



Know Your Hadrian's Wall Country Programme 2010

March 18th Thursday, Great North Museum – A Guide to Roman Inscriptions by Paul Bidwell of Tyne & Wear Museums

Paul works for Tyne & Wear Museums Archaeology and is an expert on Roman archaeology and the History of the Wall. In this session Paul will talk about Roman Inscriptions and take us through some of the artefacts on display in the Great North Museum. We will also have an exclusive behind the scenes look at finds not yet on display!

March 22nd Monday, Brocolitia & Chesters Roman Fort – Places of Worship & Roman Daily Life by Jan Williams and Georgina Plowright

Jan Williams' field trip will take us to Brocolitia (the temple of Mithras) at Carrawburgh, an important centre for the worship of a god introduced into Britain by Roman soldiers. We will explore this site then board the Hadrian's Wall Bus and have lunch at the George Hotel in Chollerford. The afternoon session will take place at Chesters Roman Fort and will be led by Georgina Plowright of English Heritage who will talk about the daily life of Romans in the camp.

March 30th Tuesday, Senhouse Museum - Throwing & Knowing: Pots & the Lives of People Who Made Them by Graham Tailor of Potted History

Graham runs the Potted History shop and workshop in Rothbury. This session will bring to life the ancient inhabitants of the Hadrian's Wall corridor through the museum collections of Senhouse and through handling a collection of replica pots and the hands-on experience of making pottery. Pots in museum cases can appear rather dull and boring but they are far from it, they have passed through the hands of Bronze-Age craftsmen, Iron-Age warriors, Roman sailors and Viking raiders. The memory of all these people and many more are encoded into the artefacts that they left behind, Graham will help you to decode them. In addition, he will teach you the ancient skills of pottery making and help you to make your own reproductions of Prehistoric, Roman or Anglo-Saxon pots. The demonstration will be followed by lunch and a tour of the Senhouse Roman Fort by Jane Laskey.

April 20th Tuesday, Steel Rigg – Chill on the Sill by Richard Holmes

Richard's session is an informal, interactive day promoting participation and enjoyment. It will involve approximately three hours of walking (don't worry refreshments will be provided!) and will start at Steel Rigg, covering the key characteristics of the Hadrian's Wall Corridor, the main physical influences, historical and cultural Influences, vernacular buildings and settlement, land use and the present and future countryside.

April 27th Tuesday, Housesteads & Twice Brewed – Cultural History & the Future of the Wall by Prof. Richard Hingley and Dr. David Petts

This session will start with a guided tour of Housesteads Roman Fort which is the most complete example of a Roman fort in Britain. We will then move on to Twice Brewed where Prof. Hingley will then talk about the cultural history of the Wall and the presentation, reception and management of the Wall as a World Heritage Site and Dr. Petts will focus on the research currently taking place on the Wall and on speculation for the immediate future.

TBC – Dig Day at Arbeia Roman Fort

Excavations at Arbeia have been in progress every year since 1977. Most of the previous work was concentrated on the interior of the fort but now a new excavation has begun that will explore an area between the west fort wall and the civilian settlement and this is your chance to get involved!

The date has yet to be confirmed but is likely to be in June. We expect this to be one of our most popular workshops so please do register your interest. Please note there will be a small charge.



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