

# The ARP ACTA



## Aylsham Roman Project Newsletter



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Welcome to the May edition of our newsletter, with information about  
**Aylsham Roman Experience 2025**

This information is going out much later than usual and is quite different to previous years. ARP Friends have already seen the statement from Peter and it is included here again, as a reminder, and for all to see some exciting news about this year.

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Dear Aylsham Roman Project friends, I am so pleased to say that we are very much hoping to be part of an excavation this summer in the Kitchen Garden, starting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August lasting for two to three weeks. We have been given permission to look in depth at the Kitchen Garden, following a professional dig carried out by Britannia Archaeology a few weeks before. This dig is happening because a very kind 'Friend of ARP' has donated a huge amount of money ... several thousands of pounds to make this happen.

This year we will be looking at the possible house or houses owned by the Romano British occupants who oversaw the kilns and metal working evidence we have found in the kiln field during the last few years.

The dating evidence from the coins and pottery we have found suggests the Roman influence covered a period from 66AD right through to at least 390AD.

Due to the size of the trench and the very limited space in the kitchen garden, we will have to operate a strict rota system of those who can dig and sieve.

Britannia have asked for 12 people for excavation for each session, and with four sieves in operation we could have another 16 people on sieving duty. We can have another 6 people to help with the cleaning process.

We will not be able to allow anyone else on site as the Health and Safety rules prevent this. But we will of course be giving talks and tours, and these will be announced nearer the time of the dig, as is always the case, we do not know what we will find until we start to look.

I am so thankful to the very kind donor, without whom this dig would ever be happening. I am also aware that the rota for digging and the restrictions to access, may be an issue for some people.

Please be assured that I am doing my best to include as many volunteers as possible, whilst trying to keep within the rules of the HSE.

Looking forward to learning more about the history of Woodgate and Aylsham.

Peter

## Participation step 1 - become a Friend

We would like you all to become a **Friend of ARP** by committing to an annual subscription of **£10 per adult**. This will ensure you continue to receive our emails, newsletters and any news before it appears on the website, Facebook or Twitter.

If you are already a Friend, and have not already done so, we'd love you to renew! We realise that some of you did not join us until the summer but to help with organisation we are asking this to be done by **Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>**. Many thanks to those who have already done so. Payment details, no cheques:

### 1. By Standing order/Bank Transfer

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

**If you have already set up a standing order last year, you need do nothing.**

Once it appears in our account you will receive a confirmation email. If you are not on our mailing list, please email us at [aylshamromanproject@gmail.com](mailto:aylshamromanproject@gmail.com) and let us know to expect it. It can take a few days to appear.

### 2. By post to

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

Please place cash 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**.

### 3. In person at Woodgate Nursery shop.

Please place cash in an envelope addressed as **Friends of ARP**. If you are not yet on our mailing list, please also add your **email address**.

## Participation step 2 - Dig payment

The cost of this year's dig is £60 and this payment **must be received by Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June**. You will then receive an online form to complete asking for your availability. This form **must be completed by Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July** in order for rotas to be completed and sent out ready for the start date of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August.

*Arrival and departure times, parking, where to meet, health and safety advice etc will be emailed out with the rotas.*

## Spring Tombola

A massive thank you to all who donated prizes for our Spring Tombola and to all who came and had a go. It was great seeing some of our ARP Friends too.

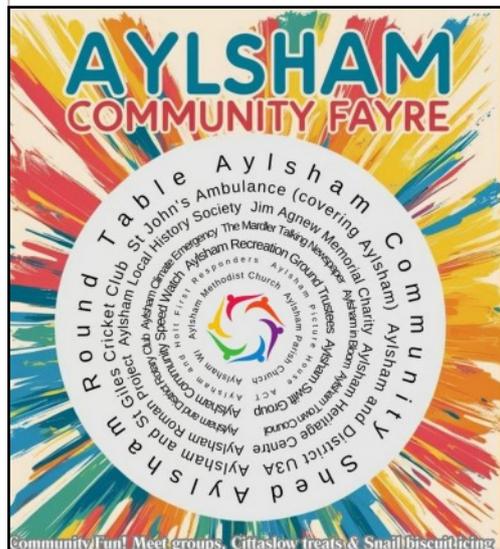
The weather was good to us, we had three great days at Woodgate Nursery and are really delighted to say that over those three days we raised over £400 which is brilliant!



## Tuesday mornings

Thank you to all Friends who have helped during our Tuesday mornings on the field. These will end at the end of this month of May. It's great seeing you and do hope you will join us again once we start sometime in the Autumn.

**Aylsham Community Fayre** Do come along to Aylsham Town Hall on Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> for the Aylsham Community Fayre. We will be there along with all these other groups, from 1000 - 1400.



It should be a good day!

## Nest Box streaming

It's the last few days before 9 little ones start to leave the nest and go out into the big wide world - search for Sheila Denny YouTube and click on LIVE.

Posts also going up on our Facebook page.

*And finally*

*Why was Julius Caesar's phone bill so high?*

*Because he was Roman*



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



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

Broadland Community at Heart Lottery <https://www.communityatheartlottery.com/support/aylsham-roman-project>