

The highlight of the summer holidays was the visit from a Roman officer, a slave trader and a Roman lady. Many children joined the Roman army and several parents managed to sell their offspring at the slave sale! More mature visitors were not forgotten with special guided tours by Brian Philp on National Archaeology Day in July and also for pre-booked societies and groups on Sunday afternoons.

The Villa project is managed by the Kent Archaeological Rescue Unit, and is run with the support of, and in partnership with, the London Borough of Bromley, which owns the site. Extra volunteers with an interest in archaeology and history are sought to help man the site. They should have a willingness to deal cheerfully with the public and are invited to contact KARU on 020 8462 1442. Opening times for the 2007 season are from April to October, Wednesdays, Fridays and Bank Holiday Mondays 10.00am - 5.00pm, and Sundays 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Entry is 80p/50p. The site is adjacent to Orpington BR station.

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New book review; **I've Come About the Drains**
 by Tony Rook FSA

This is another excellent book by Tony Rook and is essential reading for all archaeologists, not to mention plumbers, architectural historians and even building inspectors. It touches on the Roman occupation, a great deal on Roman baths and then goes into detail on various aspects of chimneys, windows, walls, concrete and importantly domes.

The writer has a mixed background of archaeologist and building technologist, a very useful combination that should prove of great benefit to those working in the field. In particular to those trying to sort out the problems of an ancient building when 95% has been removed over the centuries. Tony was involved in the Lullingstone Villa excavation in the early days and his parents Mr & Mrs Rook made an outstanding contribution to the site over more than 15 years. Tony has given humorous talks at CKA conferences on more than one occasion, and invariably uses the title of this current book as the title to his talks. He has found that site managers, developers and other bureaucrats, who in some cases seek to put hurdles in the way of archaeologists, are invariable satisfied by his explanation that 'he has come about the drains'.