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Caistor Clarion

After a long period of not much happening over the winter things seem to be hotting up ready for some proper digging.

First two messages from Chrissy:

I do hope you all have Thursday 26 February marked off in your diaries and that you are all intending to be at the Caistor Hall Hotel to celebrate the test pitting season of 2014. It would also be great to see those that were not involved last season but hope to be back digging with us this season, which will be starting shortly.

Anyway, everyone, as always I need your help. As well as turning up on the evening to talk to the residents of Caistor and show off finds there will be raffle tickets to sell, magazines for purchase, the last of the t-shirts and other tables to manage. So please let me know at brilix@icloud.com if you can help from 17.00 onwards to get ready and also help during the evening.

And the next thing:

The 2015 season is about to kick off and although our thoughts are turning to digging holes it is always good to find out what to expect during our endeavours. With this in mind we are running a morning workshop on local geology with our own Jenny Gladstone.

The dates are Monday 9 March and Saturday 21 March from 10.00 to 12.30 at the Caistor Hall Hotel. These sessions are the same and being run twice to make them available to all. There will be a coffee break.

On booking you will be sent illustrated information sheets which you should read beforehand and bring with you to the workshop. Jenny has rock samples for you to handle during the workshop.

This workshop is free to all full members and £5 to non-members. See at the end of the next item how to join if you have not done so already.

Please book your place with me at brilix@icloud.com. Places are limited so don't delay.

Chrissy

Opportunity to learn surveying

Keith Bowen and John Davies, our surveying team, are setting up a surveying group to take on everything that falls under the remit of land and features that need to be measured, drawn and plotted for use in recording and excavation tasks. In the immediate future this would be mainly for the test pits but could be much wider in future.

They would like two other volunteers who are interested in taking part and learning how to take on surveying tasks to join them. No previous knowledge is necessary but the opportunity for learning a new skill is great.

If you are interested in being part of this team please contact Keith at keithbowen@icloud.com. You will need to be a full member of the project so if you have not taken out full membership yet join up by completing the membership form downloadable from caistorromanproject.org/forms/CRP_membership.pdf.

Norfolk & Norwich Archaeological Society

In a previous edition we featured Norfolk Archaeological Trust to clarify our sister organisations. This time it is the turn of NNAS which gave us a grant for equipment recently. Roger Bellinger writes:

You might think that an archaeological society which is nearly 170 years old would be stuffy and boring but nothing could be further from the truth! The Society publishes an annual journal and operates an extensive library but also runs a programme of talks and excursions which cover archaeology and history of interest to all.

One of the advantages of joining an archaeological society is that you find out about excavations and research outside your own immediate area. So if you feel you know quite a lot about Caistor in the Roman period, you may like to find out about similar Roman investigations elsewhere. This can put your own knowledge into perspective and improve your understanding of how Caistor fits into the Roman world. And then of course there is the world outside Rome - so if you wanted to learn about ancient Norfolk woodland or hear how the excavations at Sedgeford went last year, you might have come to our lectures at the end of 2014.

The excursions in the summer months are mainly within Norfolk and Suffolk and this year we plan to lead walks in Thetford and St Olaves, visit Heydon, Barningham and Mannington Halls and explore Baconsthorpe Castle. In addition we have a four-day excursion to Wales, staying at Llandrindod Wells. On this trip we expect to visit Offa's Dyke as well as castles and churches, prehistoric remains and historic towns.

We have quite a remarkable library. One of its great attractions is the collection of archaeological journals from counties outside Norfolk but there are many other books, maps, papers, magazines and other items which may help you with your research. Have a look at the on-line catalogue at www.nnas.info.

The annual journal covers all sorts of articles - excavations and historical research but many people find the annual lists of finds, excavations and surveys of particular interest. If you want to see what was discovered in or near your own village in each year, this is the place to look.

The Society also sponsors the local branch of the Young Archaeologists Club as we believe starting young is archaeology's future.

To join the Society contact Alistair Graham Kerr at 'Casemate', 7 Burgh Castle Marina, Butt Lane, Burgh Castle, Norfolk NR31 9PZ or just turn up at one of our lecture meetings at Norwich Castle.

Two other talks

While it's still cold you may prefer your archaeology indoors so here are two talks that may interest you.

30 Years After Barringer : Norfolk's Pre-History Today and Tomorrow: Trevor Ashwin (Norfolk archaeologist).

In 1960, Rainbird Clarke published 'East Anglia', his book on prehistoric East Anglia in the Ancient Peoples and Places series. By 1980, it was considered that an update was needed and Chris Barringer edited the follow-up volume, 'Aspects of East Anglian History (Twenty Years After Rainbird Clarke)', eventually published in 1984. In view of the significant finds in this area in recent years, Trevor Ashwin feels that another update is overdue, hence this lecture.

The lecture takes place in Room Arts 01.01 at the University of East Anglia, Norwich at 14.30 on Saturday 21 February 2015. Non-members are welcome without charge.

More info from Norfolk Archaeological & Historical Research Group (www.nahrg.org.uk)

And getting really exotic:

Ainu Art and Archaeology: Tracing the Emergence of Ainu Ethnicities using Archaeological Data: Professor Kato Hirofumi (Professor of Archaeology, Hokkaido University Centre for Ainu and Indigenous Studies)
Conflict and Amalgamation between “Tradition” and “Ainu”: Mr Kaizawa Toru (Artist) with Dr Simon Kaner

Monday 23 February 2015 18.00 to 19.30

Admission free for Friends of the Sainsbury Institute/ £5 for non-Friends / £3 for students
Booking is essential. Please contact [Keiko Nishioka](mailto:Keiko.Nishioka@sainsbury-institute.org) to reserve a place. Email k.nishioka@sainsbury-institute.org or telephone 01603 597510.

The lectures will be held at the Sainsbury Institute, 64 The Close, Norwich NR1 4DH and will be followed by a drinks reception.

About the lectures:

Two distinguished guests who will introduce two fascinating aspects of the distinctive culture of Japan's northern island, Hokkaido. The historical trajectory of Hokkaido is very different from the other main islands in the archipelago and indeed it was only in the 19th century that Ezo, as it was formerly known, was fully assimilated into modern Japan. Before that it was the preserve of the Ainu, now formally recognised as an Indigenous People of Japan, after decades of discrimination. The Ainu cultural tradition (Ainu means 'The People' in the Ainu language, which is quite different from modern Japanese) goes back to at least the 13th century AD. Ainu people controlled territories from central Honshu to Russia, and played a key role in trade in the Medieval and Early Modern periods. These talks will demonstrate how, as opposed to accounts which consider the Ainu to be endangered survivors from the ancient past, they are the bearers of a vital cultural tradition with great contemporary resonance.

Editor's note: community archaeology in Japan is very well established and could teach us a thing or two.

Dates for your diary

26 February, 18.00 to 20.00 Briefing on work in the village to date - Caistor Hall Hotel
10 March, 18.00 Digging Sedgeford - a people's archaeology - UEA Lecture Theatre 1
17 March, 18.00 The Binham Hoard - gold and power in early Anglo-Saxon Norfolk - UEA Lecture Theatre 1

14 April, 18.00 Rendlesham rediscovered - an East Anglian royal settlement of the time of

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18 May, 19.00 CRP AGM and project briefing, open to all members - Caistor Hall Hotel

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