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## Aylsham Roman Project Newsletter



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Welcome to the May newsletter and with the weather improving, we can begin to look forward to the busy months that are coming up.

### Where will we be digging?

The decision has been made as to where this year's digging will take place. There will be five areas opened this year. On the main field there will be three:

1. approx. 25m north of the kilns
2. east of Area B - Louisa's trench
3. the children's area

The south side of the lake area from last year will be extended to incorporate the trackway.

The last area, will be to commence excavating the villa site, situated in the kitchen garden. This will be a long, slow period, with a small area uncovered at a time. Each layer will need uncovering with care and recorded, plus all soil will be hand-sieved throughout. This all sounds very exciting and we can't wait to get started!



The other good news is we have four new large sieves this year, giving us eight in total and meaning more soil can be checked throughout the three week period.

There will also be a marquee on the south side of the lake, something we were unable to supply last year. The refreshment area will be on the Kiln field as usual, as will the Welcome Area, and main large marquee for finds washing and sorting, displays, meetings etc.

A further marquee will house washed, dried and

bagged finds, tools, buckets etc and the last will cover the children's area. We were lucky with the weather last year with just one day really affected, but we were able to run the children's area quite successfully.

### Tesco Bags of Help

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of you Tesco shoppers who put your blue tokens in our collection box here in Aylsham. We have won the top amount of £4000 which will go towards the finance of our Schools Week w/b Monday June 25<sup>th</sup>. This is great news and has brought a big smile of relief to Peter's face.

**TESCO** Bags of Help

### Specialist Day

Last year's Specialist Day went very well and we will be having this once again. During the second week, on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1000-1400, our professionals will again join us and give you the opportunity to talk to them and bring any finds with you to have them viewed.

We have also been lucky to book John Lord for the day. Many of you may have seen him or attended one of his workshops. John is a professional flint knapper and will be demonstrating the art of knapping on the Kiln field during the day. He will be pleased to look at any flint items you might like to bring along on that day.

### Latin Taster

Fancy learning a bit of Latin? If so, come for a free 20 minute taster on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August, given by Jane Maguire, in the big marquee on the kiln field. The time is 1045, time to grab a coffee,

time to give the knees a break and have a bit of fun! All are welcome to come along, promises to be fun!

## Become a Friend and Take Part

It's never too late to become a friend or renew your Friend card for just £10, but don't forget that if you joined last July/August, your card will have run out.

If you also want to participate for just £20 and be part of the daily list of diggers etc, please make sure you do so **before the end of June**. This is the date that the link to the online form you are sent needs to be accessed and completed. Don't worry, reminders will be sent to you if you forget to fill it in!

Your Friend card will also allow you onto the site at any time during the three weeks, to come and see what is happening, have a cuppa and have a chat. Not a Friend? You are still very very welcome, but we would ask if you could donate £1 to our fundraising, which is continuous all year round. Do please share this with all your friends too, young and not so young are all welcome.

## Are you a Friend and a potter?

We know that some of you are and wondered whether you would like to make a pot to fire in our Roman kiln at the end of September: if so, please email us.

We hope to involve one or two schools in making pinch pots etc, but also need some larger items to put in the kiln. We cannot guarantee the outcome, who knows, might end up like this!!



## Dates for your diary...Dates for your diary

Fundraising, as mentioned above, is ongoing. We have many more happy years ahead of us, but need to keep the money coming in. To this end, we hope you and your friends will come along to the **Woodgate Garden Show** over the weekend **Sat/Sun 9<sup>th</sup>/10 June**. We will have a bumper Raffle, Name the Teddy, many items to browse through on our bric-a-brac tables and, of course, the chance to buy your t shirt/polo shirt for the summer, your pen to write your shopping list with and your bag to take everything home in! Lots of other goodies as well - DVDs from last year's dig, badges, pencils, rubbers, post cards and owl reflectors. Great presents for people, too.

Don't forget our **Open Air Talk, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August**, on the Kiln field, Friends - £5, non-Friends - £7, pay on the night. Gates open 1800, bring your picnic, talk from Peter about 1900 giving you the latest updates and wetting your appetite for the following weeks.

There is also an opportunity to come and see us in Aylsham Market Place on the morning of **Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup>** when we will have a stall at the Norfolk Day event.

Thank you everyone who has offered to help at any of these events and during Schools week, it is much appreciated. If you find you can help and haven't let us know beforehand, please just come, you will be very welcome, the more the merrier to spread the news.

**At all events you will be able to pick up your Friend card, please remember!**

*We also have a stand at the Aylsham Show on August Bank Holiday Monday. It's going to be busy.....*



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