

Waveney Valley Community Archaeology Group

Archaeology for all in the Waveney Valley



August Meeting Report

What can we say? A brilliant turn out and a brilliant guest speaker. And biscuits.

Thank you to all who came, Forty five is a pretty good turnout for a bank holiday weekend in the middle of nowhere, and we're glad you all managed to find it. It was good to see some new faces as well.

A very special thank you too to Mike Webber for his simply superb hands-on finds and artefacts presentation. Hedenham Village Hall was spellbound, and I'm sure we could have carried on for a whole lot longer. Feedback has been universally positive and we have asked Mike if he will come back again.

We also announced a number of exciting new projects and events to take us well into next year.

The Waveney Valley Graffiti Survey

Because you have shown such an interest in medieval graffiti, we will be setting up a WVCAG Graffiti Group. The group will consist initially of those who have been on one of the medieval graffiti sessions we have already run. The idea is that the group will meet monthly and do a full survey of one church which will then be submitted to the Norfolk Medieval Graffiti Survey.

Our first meeting will be on October 19th at Scole Church. More details later. Please contact us if you'd like to be involved. Get in touch too if you haven't attended any of the training sessions but would like to find out more.

The First World War Project

2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. As our part in this commemoration we are putting together a project to record the social history of the Waveney Valley by looking at local family histories, photographs and objects from the

period and by exploring First World War memorials, monuments and sites in the area.

We also plan, working with local artists, to create an exhibition commemorating not only the fallen but also the survivors of the Great War from our local towns and villages. We intend to open the exhibition on 4th August 2014.

We will be applying to the Heritage Lottery Fund for funding for this project.

Dig Bungay, Dig Harleston!

This is a community test pitting project and will be our big project for 2014 and we aim to get as much publicity for it as we can. The basic aim of the project is to dig a number of test pits, probably twenty in total, in Bungay and Harleston over two weekends in June next year.

As part of the project we will be offering training to volunteers in everything to do with test pitting, from using geographical information systems (GIS), to digging, to finds processing, identification and recording.

During the two weekends of the dig we will be holding finds identification sessions open to the public in Bungay and Harleston and we hope to have on-site support from celebrity archaeologists.

We will be making all the results of Dig Bungay, Dig Harleston freely available digitally and if possible physically as well. We will be making a film and photographic record of the whole project which will also be available on line.

Again, we will be applying to the Heritage Lottery Fund for funding for this project.

Volunteers

We'll be needing volunteers, not just for these two projects, but also for Heritage Open Days at the Pennoyer Centre on 13th - 15th September and the Waveney Valley Food Festival in Bungay on 12th - 13th October. If you can help with any of these please let us know.

Harleston History Day

We'll be at the Harleston History Day on September 7th from 10.00am to 4.00pm in St John's Church, so pop in and see us if you're in town.

Waveney Valley Young Archaeologists' Club

The first meeting of the Waveney Valley YAC is on Saturday, September 14th from 10.30 - 12.30 at the Riverside Centre, Staithe Road, Bungay.

Test Pit Training

Test pit training day is Sunday October 13th. This is the only day before nights drawing in, weather turning a bit nippy etc. that we could get both the Norfolk and Suffolk archaeologists here.

Branded Clothing and Kit

We had a huge number of suggestions about what people would like in the way of logoed clothing and kit, and we're not going to list them all here, but if you have got any ideas, please let us know.

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