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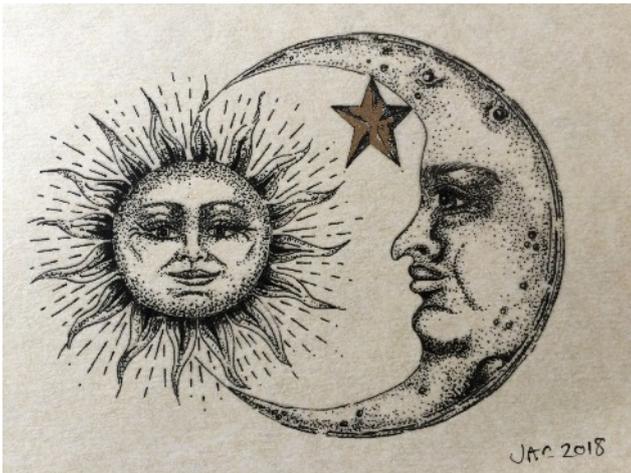


Aylsham Roman Project Newsletter



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Christmas is over and we look to the New Year and wonder what this year will bring us?



This lovely drawing of Saturnalia is by the lovely Julie Curl and features on the front of the Christmas card sent to all at ARP. Thank you, Julie, thanks too, to Matt B and Louisa at Britannia Archaeology for their card to us all. Louisa is working in London at the moment, examining bodies being excavated and enjoying every minute! She does, though, hope to come and see us in the summer.

Another thank you

We want to say a big thank you to the organisers of the Aylsham Show. We have been awarded a £250 charitable donation and will attend an evening late in January to pick it up. We very much appreciate being selected this year. This will go towards funding our Schools Archaeology week which we hope to run again in June.

Bric-a-Brac Sale

We don't seem to have much luck at the moment in running a sale when the sun is shining and it is not raining. December 8th saw us at Woodgate Nursery again. The sun did shine, but it was also very windy. One



gust lifted the marquee up out of the ground, moved it back three inches and tipped over a couple of tables!

Fortunately no-one was hurt and we all laughed about it. The Nursery staff came to the rescue, thank you, we held on, and raised nearly £90. A good morning in the end! Our next sale will be sometime in the New Year when hopefully it will be warmer and drier, and will be a second-hand book and DVD sale.

Pottery Sessions



Andy Fawcett from Britannia Archaeology has visited us a couple of times and, with a small number of Friends, gone

through how to look at, sort and categorise our pottery.

Over the next few weeks we will be putting this guidance into practise and sharing with all those coming to help on Tuesday mornings. We have quite a bit of work ahead

of us, going through all the Kiln Field finds from the first two years as well as this year, but this will contribute to a written report to be produced by Britannia Archaeology during the next few months.

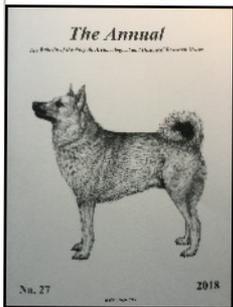
Printed Articles

Two articles about the project have appeared in the last month. The Norfolk and Norwich Archaeological Society (NNAS) has a report and photos written by Britannia Archaeology on this year's dig.



The Annual, produced by the Norfolk Archaeological and Historical Research Group (NAHRG) features Gronmoad on the front cover. For those new to ARP, during our first year a dog skull and bones were discovered in a waste pit in the Kiln Field. After a competition to name the dog, it has become known as Gronmoad. All our bone and paw prints are studied by Julie and the 2018 magazine contains her reports on the dog, the beaver amulet and animal prints, including the wild cat and pine marten. This area of archaeology is not often covered due to time restrictions, which we don't have.

We are indebted both to Britannia and Julie for supporting us and providing such valuable information about our site here in Aylsham. We have many more years of discovery ahead of us.



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

Saturday 26th January 2019 1000-1200

Venue - Friendship Hall, Aylsham.

Come to a talk and presentation about our **Roman Kiln Project** and find out just what we got up to during October and November 2018. Friends £5, non-Friends £7, payment and further details to follow in the New Year.

Friday 15th March 2019 Quiz night

Back by popular demand, our second quiz night will again be held in the Friendship Hall, here in Aylsham. You have been warned, get out the encyclopaedias! Friends £5, Non-Friends £7, again further details in the New Year.

Saturday 9th February 2019 Thomas Paine Lecture Theatre, UEA 1430

A talk about the Must Farm Settlement near Peterborough is NAHRG's February talk. This is an exceptionally well-preserved late Bronze Age site. The talk is free, the car park costs £1.

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

The Romans had fast food, as we do today. With many soldiers to feed, they set up stalls to feed them all. Stalls also appeared in market places. An ancient cookbook, Apicius, details a recipe that looks very similar to our modern burger. Made with pork, a favourite meat in Roman times, seasoned and served with a wine sauce, it would have been a much more upmarket version than our burgers today!



Dark days' entertainment.

For just £25 you can order a 500 piece jigsaw of Kiln 1 or Kiln 2. Money with order, email for details about how to pay.

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