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Aylsham Roman Project



Special Edition - Aylsham Roman Experience August 2020

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Welcome to this special edition of the newsletter

It might only be the end of February, but preparations are already under way for our fifth year - **Aylsham Roman Experience 2020**. We would like to thank all of you who became a Friend last year, all who donated money, all who came and participated, all who supported any of our events and all who purchased our fund-raising items. All of the money goes towards financing the project. We need to maintain this income and so we are asking if you would kindly continue supporting us.

Become a Friend

We would like you to become a **Friend of ARP** by committing to an annual subscription of **£10 per adult**. This will ensure you continue to receive our emails, newsletters and any news before it appears on the website, Facebook or Twitter. You will also get reductions on any events that we run.

If you are already a Friend, we'd love you to renew! Please do so as detailed below.
There are three different ways you can do this.

1. By Standing order/Bank Transfer

Account **Aylsham Roman Project**
Bank and Sort Code **Santander 09-01-29**
Account number **00907699**

If you set up a standing order last year, thank you, you need do nothing.

Once it appears in our account you will receive a confirmation email. If you are not on our mailing list, please email us at aylshamromanproject@gmail.com and let us know to expect it. It can take a few days to appear.

2. By post to

FAO Aylsham Roman Project,
Woodgate House,
Aylsham, Norwich,
NR11 6UP

Please place cash or cheque - **made payable to Aylsham Roman Project** - in an envelope, **with your name/s**, and the words **Friends of ARP**. If you are not yet on our mailing list, please also add your **email address**.

3. In person at Woodgate Nursery shop.

Please place cash or cheque - **made payable to Aylsham Roman Project** - **with your name/s**, in an envelope addressed as **Friends of ARP**. If you are not yet on our mailing list, please also add your **email address**.

You will receive an email confirmation and a card with your name on will be created. This card will enable you to participate in the **Aylsham Roman Experience 2020**, for which there will be a charge, at a reduced cost. Your card can be collected at any of our events or during the August dig itself.

Some of you may not wish to dig, sieve, wash etc, but simply be a part of ARP. You may just want to come along and have a look at what's been found in the finds marquee, walk around the site, sit, have a drink, have a chat and watch it all happening in front of you. You will also be able to buy our promotional items from the Welcome Area.

We want you all to feel part of this project

Participate in the Aylsham Roman Experience August 2020

Those of you who become **Friends of ARP** will be able to participate in the three weeks for **£40 per adult** and **£10 per child under 16**. Should you wish to give more, this would be gratefully accepted.

Please note, all children must be accompanied at all times.

Preparation week - W/B 27th July , Dig weeks - W/B 3rd/10th/17th August

There are different activities to become involved in.

- **Digging, sieving, washing** - digging areas are yet to be confirmed, but we hope to uncover and excavate more features Finds may not be in abundance as when we discovered the kilns, but all contribute to our understanding of the history of Woodgate. Sieving is very important, not just from soil removed during the dig itself, but the topsoil removed during the preparation week holds many interesting and important items. We have large, stand-up sieving areas as well as small individual sieves. Washing and cleaning takes place in the large marquee. Friends will help with the process and it's a great area to take a breather, have a chat and marvel at what has been found.
- **Drawing and recording** - Friends have found this rewarding, seeing a whole process through. This comes with guidance from Britannia Archaeology, our professional partners.
- **Photography and video** - send us photos you take to add to our Facebook posts, use our video equipment to record short sequences.

- **Tour guide** - help to take people around and explain what is going on. We hope to have laminated notes of the site that you can take with them.
- **Welcome tent - meet and greet** - we will need people to sign in those who come each day, hand out the Friends of ARP cards, gather groups for tours etc
- **Welcome tent - shop** - we also need people to sell any merchandise and collect donations. There are always at least two people so you are not on your own, and if it becomes very busy, further help will be available.

Payment for this year can be made in the following ways:

1. **Bank transfer** using the account details given on the first page.

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Please place cash or cheque - **made payable to Aylsham Roman Project** - in the envelope, **with your name/s** and the words **August Dig**.

3. **In person** at Woodgate Nursery shop.

Please place cash or cheque - **made payable to Aylsham Roman Project** - **with your name/s** in an envelope addressed as **August Dig**.

If you pay by **cash/cheque**, want to become a Friend AND take part in the August Dig, please place the **total** payment in an envelope, **with your name/s** and the words **Friend and August Dig combined**.

*For those who do **not** become Friends of the ARP, but wish to come for a day, the charge will be **£10 for adults and £5 for child under 16**.*

*Family rate - **two adults and two children under 16 - £25***

Not sure if it is for you? Visit free on

Try-us-out-Tuesday 4th August.

If you like us, sign up for the rest of the dig.

For those who wish to just come and visit, everyone is more than welcome, but we would appreciate a donation, thank you.

Online Aylsham Roman Experience August 2020 Form

Once your payment has been received, we will send you a link to an online form asking you to say which days you are available and what you would like to be involved with.

Please fill in a separate form for each person. You will be asked what mornings and afternoons during the three weeks you hope to come. A further section will ask

you what activities you would like to be involved with, select as many or as few as you wish to be involved in. This gives us an idea of how many we might expect on any one day and a timetable is created for digging to try and ensure everyone gets an opportunity to dig. Spaces are also available for day visitors. A further timetable is created for the Welcome Area.

*We appreciate that some of you may have difficulty completing the form until much nearer the time. The deadline for completion, though, is **June 30th 2019**, wherever possible and reminders will be sent. Please email if you have any problems.*

If you have not visited us before, we are on Cawston Road, Aylsham, NR11 6UH, turn into the Woodgate Nursery entrance and left into the field. Please keep left, follow the track and park in the **East Field**, where we had a trial trench last year. Walk back round to enter via the **Welcome Tent**, to sign in etc.

The actual digging areas, including an area for children, are yet to be finalised, but are likely to involve walking across uneven, possibly muddy ground. There will be toilets available near each area. Hot and cold drinks will be available and, hopefully, filled rolls. More on this nearer the time as we will be taking on the catering ourselves.

Frequently Asked Questions

What does a typical day look like?

0830 - volunteers arrive to prepare the site for the day, ready to receive everyone.
0915-0945 - arrival time. This gives time to sign in, read any safety documents, order lunch etc.

0930 onwards - want to sieve/wash while you wait? No problem!

1000-1200 - groups for digging/ sieving/washing etc are detailed.

1200-1245 - lunch, if you finish eating and want to sieve, please do so!

1245-1500 - again groups organised and all activities continue

1500-1515 - sites tidied, finds labelled and gathered in, everyone returns for an end of day talk. Depending on what is found and the weather, this may take place at any of the dig areas. An announcement will be made at the beginning of the afternoon.

1530 - departure time. This may be a bit later depending on what exciting discoveries have been made during the day. Volunteers remain to complete the site tidy, secure finds, clean toilets etc. During the evening of every day a report and photos are posted onto our Facebook page and copied onto the website, keeping everyone informed of our progress.

What happens if it rains? We keep going as much as we can, but dig areas etc may not

be available if too wet, for safety reasons. The big marquee on the Kiln Field then becomes a coffee and chat/washing area. Fun can still be had even in the wet and there is always something to do!

Will digging take place every day? We dig as much as we can, but there are times, apart from when it rains, when it might not be possible. These will be dictated by Britannia Archaeology and a site may be closed for recording to take place. There will, though, always be plenty of sieving to do and many happy hours can be spent at this activity. With finds coming in during the week, cleaning and washing is also very rewarding - a muddy piece of tile can reveal an interesting pattern or foot prints. Sites open will be displayed on a board in front of the Welcome Tent.

What do I need to bring? You could bring just yourself, but many like to bring their own eg trowel/kneeler/gloves etc. We will have items for you to purchase on site, such as trowels, kneelers, buckets, sieves and hand shovels, with prices being confirmed nearer the time. Please label anything you buy!! There will also be ones that you can borrow when you visit, as in previous years.

Is there anywhere to buy a drink? As mentioned previously, we hope to offer hot and cold drinks and filled rolls for lunch, orders will be taken as you arrive. We have Volunteers who have offered to help out in the area - perhaps this appeals to you? If so, and you have not yet let us know, please email. There will also a seating area. This will be open from around 0930 and, we hope, not close until the afternoon session has finished. *All this to be confirmed, but looks promising!*

Can children come? We welcome all ages, all abilities. There will be a dedicated children's area on the Kiln Field and it is lovely seeing the young ones taking an interest. They must be supervised at all times.

What is Specialist Wednesday? If you have any questions about archaeology, finds etc, then visit us during the second week, on Wednesday 12th, August, when our experts will be on site ready to help. We will also have John Lord, a professional flint-knapper with us once again. He is fantastic to watch as he turns a lump of flint into a tool. He is also happy to look at any flint finds you may have.

Any other queries? Please email aylshamromanproject@gmail.com

Get prepared for the summer and order your ARP clothing. Polo shirts - £12, always in stock. Pre-order - **Sweatshirt - £14; Hooded sweatshirt - £17; Hooded sweat jacket with full zip - £22; Rugby Shirt - £27; S - XXL.** Minimum order of 25 required to place the order. Email us for an order form to fill in so we can get them here for August!

Date... Date for your diary.....Date for your diary.....Date.....Date for your diary.....Date for your diary.....

Don't forget our **Quiz Night** is coming - **Friday 13th March, 7pm for 7.30pm.** Friendship Hall, Aylsham. Teams of up to 6 people. No team? Make one on the night. Friends - £5, Non-Friends - £7. Payment details as above, mark your envelope Quiz Night. Great fun for all, book now - last few places available! *Now where's that encyclopaedia, had it here somewhere.....*

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