

The ARP ACTA



Aylsham Roman Project Newsletter



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Here we are again and the start of Volume 10 of our newsletters. Where has the time gone?

What a summer!

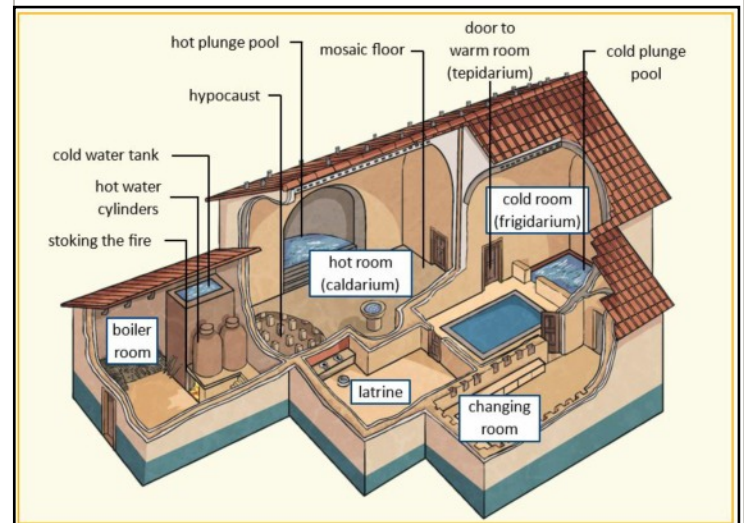
We went in search of a building and found one, but not quite the building we expected! Peter always knew there was something under the Kitchen Garden and was expecting part of, perhaps, a large Roman farmhouse, but what we did find has turned out to be.....a bath house!

Not until the end of the third week, with our friends from Britannia Archaeology, Alice, who brilliantly led our dig, and Martin, BA director, came to this surprising conclusion and revealed it to us



all on the final day. This may just look like a load of flints, but these gave some of the clues. To the left is the stoke room, with a vent allowing hot air to enter to warm the water and the rooms.

Bath houses have three main rooms, Tepidarium = warm, Frigidarium = cold, Caldarium = hot. Don't think in terms of eg Bath, and searching online for images show many different layouts. This simple diagram may help. It was a great three



weeks, thank you all who participated, but we did miss the community aspect as, for safety reasons, we were unable to welcome you for a visit or join us for a day as we usually do.



Talks

We have already given a couple of talks. Our first was a return visit to the Aylsham WI. This was to update them on what we had discovered this year and it was really great to see them all again. Thank you for asking us.



Our second talk was to Haveringland Together in St Peter's Church. Although we have been to a couple of events here this was our first visit in



the church. We were able to take a few more finds with us and there was quite a gathering around Peter once the talk was finished. Thank you so much for inviting us and for everyone who came even if one or two got a little lost on the way.



Plus, of course, for the chocolate cake!!!

Missing scoop!

On the last day of the dig, Deborah's scoop went missing and although we have searched the kitchen garden, we can't find it. We wonder whether, with excitement of what we had found, someone picked up their equipment not realising what they had. If you could have a check and see if you have it, we'd be grateful. Bronze coloured scoop with luminous yellow sprayed handle - you can't miss it!!

Aylsham Tree Festival

Delighted to say we will again be decorating a tree in the church. The festival runs from Friday 28th November

- Tuesday 2nd December. If there is anyone who could help steward while the festival is on please send us an email.

On the **Saturday, 29th November**, we will be in the church with all our promotional items on sale plus a **tombola**, just 50p a go. Lots of goodies that have been very kindly donated to the Project, thank you.



Do please come and see us.

 ARP.....Getting the community into holes 

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