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Aylsham Roman Project



Special Edition - Aylsham Roman Experience August 2019

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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 fourth dig - **Aylsham Roman Experience 2019**. 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.

There is no increase in becoming a Friend, but there is an increase since last year on the cost of participation.

Become a Friend

We would like you all 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

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 2019**, 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 2019

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**. (*No increase in child rate*)

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

W/B July 29th - Preparation week, W/B 5th/12th 19th August - Dig weeks

There are different activities to become involved in.

- **Digging, sieving, washing** - digging areas are yet to be confirmed, more below. 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 - a lovely tiny flint blade was found last year. 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 maps of the site people 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.

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

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

2. **By post to**

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Aylsham, Norwich,
NR11 6UP

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 per child under 16**.*

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

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 2019 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 6UP, turn into the Woodgate Nursery entrance and left into the field. Please park here. The field will be cordoned off and entrance is via the Welcome Area marquee. 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. Our Civil Protection Friends will again be with us, providing drinks and food on the Kiln Field, near the Welcome Area and car park.

Frequently Asked Questions

What does a typical day look like?

0830 - volunteers arrive to prepare the site for the day, ready to receive everyone.
0915-1000 - arrival time. This gives time to sign in, read any safety documents, order lunch etc.

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 to the Kiln Field for an end of day talk. Depending on what is found and the weather, this may take place in another area. 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!

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. Last year, finding part of a floor in the Kitchen garden one morning suddenly meant no further digging was possible in that area. As mentioned earlier, there will 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.

What do I need to bring? You could bring just yourself, but many like to bring their own eg trowel/kneeler/gloves etc. This year 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. You might also like to "sponsor the wheelbarrows," again more details to follow. Metal ones are being purchased. Please label any 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? Our friends at Civil Protection will be setting up again on the site so hot and cold drinks through the day and orders for rolls taken in the morning whenever they have enough volunteers. There is also a seating area. They set up from 0830 and close during the afternoon in time to hear the end of day talk. The smell of bacon drifting across the field - mmmmmm!

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.

Get prepared for the summer and order your ARP clothing.

Our Polo shirts have proved popular and are always in stock - £10 each. Why not treat yourself as well to one or more of these: Sweatshirt - £12; Hooded sweatshirt - £15; Hooded sweat jacket with full zip - £20; Rugby Shirt - £25; S - XXL. These have to be pre-ordered - payment with order - and we need a minimum of 25 to be able to place the order. Email us for an order form to fill in so we can get them here for August!



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Don't forget our **Quiz Night** is coming - **Friday 15th 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.....*

Saturday 27th April, Woodgate Nursery, secondhand book and DVD sale, more details in the next newsletter.



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