

ROTTINGDEAN WHITEWAY CENTRE & SUSSEX SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY

ROMAN-PERIOD POTTERY, BRICK & TILE FOUND IN SUSSEX

STUDY DAY

Saturday, 19th May 2018, 10am-4pm

Tutor: Gordon Hayden B.A., M.A. (member of the Study Group for Roman Pottery)



The course will revolve around the identification, production and use of pottery and ceramic building material found in East and West Sussex, from the absorption of the area into the Roman Empire until the end of the Roman period (c. AD 70-410). Through the use of presentations and object handling, the most common types of pottery will be studied, with the aims of differentiating between local, regional and imported pottery, and identifying the most common diagnostic features of Roman-period brick and tile.

The morning session will include pottery vessel type and fabric identification that will involve an element of handling material recovered from recent excavations. The afternoon session will be a more practical one, with the opportunity to sort, identify and record pottery, brick and tile. This will be followed by a brief overview of the re-use of brick and tile in structures dating to the Roman and later periods.

Things to Bring

Although the course will focus on identifying elements visible to the naked eye, a hand lens (at x10 or x20 magnification) or magnifying glass would be advisable for the finer pottery fabrics. You will also need pens, pencils and writing paper. Photography will be allowed.

Refreshments and Lunch

Tea, coffee and biscuits provided through the day. You are welcome to bring your own packed lunch or to obtain lunch at one of the many nearby village pubs or cafes.

Venue: Rottingdean Whiteway Centre, Whiteway Lane, Rottingdean, BN2 7HB

Fee: £25. To book, please email MikeGregory@rwc.org.uk or phone 07913 753 493

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