming and **how many** by **Monday 17th November** by contacting me on brilix@icloud.com. Please then send a cheque made payable to me at 31 Meadowbrook Close NR1 2HJ.

Chrissy Sullivan

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