



FRIENDS OF WORTLEY VILLA

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Dear Friend,

As part of the service to the Friends of Wortley Villa, it is hoped to produce a newsletter for circulation to all members. The quality of this publication and its frequency will depend to a great extent on contributions from members, as will its format and content.

You are invited, therefore, to assist in making the newsletter a worthwhile project by submitting items for inclusion. Whether you are involved in the excavation of the site or just an interested visitor, we would like to hear from you.

We would welcome suggestions concerning the kind of articles which you may like to read, although it is intended to print almost anything which is submitted, providing it is relevant in some way, however obscure, to Wortley Villa (and providing it is not libellous!).

We envisage a publication which includes serious articles on Roman archaeology, as well as more light-hearted items. For example, if you have specialist knowledge of villas in general, or of one villa in particular, why not let us know? If you have visited a Roman site recently and think that other members would like to know about it, please write to us. If you have a comment on a certain aspect of Romano-British matters, we would welcome a contribution from you. You may like to compare the artefacts from Wortley or the ground-plan of the villa (as far as we know it) with those of other sites. If you have knowledge of or are willing to research a particular subject (corn driers, glass, amphora, etc.) let us know. The peacock on our letter-head is our site emblem: how often does it occur in the Roman world and what was its significance? Answers to this and other such questions would be helpful.

For those who dig at Wortley, keep in touch with us and with each other by sending us your news, changes of address etc.

Finally, how about suggesting a name for our newsletter? "The Friends of Wortley Villa Newsletter" seems a bit long-winded!

If anyone can offer an item for publication, long or short, send it to us, the prospective editors, at the address below. This will be your publication - please help to make it a success.

Best wishes.

Cam and Kay Wood
Editors
