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Do hope your Christmas went well. After the snow and ice, it was good to have a dry, sunny time, especially Boxing Day, a day to get out and walk off the turkey!

Christmas Tombola



First of all a big thank you to all who donated prizes, we ended up with two tables full of lovely goodies.

The weather was not with us, though, as we were at the Nursery over two frosty, cold weekends - well done to all of you if you managed to get to us.

We also carried on selling at our last Tuesday morning meeting before Christmas, a lovely dry sunny morning and many of you came and saw us then too. We made a fantastic £370, thank you so much!

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

February 2023 Meeting

We had to cancel the Social evening in November, unfortunately, so have booked a venue in Aylsham for the morning of **Saturday 18th February**. Please put in your diaries. More details about time, payment etc, in next month's newsletter.

Kiln Field



Ever since we started in 2016, the Kiln Field has been a hive of activity, with excavations taking place every year. Some years have been more fruitful than others with

regards finds, but there has always been something that has turned up. This plan has been produced by Britannia Archaeology and shows where the trenches, post holes and, most importantly, our two Roman pottery kilns are. The red outline on the left was this summer's dig.

"What ya got?"

If you are a fan of The Detectorists, you'll recognise this phrase, the answer often being "a ring pull" or nothing! Many of us have said "I've found nothing," but finding nothing is just as important as finding something! The CBA Nov/Dec British Archaeology magazine included a four page article about - Finding Nothing. These areas help the understanding of the wider area, at the time there was something there but left no archaeological trace. It raises other questions, eg where we have found evidence of Roman activity, was the area unused previously or was it just pasture etc.

So, when you join us in the summer, just remember, finding nothing can be really interesting!

Here's wishing you all a happy, healthy and safe New Year



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