

Newsletter

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Happy New Year!

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Latest news - The Archway Project

Thank you to those who donated or pledged to our 2017 Christmas appeal, *12 days of Archway*. Your donations will help fund archaeological works taking place this January. *12 days* was a festive celebration of the Archway Project. It featured a social media campaign and two special events.

Our one-day charity stall on the popular Bath Christmas Market was a success. We turned chocolate medallions into donations. Smiling through the snow, hail and our frosty feet, we spoke to 360 people and raised £431.

On the last day of *12 Days* we held an event for donors and supporters. Guests warmed up with mulled wine and mince pies by the Great Bath and were treated to tours of the undercroft, to see the progress made. Everyone took part in a surprise sing-song around the piano in the Pump Room. We look forward to seeing you at events in 2018.

In November, a few early birds started work at 6am to collect the coins thrown into the Circular Bath. These offerings from visitors provide vital income for the Foundation. If you would like to volunteer for future collections, please contact Rebecca Gibson. Contact details are on page two.

The Archway Project is at an exciting phase. We are currently procuring the main contractor who will carry out the building works. Once we appoint we will also know how much more money we need to raise in 2018 - watch this space.

How you can help

You can support the Archway Project in a variety of ways with options to suit everyone:

Sponsor a virtual tile from £5
Adopt a Roman Stone from £100
Donate online or by cheque
Give a monthly gift - surprise us!

Visit www.romanbaths.co.uk/archway



Frosty toes but warm smiles on the Bath Christmas Market.



Guests enjoyed our lively *12 Days of Archway* song.



An early start to collect the donations from the Circular Bath.

Data Protection law is changing

If you are a donor and have not returned your 'Stay-in touch' form please send it to Rebecca Gibson. This will help us look after you, ensure our records are accurate, and importantly show you how your donation is supporting education and conservation at the Roman Baths.

A message from the chair

"It has been two years since we started our fundraising journey for the Archway Project, our first project in the Foundation's long-term objective to support of learning and conservation at the Roman Baths. In that time we have made big strides and raised a considerable sum in personal donations and grant-aid to complement the funds pledged by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Council. But, as we have said all along, although the project has enough funds to start, fundraising has continued. In March 2018 the Project Team will open the tenders for the main contract and will then know if they have sufficient funds to see the project through, which is why we have continued to fundraise. Later this year repairs to the structure supporting York Street – unrelated to the Archway Project and not funded through it – will take place after which work on site will begin. During 2018 and the first half of 2019 the Foundation's main task will be to disburse its restricted funds in an accountable manner to the Project Team, to be used to deliver the work for which donors and sponsors have so kindly pledged it. More details about our work to date will be in our next newsletter, and a full account of the Foundation's activities over the last year will appear in that Annual Report Issue. Once again, the trustees and I are extremely grateful for your donations and ongoing support." **David Beeton, January 2018**

Upcoming events

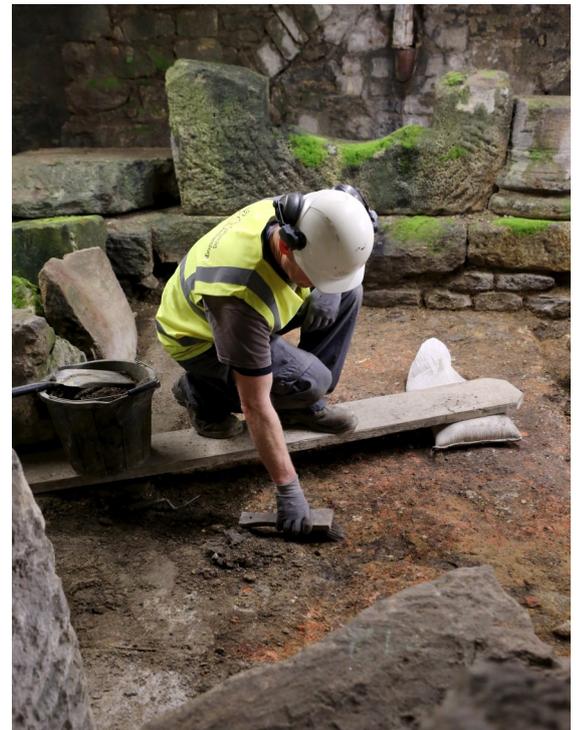
Live Archaeological works - from 1st February

New tours will take visitors behind the scenes of the largest excavations at the Roman Baths for nearly 40 years. The 30 minute tours will run at regular intervals during the day. They will be free with Roman Baths admission and advance booking is not required. Visit our website to find out more www.romanbaths.co.uk/news/new-public-archaeology-tours-roman-baths

Digging the Baths - 7th March 2018 7pm to 9pm

The Hellenic and Roman Societies are hosting a special torch-lit evening at the Roman Baths. Guests will receive a behind-the-scenes tour of the excavations, and hopefully there will be some new findings to share. Tours will be followed by drinks around the torch-lit Great Bath. Tickets are £20. Please e-mail: office@romansociety.org or call the Roman Society office to book (020 7862 8727)

Ticket proceeds will be split between The Roman Society (Charity No. 210644) and The Roman Baths Foundation (Charity No. 1163044).



Live Archaeological works—coming soon!

To find out more about the Foundation or to discuss your donation, please contact

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