

# THE ARP ACTA



## Aylsham Roman Project Newsletter



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Welcome to our May newsletter.

Time is moving on and at the time of writing, the Aylsham Roman Experience 2017 is only 65 days away.

Please don't forget that by becoming a Friend for £10, you can visit the dig site as many times as you like at no further cost. Should you want to participate, this will then cost just £20 for any number of days during the three week digging period, weeks beginning 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> August. Full details can be found in March newsletter, download from [here](#).

### Who are we?

This month we focus on our very own Catherine Mullenger. It's hard to find a photo of Catherine from last August, as all we see is a back view, talking and encouraging children or on her knees digging. She is the person who helped



identify items and was there to ask advice from when Martin and Dan were busy elsewhere. She still is! She became interested in archaeology when her grandfather bought her DVDs on Giza, Ankor Watt and Machu Picchu. She fancies an expedition into the jungle, as the Aztecs, Mayan and Olmeic are some of the periods of archaeology that interest her mostly. If money was no object, she'd be somewhere in South America, the foothills of the



Andes, or visit the Chachapoyas to have a good chinwag with their elders.

Five words to describe archaeology? - Dig! The rest is history!

Her favourite colour? Green, so she can sneak up to people in forests. (So, beware).

She enjoys watching documentaries, particularly those involving Lucy Worsley, Susie Liscburb and Bethany Hughes. Her choice of music might be something like the soundtrack to Journey composed by Austin Wintory.

Hopefully the Civil Defence might be able to help out with her choice for a filled roll this summer - peanut butter.

Do you know anyone funny, incredibly strange and with a good head for history? If so, this would be Catherine's ideal digging partner. (No-one with falling trousers, though, that reveal parts we'd rather not see!!).

Thanks, Catherine

### Pining Away!

Well not quite, but Julie Curl has been busy again, this time finding the paw print of a pine marten, not an animal you see in this region anymore. Not the whole print, which shows



it in motion. She has also produced this fine drawing to accompany her report which can be found in full [here](#). Julie will be with us in the summer, looking to see what else was going on here nearly 2000 years ago.



## News...News...News...News...News...News...

The Tesco Bags of Help blue tokens are mounting up in our box in Aylsham Tesco, but we need every token we can get. Please keep shopping and collecting, please get your friends to keep shopping and collecting. We have another month to go to try and take the top prize.

## Future Events...Future Events...Future Events...

**Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>** Come and find us in Aylsham Farmers' Market. A chance to sign up as a Friend and participate in the summer. T-shirts, pens, postcards and badges on sale. Look out for our new feather flag that should be here by then, you won't be able to miss it, it's orange and black!

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June** We will have a table in the hall at the Aylsham Cluster Event at Aylsham High School. Children, come and help colour in some posters ready for August.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June** Peter's Spring Show at Woodgate Nursery, don't miss it! A further chance to sign up, pick up your Friend's card, buy something from our bric-a-brac tables, prepare for the summer, have a chat. We'd love to see you.

**Alice Roberts** will be at the Norwich Playhouse on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 1930. Book row E or F to sit with other ARP people. For full details, click [here](#).

## New Event...New Event...New Event...

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. The ARP Prom (well almost!!) Open Air Talk - Where are we?**

Prepare for Aylsham Roman Experience 2017. A chance to catch up on the history of the site, where we are at the moment and what we hope to be doing in August, delivered by Peter. This will take place in the kiln field, the site of last year's dig.

Bring your sandwiches, your drinks, your chairs and your umbrellas! No booking required. Gates open 1800, talk to start around 1900. Friends, on production of **Friend card** - £4, everyone else £6.

## Did you know?...Did you know?...Did you know?..

There were many crashes in a chariot race and with the charioteers wrapping the reins round their body, many were trampled once the chariot overturned. The Romans called these crashes naufragia = shipwrecks.

## Joke Time...Joke Time...Joke Time...Joke Time.

Teacher - Now who can tell me where Hadrian's wall is?

Pupil - Around Hadrian's garden!

*To do list for June -eat more, clean more, shop more, collect more tokens at Tesco.*

*Plus, please send in some better jokes!!!*



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