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Aylsham Roman Project Newsletter



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Dear All, the June edition of the newsletter has traditionally been the last of the year, and one where we look forward to final organisation ready for our dig in August.

It is, therefore, with heavy hearts, that we have to announce there will be no August Dig this year. With all that is still going on at the moment, this will not be a big surprise, but many of us will really miss meeting up, digging, enjoying ourselves, as we try and learn more about earlier times at Woodgate.

A phone call with Martin Brook at Britannia Archaeology earlier this week confirmed no digging. The company is now back at work, but having to complete much more Risk Assessment and Health and Safety Information than ever before.

The practicalities of considering just a small excavation are massive and something that we will not consider until conditions greatly improve and we can meet safely. This may not be for several weeks, it may not be until next August, but we WILL dig and meet again. After all, it's not going away, those wonderful pieces of Bronze Age pottery are still waiting to be found and the large Roman building remains are still lurking a few feet down.

For those of you who have already paid to participate this August, this will be automatically transferred to next August. If you require a refund, do please let us know.

We would be very grateful, if you have not already done so, if you would renew your Friend card. It is important we keep our finances topped up. Our talks to local groups have been cancelled and no income was made from the Woodgate Garden Show this year as it too had to be cancelled. Gentle reminders for renewal will be sent at the appropriate time.

In the meantime, we will continue our Zoom meetings, and will continue to keep in touch with you all. Our Facebook page will also reflect what is happening and give you reminders of what we have done in the past. A great series over the past four weeks has been with photos of Sable, ending this week with her posed as top dog in the Nursery. She will certainly be pleased to see you all again.



PS Garden Lovers - please don't get carried away, no Clover multipurpose available at the moment, waiting for delivery!! Other makes on sale :)))

Blue Tit Web Cam

Thank you for your messages saying how much you enjoyed watching the blue tits and their final few frantic minutes as they fledged into the big wide world. Compulsive viewing and so good to see Nature continuing to give us such pleasure. Here's a photo of the last to leave the nest, made it to the fence and then just sat there, allowing me to take this great photo.



Plus, a view of the inside of the nest box, the nest area itself and Mistie keeping guard on the roof!!



Here's to next year!

Things to keep you busy, just copy and paste the links

Here's another one for Harry Potter fans. J.K. Rowling has created blog about the

Legend of The Ickablog

<https://www.theickabog.com/home/>

Magnetometry on a grand scale! How about a machine like this across the Woodgate ground? This has revealed a Roman city. shorturl.at/eNV38

NNAS - Back issues of the Norfolk and Norwich Archaeological Society's journals are available here.

<http://www.nnas.info/NABackIssues.html>

Interested in fossils? Check out this link shorturl.at/iLSYO

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

Found this on a Facebook post:

Pliny advocated treating sprains and bruises with "wild boar's manure...quite respectable people drink the powder mixed with water." Roman treatments were understandably not always successful. "Until recently Daiulus was a doctor, now he is an undertaker."



And finally, when you are washing your hands, do think about the poor centipede.

Stay safe, everyone

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