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Roman Finds Group in association with The University of Nottingham and University of Nottingham Museum

New Research on Finds from the Roman Midlands and Beyond

Friday 21st April - Saturday 22nd April 2023

This year's spring Conference is being held in association with the University of Nottingham and its Museum, and will take place at the Music Recital Hall, Lakeside Arts, University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2RD.

<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/library/museum/index.aspx>

It will be a 'blended' meeting with the opportunity to attend live and visit the Museum or to listen online, starting early afternoon on Friday 21st April, and finishing mid-afternoon on Saturday 22nd April. The meeting is being organised jointly by RFG meetings co-ordinators, Denise Allen, Stephen Greep, and Katie Mountain. We are especially grateful for the support given to arrangements for the meeting by Will Bowden, Natasha Harlow and Clare Pickersgill of the University of Nottingham, without which this event would not have been possible.

There are five sessions of papers, with 21 illustrated talks on various aspects of finds from recent work in the Roman Midlands and from further afield. The Roman Finds Group 2023 AGM will be held immediately before lunch on Day Two.

Please note that numbers will be restricted so you are advised to book early. RFG have reduced the price of the meeting for RFG members (joined and paid by 1st February 2023); the price for non-members remains the same as for previous conferences. The cost of the meeting is £20 for fully paid-up RFG members and students (for one or two days), £52 non-members for both days and a £30 day rate. Access by Zoom to the streamed event will cost £5 for RFG members and £20 for non-members.

What's included?

- Access to all conference sessions, finds and poster viewings.
- Teas and coffees as in the programme.

- Free access to University of Nottingham Museum, including a wine reception Friday evening and a private Roman Finds Group viewing after the Museum has closed to the public.
- Access to the Conference meal (separate charges apply)

How to book

Bookings must be made through the RFG website (romanfindsgroup.org.uk).



How to find the University of Nottingham Museum

Directions to the Lakeside Arts Centre and the Museum, together with maps, can be found at:

<https://www.lakesidearts.org.uk/visit-us/getting-here.html>

Maps of the University Park campus can be found at

<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/sharedresources/documents/mapuniversitypark.pdf>

Note: The Conference is being given in the Music Recital Room (Number 33 on the map). Refreshments including public cafes for lunch (49 and 50) and the conference dinner (50). These are all close together.

Accommodation

Local accommodation is available, including the Jubilee Hotel on Nottingham's Jubilee Campus (about 20 minutes-walk from the venue). There are a wide range of other hotels in Nottingham, including most major chains. The Lakeside Arts Centre is immediately adjacent to the University of Nottingham tram stop and is easily accessible from the city.

RFG Bursary Scheme

RFG members are reminded that we run a small bursary scheme to help with the costs of attending RFG meetings. Qualification criteria apply. Full details may be found on the RFG web site (link on the home page).

Finds Viewing/poster displays/book sales

There is space adjacent to the lecture room for finds display and discussion during tea/coffee breaks. If you wish to bring along finds and/or a poster display, or books for sale please contact Stephen Greep (sjgreep@romanfinds.org.uk) separately.

Roman Finds Group Reception

Following the talk by Clare Pickersgill on the galleries and collections at the museum there will be a special reception at the Museum from 17.45-18.45. There will be wine and soft drinks (and a few nibbles). There is no charge for this event, and you do not need to book. **IMPORTANT** – please tell us separately if you have any allergies.

Friday Evening Conference Meal: 19.00 – 21.00

A conference meal will be held (immediately following the reception) at The Lakeside Café (number 50 on campus map and very close to the Museum) at a cost of £15.95 per head (including soft drinks – wine available at an extra charge). This will be a buffet format, please book a ticket using the online booking form. (If you wish further details on the Conference dinner (vegetarian choice) contact Stephen Greep direct (sjgreep@romanfinds.org.uk). Numbers are limited and places will be allocated to those who request them first!

Questions and further Information

Any questions about the meeting should be made to the joint conference organisers Denise Allen (denise_allen52@hotmail.com), Stephen Greep (sjgreep@romanfinds.org.uk) and Katie Mountain (kmountain@pre-construct.com)

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Meeting Programme and Timetable

Day One: Friday 21st April 2023

13.00 Registration and Tea/Coffee

13.20 Welcome and Introduction: Will Bowden *Professor of Roman Archaeology University of Nottingham and editor of Britannia*

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Chair: Will Bowden

13.30 Portable Antiquities Scheme FLOs: *Finds from the Midlands*

13:55 Rachel Cubitt (Historic England) and Jen Browning (University of Leicester Archaeological Services): *Investigations at Rutland Roman Villa*

14.20 Dr Denise Allen (Independent Researcher): *“The winter does not pass through me but the sun sparkles within me” - Experiments in the manufacture of Roman window glass and its use in Britain from military bath houses to villas*

14.45 Kevin Winter (National Civil War Centre - Newark Museum) and Richard Parker (Norton Disney History and Archaeology Group): *Norton Disney Roman villa: new evidence and old of its industrial past*

15.10 Tea/Coffee – viewing of finds and posters

Session Two: Finds from the Roman Midlands

Chair: Katie Mountain

15.40 Dr Alex Mullen and Dr Anna Willi (LatinNow, University of Nottingham): *Small finds, big questions: writing equipment and literacy in Roman Britain and beyond* (hybrid in-person and via ZOOM)

16.10 Dr Steve Malone (York Archaeology): *Not beyond use: an enamelled miniature stand from Wingerworth, Derbyshire*

16:35 Dr Natasha Harlow (University of Nottingham): *Using Roman finds for outreach, learning and community participation*

17:00 Sam Glasswell (Bassetlaw Museum): *The Roman Archaeological Landscape of North Nottinghamshire*

17:25 Clare Pickersgill, (University of Nottingham Museum): *Introduction to the University of Nottingham Museum*

Reception at University of Nottingham Museum

17.45 - 18.45 Wine reception and private viewing of the University of Nottingham Museum

Evening Social / Conference Meal

19.00- 21.00 A buffet style meal with soft drinks at £15.95 at the Lakeside Café (see information above on how to book).

Day Two: Saturday April 22nd 2023

Session Three: Finds from the Roman Midlands

Chair: Natasha Harlow

- 08.55 Welcome
09.00 Dr Roger White (Birmingham University): *The Wem Hoard*
09.25 Dr Adam Daubney (Finds Specialist): *Roman TOT rings revisited*
09.50 Helen Sharp (Leicestershire County Council Museums): *The Hallaton Helmet Assemblage*
10.15 Paddy Lambert (Oxford Archaeology East): *The Finds from the Excavations at a Romano-British villa at Priors Hall, Corby*

10.40 Tea/Coffee – viewing of finds and posters

Session Four: Finds from Beyond the Roman Midlands

Chair: Barbara Birley

- 11.10 Dr Antony Lee (Treasure Trove Unit, National Museum of Scotland): *Dead gods in glass boxes? The display and interpretation of Romano-British religious objects in museums* (Pre-recorded, live Q&A)
11.35 Dr Stephen Greep (Roman Finds Group) and Prof. Rev. Martin Henig (University of Oxford): *A Late antique casket from the Fordham Roman villa*
12.00 Dr Jo Ball (University of Liverpool): *The Hidden Epigraphers of Britannia: Women as Dedicators & Recipients of Tombstones in Roman Britain*
12.25 Naomi Aliza Rubinstein (University of Liverpool): *New identifications of copies in 4th century Romano-British coin hoards*

12:50 Lunch (Roman Finds Group 2023 AGM 12:50-13:00)

Session Five: Finds from Beyond the Roman Midlands

Chair: Frances McIntosh

- 14.00 Dr Louisa Campbell (University of Glasgow): *The Vindolanda Vessel: New Analysis of a Roman Gladiator Glass* (Pre-recorded)
14.25 Chas Harper (Newcastle University): *Bound in Bronze: Roman 'barbarian' figurines of North-West Europe*
14.50 Brooke Pollio (MOLA): *The Stoke Mandeville statue heads*
15.15 Dr Daniël van Helden (Arch-I-Scan, University of Leicester) *The development of AI to identify Samian ware*

15.40 Conclusion (Stephen Greep) and End.