

# The ARP ACTA



## Aylsham Roman Project Newsletter



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Welcome to our February newsletter and what should be the full and exciting news about this year's dig.

Unfortunately, things will be different. Please read on as we try to look ahead at what might be possible.

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### Aylsham Roman Experience 2021

If everything was normal, we would be getting you to renew as a Friend and sign up for our August Dig: unfortunately, these are not normal times and lockdown is still with us. We continue to watch the briefings and updates and are beginning to feel more confident. We do, though, so hope you will continue your support and become a Friend again this year and, those of you who are not, we do hope you too will support us and become a new Friend. We have the dates booked for August, but whether we can go ahead, at this moment, we cannot give any certainty.

If we dig, it will be up to three weeks, Monday to Friday, starting Monday August 2nd 2021. At the moment, this is how we see we could progress:-

1. All restrictions are lifted and we are able to offer a full dig
2. We are still under some restrictions but are able to offer Friends and people living locally the opportunity to participate.
3. We still have many restrictions, but are able to offer Friends the opportunity to participate, but with greatly reduced numbers.
4. There is no dig.

We feel we should now be able to do something around point 2 and 3. We won't know anything for certain until much nearer the time. Our thoughts at the moment are that we would dig in one area only, open up a large trench and create socially distanced test pits. Wherever possible, we would like you to bring as much of your own equipment to avoid spending too much time cleaning after every session, eg a trowel, a kneeler, a pair of gloves, a bucket, a sieve, a shovel and, if you can, a wheelbarrow. We think your own mask and hand sanitiser will also be needed. There will probably be the need for risk assessments for the digging, washing and sieving area areas, very likely for having lunch too! Britannia will be able to help with all this. We will still need rotas so we know who to expect each day and signing in will be even more important than usual.

**Wherever you are, wherever you go, stay safe, get your vaccine, keep fit for August!**

What we would encourage you to do is to renew your Friend card as soon as you can and be added to our database. Should we feel we can go ahead, you will be the first ones we will notify, particularly if we can run, but with greatly reduced numbers. Many of you will be renewing in March, others of you are later in the year through to August. Renewing early will not affect this renewal month.

Some of you have set up standing orders. We have recorded some, but would appreciate if you could remind us, in order for us to have as complete a list as possible of those of who will be renewing.

Details of renewing are given below.

*We are determined to dig if at all possible, but the final answer will, of course, be up to Britannia Archaeology, after consultations with CiFa, CBA, and Historic England. We keep our fingers crossed.....*

### What a find!

While digging in the Nursery, Peter, unsurprisingly, came upon some Roman



pottery. One bit in particular turned out to be something special. It is believed to be a "globular



Dressel 20 amphora" made in Spain, and used to import olive oil during the mid 1<sup>st</sup> to mid 3<sup>rd</sup> century.

This is the most frequently found amphora found in Britain. Copy and paste this link to read more.

[www.thecolchesterarchaeologist.co.uk/?p=28676](http://www.thecolchesterarchaeologist.co.uk/?p=28676)

The question is - where's the rest?!

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Thanks, Alice, this newsletter makes good reading  
<https://heritage.suffolk.gov.uk/newsletter-february-2021>

### Friend Renewal Details

#### 1. By Standing order/Bank Transfer

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

#### 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**.

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Thanks, Franz, more information about Sutton Hoo <https://www.bbc.co.uk/archive/chronicle--sutton-hoo/z4j8y9q>

 **ARP.....Getting the community into holes** 

Don't forget to check out our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) links plus our website <https://aylshamromanproject.com/>

Email us at [aylshamromanproject@gmail.com](mailto:aylshamromanproject@gmail.com)

Look at our 360 world <http://virtronix360.world/arp>

**Pandemic Wish List Blues**

**Carole Lee**

(can be sung to the tune of the hymn What a Friend We have in Jesus)

*When this Covid plague is over  
No more masking up for me.  
When I put my party clothes on  
Oh, how happy I shall be.*

I will visit dear old Cromer  
And paddle in the deep blue sea.  
Then for sure I'll know it's Sunday  
And we can have roast beef for tea.

Will I remember that it's Monday,  
No more zooming on the screen,  
No more frozen little faces,  
They are nowhere to be seen.

Will Matt Hancock go on holiday  
And give us all a well-earned break,  
So we can burst our worn-out bubbles  
And stuff ourselves with loads of cake.

When I walk the country pathways  
With strangers never seen or known,  
Will I smile and say hello there  
Or pretend I'm busy on my phone.

When I've had my Astra vaccine  
With every mask thrown in the bin,  
I can hug my friends forever  
And drown our sorrows with a gin.

*When this Covid plague is over  
No more masking up for me.  
When I put my party clothes on  
Oh, how happy I shall be.*