

THE ARP ACTA



Aylsham Roman Project Newsletter



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Welcome to Issue 8 and our last full newsletter until after the dig is over and is another lovely memory!

At the time of writing, there are just 32 days left before the digger arrives.

The ARP Prom Open Air Talk 5th July

An event not to be missed is taking place on Wednesday 5th July. Prepare for this year by coming to Woodgate Nursery from 1800 onwards to hear Peter give a talk about how it all began, where we are and what we will be doing in August. Bring your chair, your sandwiches, your drink and your umbrella onto the kiln field, on your left as you come into the Nursery. The talk will start around 1900 and will also be an opportunity to ask questions. We may have one or two of our experts with us as well. T-shirts, pens, postcards and badges will be on sale. There will also be a tombola and our collection bucket, so please bring your money with you. You can also pick up your Friends card, sign up to become a Friend and participate this year. All proceeds, as usual, go towards the project.

No booking is required, gates open from 1800.

Friends, on production of Friends card
£4, everyone else £6.
Hope to see you there.

Who are we?

This month's focus is on Teresa Rogers, who works at Woodgate Nursery. She popped across from the Nursery, to see what was happening in August, taking photographs and having a dig whenever she could. Although Natural History is her love, she is really into archaeology as well.



This started when visiting Norwich Castle in the 1970s and looking at the dioramas, particularly the Grimes Graves ones - the bloodied prehistoric flint miner kept her awake as a child. She has no idea what her dream job would be and will probably go to her grave still not knowing.

Her favourite colour is purple (most photographs see her in this colour!) Reason? You can spill wine with impunity!



It was Teresa who drew our lovely owl logo. At the moment she is experimenting with linocut landscapes, not knowing what will be the end result.

The aspect of Natural history she enjoys the most is botanical surveys, losing yourself in the intricacies of a little patch of Norfolk.

If she could go anywhere in the world, it would be The Great Smokey Mountains in the USA to see the wildflowers and fireflies. Her favourite plants, though, are ferns - subtle, magical and collectable.

If she ended up on a desert island, she would not take any alien plants with her to introduce to the pristine environment.

She would just hope there would be coconuts for food, shelter, beach mats and horse impersonations. (Mmm!)



The five words she would use to describe her love of Nature are great - Much less stressful than people.

Her roll-filling choice for the summer would be cheese and lots of rocket, however, she would much prefer muesli.

Thanks Teresa

News...News...News...News...News...News...

It's been a busy month, with a stall on Aylsham Saturday Market and two days at Peter's Spring Show. All three were very good and gave us a chance to talk to a great many people and spread the word about what is happening here. Both events saw the first outings for our new feather flag - you can't miss us now and hopefully it will attract more visitors in the summer when they come to buy their plants.



Can you help?...Can you help?...Can you help?...

We have an archaeology student joining us in the summer and he needs accommodation. Please email if you would be able to put him up.

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

Romans believed it was bad luck to enter a house with the left foot, so rich ones had a servant by the door to check everyone entered right-foot first - hence the term footman.

A New Project..A New Project..A New Project..

We are aiming to recreate the building and firing of a Roman kiln, in fact two kilns, one Roman based around our own Kiln 1 and the other a clamp kiln, the type used during the Iron Age/very early Roman period. Pots made will be arbitrarily split between the two. It is hoped that both will be built over the weekend of 2nd/3rd September and fired over the weekend of September 30th/October 1st.

Leading up to this we are hoping to engage a potter so we can have a go at making our own pots to be fired in the kilns. If you are a potter, you may like to have one of your pots included, please email if you are interested - we need to ensure any that go in have dried out well in advance.



We are already scouring the woods around Woodgate and stacking wood ready to burn on the kilns. There is a lot needed!

This is a very exciting project, but also a serious one. Wherever possible we will aim to reproduce as it would have been in those times. Many things still have to be sorted, but do put this date in your diary - barring floods and disasters, this will happen on the dates given above. There will be many health and safety precautions to put in place, but we hope that most of the process will be able to be witnessed by you visiting. All processes, success or failures, will be recorded throughout. Once all the arrangements have been made, further details will be given.

.....See you all in August.....



ARP.....Getting the community into holes



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