

I first became involved in Archaeology on joining the excavations at St. Albans (the Roman Verulamium) in 1958 as a school leaver, after which I became 'hooked' and excavating during the summer vacations became a highlight of the year. One particular highlight was helping to trace the '1955 ditch' at Verulamium with the proton magnetometer, one of its earliest appearances. My two most defining experiences were meeting a young man of similar interests, my future husband John Peter Wild, and obtaining, through him, my first job, as research assistant to Brian Hartley, who taught me all I know about samian ware pottery.

I have taken part in excavations widely in Britain and abroad (digging samian silns at Lezoux in Central France was another highlight!) and have been involved in Nene Valley archaeology since the mid-1960's. I have also assisted my husband in running a training excavation for Manchester University for 25 years at Melandra Roman Fort, Derbyshire, and in working on Roman period textile finds on sites in Egypt (a third highlight!).

I am a member of the Middle Nene Archaeology Group and other local societies in the North.

For most of my working life I taught Archaeology courses in Further and Adult Education in the Manchester area and for the Open University. My main interest is in the Roman period and in particular in samian ware, on which I work as a specialist consultant. I have had numerous reports published from sites up and down the country, regularly contributing to those published by NVAT.

I am a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and a member of the Roman Society and the Study Group for Roman Pottery. I was invited to become a Trustee of NVAT in 2003.