

The ARP ACTA



Aylsham Roman Project Newsletter



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Welcome to the first issue of Volume 6 of our newsletter which runs monthly from November to June, and welcome to new Friends who have joined us this year.

August 2021

We did it! Although very different to other years, with no visitors joining us during the first two weeks, it all went well and two excavation trenches were dug on



Mary's Beck. The third week we welcomed visitors and thank you so much if you came. This made things seem more normal! Next August, we hope to run for three weeks, with three sites open, Kiln Field, Kitchen Garden and further work on Mary's Beck. More details later on in the year, but don't book a holiday for three weeks starting **Monday August 8th 2022!**

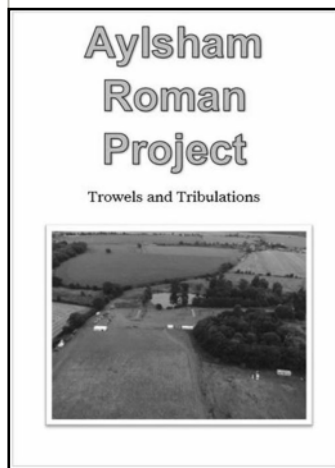
New exciting DVD

During the summer we were joined by Martin Hayward Smith and Ray Gotts, who make up Old Beans Productions. Both were on site at different times through the whole period, filming what was going on.

The editing has been done and the final version is now available on DVD for just £5. It explains how this wonderful



adventure into the past all began. They will be on sale at our future events, but if you are visiting the Nursery and would like one, please email and we will arrange to have one waiting for you at the shop.



New Jigsaws



Our jigsaws, exclusive to ARP, are proving popular and we now have 6 different ones. £25 each, stock is limited and we may need



to increase prices in the future. Our two kilns feature, plus two views of the lake, summer and



winter. These two new drone images look across the site.



Perfect for



winter nights!

Out and About



Things are gradually getting back to normal and we have managed to visit one or two places. September saw us again

at Mannington Hall, a lovely Sunday, with many people asking about the project. We were also part of the Aylsham History Day in the Town Hall, another chance to talk to people and sign up some more Friends.



In October, instead of Zooming, we actually went and delivered a talk, this time to the Old Catton Society. Don't forget, if you are a member



of a group or know of a group who would like to learn more about us, please email. We also held a book sale at Woodgate Nursery, raising money to buy new shovels, wheelbarrows and a couple of our lovely big sieves, but we still need to raise more!



November saw us run our Social Evening at the Friendship Hall. We had people at the venue, plus others joined via Zoom, a first



for the Project! It was so good to see you, whether live or

virtual, perhaps next year we can all meet safely again. Sable enjoyed seeing everyone too, especially if they had a plate of food!!



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

**Saturday 4th/Sunday 5th December
1000-1400 Woodgate Nursery
Bric-a-Brac Sale and tombola**

If you have anything you think we can sell, please bring along to Woodgate Nursery, tombola prizes welcomed too. All our goodies will be on sale, do please come and support us if you can.

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

The Ides was a day in the Roman calendar, roughly in the middle of the month, but in November it was celebrated on the 13th with a festival in honour of Jupiter. Statues of Jupiter, and Juno and Minerva too, were displayed, and the best food and wines served.

**Covid is still with us, wherever you are,
stay safe, stay well.**

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