

The ARP ACTA



Aylsham Roman Project Newsletter



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The last edition for 2021, where has the year gone? It's grey and dismal out there, but summer is coming!

Brilliant total

We have had a book sale and a bric-a-brac sale and tombola to raise money to buy new big sieves, shovels and wheelbarrows. We're over the moon to say they raised £750. With the news, too, that we have received a £250 grant from the Aylsham Show, this rounds up to a terrific £1000, beyond our dreams. This means there will be plenty of opportunity to sieve during the summer and no hunting around for a wheelbarrow and shovel.

Thank you everyone, not just those who helped put up and take down the marquee, those who manned the stalls and donated prizes,



as well who came to the Nursery, stopped and had a chat and bought or donated while you were there. It means a lot to us.

Soil Filtration

Over the years we have amassed quite a few bags of soil taken from various

trenches and this year was no exception. A kind ARP Friend has donated a large sum of money and we are hoping to do the filtration ourselves. We have had a meeting with Val Fryer, a professional in this field, who is going to help us. We are really grateful to her for her time and expertise and great stories! We are in the process of ordering equipment and hope to have something ready to use in the late spring. We also hope to erect a building on the Kiln Field to house the equipment. More news as we progress with this. At the moment we have a very fine mesh metal sieve, some lengths of nylon mesh and some bulldog clips!

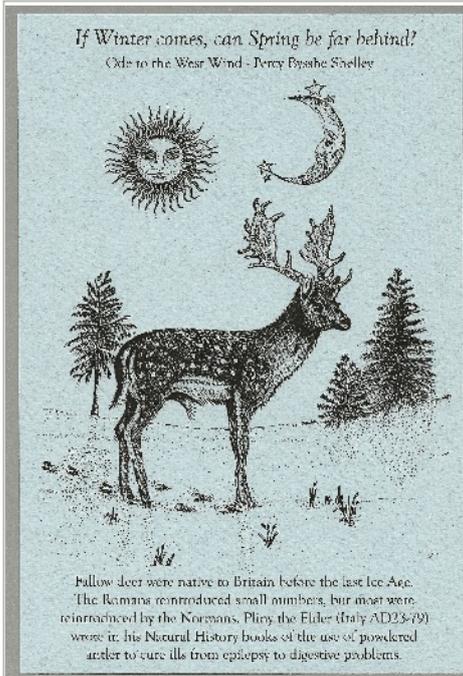
Tuesday mornings

The weather has been kind to us and we've met most weeks. All finds from this year are now bagged, counted and weighed, ready for marking.



Perhaps more important, though, has been just meeting for a cuppa, a chat and a laugh.

Don't forget, nothing now until **Tuesday 11th January**, weather permitting.



Thank you, Julie, for this lovely card sent to us all, and thank you for all your support through the year. Here's to new finds in the new year!

Barbara Turner

It is with much sadness that we report the death of Barbara Turner in August 2021. Barbara was a dear friend of my sister Jane, and she became very interested in the ARP. Due to her poor health in recent years, Barbara was unable to take part in any activities, but would ask Jane to bring her along to the summer digs when she felt well enough to do so. She loved looking at the finds, and discussing them with the experts. Barbara very kindly gave very generously to the project, always asking me to not mention this to anyone. Thank you Barbara for your friendship over the years, and for your enthusiasm and support for the project. We all miss you. Peter



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What are they looking at? What is hiding in the trench? What are they saying? Do send us your captions.

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

Aylsham Roman Experience 2022

Yes, summer is coming and we keep our fingers crossed that in August we can run a full three weeks experience. This will depend, of course, on where we are with Covid, but we have booked the dates with Britannia Archaeology and so can announce this will take place, **Monday to Friday, weeks beginning 8th, 15th and 22nd August**. Full details will appear in the new year, but for now put them in your diary!

Although we have thought about further events, we feel it best to wait and see how things develop over these next few weeks.

Please stay safe over the next few weeks, enjoy yourselves but keep fit and well. From us all here in Aylsham to all of you, wherever you are, have a Happy Christmas and good wishes for the New Year.



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