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Aylsham Roman Project Newsletter



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"It is wonderful being part of this project. I love everything about it, the history, the learning of new skills, being outdoors, the excitement of discovery, the camaraderie and the banter. Can't wait for next year. Thank you Peter for having the courage to turn your dreams into a reality, you are making a lot of people very happy."

"My son and I enjoyed our first visit today - we'll be back next summer."

"Have loved being a part of this wonderful project...exceeded all my expectations and some! This is community archaeology at its best. So excited about the next few years of being involved...can't wait!!"

"I feel extremely lucky to be part of this wonderful project again with amazing people from all walks of life. Very privileged to be given the chance to dig for Roman finds & much more on this beautiful land & most probably the only chance I will ever have that fulfils my childhood dream of becoming an archaeologist. Thank you Peter & everyone it's a wonderful thing that you are doing here."

"Thank you for the opportunity to be involved in such an amazing project....learning, laughter and lots of hard work. Here's to next year."

"Thank you. Met some great people and felt part of a great community project. What an experience."

"Our first visit this year, looking forward to next year already."

"A huge thank you to all involved, a thoroughly enjoyable three weeks... back next year."

"Ethan joined you yesterday for what has now become his annual visit to the dig via Tots2Teens. He had another fab and informative day, a recommended chance to become involved in a fascinating local community project. He's hoping you're opening up another area next year? If so he'll see you there."

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year and what a way to start!

These are some of the comments posted



on our Facebook page during the August 2018 dig. Thank you to all involved, it meant we had another terrific

three weeks, learning more about the Woodgate site. Next year we start on Monday 5th August, three weeks, so get it in your diaries now!

ARP 360 World

During the summer we had a company called Virtronix visit us for a couple of days. They sent up a drone and also took 360 images of our dig sites. This has all now been combined, along with many hotspots detailing what is happening, what has been found etc., into an online site that can be found [here](http://virtronix360.world/arp) at <http://virtronix360.world/arp>. This is the landing page, use your mouse to move around and explore. Click on icons to



to read, view images, access links to documents etc. Take a walk to the lake, fly to the Kitchen Garden. Look to the sky for a link to a fantastic video of the site, with music called Uncovering the Past, specially commissioned for us and composed by a young man studying Music at university called Harry Boulton. Find his website [here](#).

Summer 2018 Review



At our Social Evening earlier this month, we reviewed some of the feedback from the summer, thank you for completing. We cannot take all suggestions on board, but

here are some that we can have a go at. There was confusion over what soil heaps to sieve so we will try to label these clearly. We will have buckets, sieves etc for purchase. The length of day was raised. An earlier start would mean some people getting to the site even earlier than they do at the moment, a later start again means later home for many. We can shorten the lunch hour and, if you finish eating early, you will be able to do more sieving. Civil Protection do an excellent job feeding and watering us, are all volunteers and want to hear what has been happening at the end of the day, so there are no refreshments when we end. The cafe is still open in Nursery. The cost



of digging was appreciated, but will have to raise this for the coming season. There is a substantial report to be written and published to OASIS, an online searchable area bringing together archaeological reports from around the country and validated by Historic England.

Kiln Project



We did it! We made some pots, we built a kiln, we fired



the pots and they came out whole!

There will be a report written and a morning's talk in the New Year to go through all that we



did but it was a fantastic project



involving many people. Very grateful thanks to Beryl Hines - Beryl the Builder - for being with us all the way and helping our success. We could not have done it without you.

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

Bric-a-Brac Sale Saturday 8th December Woodgate Nursery 1000-1300

We need to move our stuff to another shed, so will do it via the Marquee at Woodgate Nursery. Any helpers, please do come from 0900 onwards. Buy your Christmas tree, buy your stocking fillers from our promotional items, go away happy! Please bring dry weather with you!

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