

The ARP ACTA



Aylsham Roman Project Newsletter



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An earlier than usual March newsletter!

**ARP Quiz Night Wednesday 9th April
1900, Friendship Hall Aylsham**

Yes, it's back! After a two year absence ARP Friends Deborah and Nigel are once again sorting all the questions to tax your brains, ready for another fun filled night out. Friends £5, Non Friends £7.

Teams of 6. Haven't got a team? Don't worry, just turn up and join others. There will also be Heads and Tails in the interval - great fun.

**Please bring cash! Doors open 1830,
prompt start 1900**

Ways to pay - please note we no longer accept cheques

By Bank

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

By post

FAO Aylsham Roman Project,
Woodgate House,
Aylsham, Norwich,
NR11 6UP

Please place cash in an envelope, with your name/s, and the words **ARP Quiz Night**.

In person at Woodgate Nursery shop.
Please place cash in an envelope addressed as **ARP Quiz Night**.

Book now to avoid disappointment!

We went on a mole hill hunt!

A sunny Tuesday morning saw a group on Mary's Beck down on their hands and knees. The moles have been incredibly busy, looks like some have been having a party!



A few bits and pieces found, great excitement when the metal detector went off, was it a Roman coin???? No, just a nail!

And finally.....

**What did the Senate say to Julius Caesar?
You've got some Gaul!**

Mark McChesney



It is with great sadness that we share the news that ARP friend Mark McChesney has died.

Mark has been with us since 2017, arriving in his camper van and parking on the field. He was always there to lend a hand in any way he could. He really enjoyed digging but this year was also involved in sieving and was one of a group called The Woodgate Wombles. This smiling image is of Mark, sitting on the spoil heap!

We will miss him driving in, making a cuppa and frying bacon, as the lovely smell wafting across the field made us all hungry! One memorable year was our post Covid dig on Mary's Beck, when we hadn't been able to meet the year before. Mark was unable to stay for the three weeks and the day he left he drove the width of the field sounding his horn and everyone waved him off.

We are also grateful for his kindness and generosity, his very grateful donation allowing us to buy our grey portacabin.

We send our thoughts and wishes to his friends, but in particular, to Julie, his partner.

Our dig will not be the same without you. Thank you, Mark.
