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Dear Roman Army Schooler,

On behalf of the organisers I wish you a Happy New Year!

As you will be aware the Roman Army School held our first online lecture on 1st December which was well attended and received very positive feedback. The lecture is now available to view on our website here:

<https://www.ad43.org.uk/blog/bearsden-life-in-a-roman-fort/>

Following on from this success and, as we are unable to host our residential conference again this year, we are planning a series of online lectures to take place on the 1st Monday of the month, running for a 6-month period starting on the 1st February. The lectures will be delivered via Zoom at 8pm and (with the permission of the lecturer) may be added to the website for general viewing for those unable to attend the live lecture – Although we would hope that as many of you as possible would be able to join us live. The first of this new run of lectures will be delivered by David Breeze and will be discussing Roman Frontiers. If you would like to attend please register interest by responding to this email and we will forward on the link to the lecture in due course.

A draft list of planned lectures is as follows:

Roman Army School Lecture programme February – June 2021
Monday 1 February Professor David Breeze: Roman frontiers in their landscape settings
Monday 1 March Marta Alberti: The Roman water system at Vindolanda
Monday 5 April Marko Jelusic: Transmission and meaning of the Notitia Dignitatum with particular reference to the shield illustrations
Monday 3 May Dr Richard Bridgland: The Saxon Shore – a frontier system – fact or fancy?
Monday 7 June Professor David Breeze: the logistics of Agricola's final campaign

Attached is an article by Richard Bridgland, 'Roman Military – Re-enactment or Recreation,' and a brief piece from the New York Times on the discovery of Caligula's garden that some may find interesting.

Amidst the strange event that Christmas was for most of us, we at RAS, along with the rest of the Roman archaeology world, were saddened to hear of the passing of Professor Anthony Birley and Professor David Breeze has written us a brief note on Professor Birley's life and achievements. Please see the attached document.

We will produce further information on our lecture program in due course, but our next lecture is scheduled for Feb 1st at 8pm via Zoom. Please contact us to register your interest as soon as possible. And remember that you can keep in touch with us on our twitter feed @RomanArmySchool, on our Facebook Page and on our website www.AD43.org.uk where information can be found on our conferences, will be updated on our forthcoming lectures, and past articles can be read.

Wishing you all the best for the new year, Susan Chair – The Roman Army School

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