Time Team expert digs for history

A TIME Team archaeology expert was so inspired by what she uncovered during an historical dig at Terrington St Clement last year that she will return on Thursday and Friday.

Carenza Lewis, a presenter of the Channel 4 series which also features the actor Tony Robinson, unearthed treasures including the floor of a medieval building to the west of the church last July.

With the help of villagers and local schoolchildren, she dug several mini test sites on Churchgate Way and Roman Bank, to throw some light on the village’s development during the Anglo-Saxon and medieval periods.

“We want to get at least 20 sites dug in the village – the more samples we take, the more accurate a picture we create,” Ms Lewis, who is based at Cambridge University, told the Lynn News.

“Last time, we found Anglo-Saxon pottery in the area north of the church, but nothing much around the church itself. So the new test pits will be in this area, and spread through other areas of the village.

“We want to find out how much of the village was occupied in the medieval period.

“What we are interested in is the way the pattern of settlement changed,” she explained.

The sites will be at Lovell’s Hall, Church Farm, Low Road, Manor Farm next to the church, Eastgate Lane, Popes Lane, and Chapel Road.

And 40 pupils from local schools in the area will be helping Ms Lewis – and they will have the opportunity to take part in university-level research.

She said the project is being run by the university, and funded by Aim Higher, a campaign which encourages young people to think about the benefits of higher education – especially those from families with no tradition of higher education.