Roman Finds Group in association with the University of Glasgow and Historic Environment Scotland

New Research on Finds from Roman Scotland and the North

Friday 3rd - Saturday 4th April 2020

Our 2020 spring conference is to be held in association with Historic Environment Scotland. It will be a two-day conference from early afternoon on Friday 3rd April until late afternoon on Saturday 4th April in the Kelvin Hall lecture theatre, University of Glasgow. The meeting is being organised jointly by Stephen Greep, Chairman and meetings co-ordinator, Roman Finds Group and Louisa Campbell of the University of Glasgow. RFG are grateful for the support given to arrangements for the meeting by The University of Glasgow and Historic Environment Scotland.

There are five sessions of papers, with seventeen illustrated talks, on various aspects of finds from recent work in Scotland and the north. The Roman Finds Group AGM will be held immediately before lunch on day two. After the Keynote lecture on Day 1 we will make our way to the Hunterian Museum (approx. 15-minute walk) for a private viewing led by Professor Lawrence Keppie, followed by a pre-dinner drinks reception courtesy of Steph Scholten, Director of the Hunterian.

Please note that numbers will be restricted so you are advised to book early. The cost of the meeting is the same as our two day meetings over the last four years: £40 for fully paid up RFG members, £30 for students, £48 non-members and a £25 day rate (students £20).

What’s included?

• Access to all conference sessions, finds and poster viewings.
• Teas and coffees as in the programme.
• Free Access to the Hunterian Museum.
• Private viewing of “The Antonine Wall: Rome’s Final Frontier” exhibition in the Hunterian Museum on the Friday evening after the Museum has closed to the public.
• Pre-Dinner Drinks Reception held at the Hunterian Museum on the Friday evening.
• Subsidised pre-conference guided tour of Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum.
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 please indicate on the application form or contact Stephen Greep separately. There will also be space for the sale of books etc.

Getting to Kelvin Hall

Below is a map highlighting all the venues for the meeting, including the Kelvingrove Museum, Kelvin Hall, the Hunterian Museum and Pizza Express. The easiest route to Kelvin Hall is take the Subway to Kelvinhall station and turn left as you exit the station onto Dumbarton Road. Keep walking then cross the bridge over Kelvin River – cross at the pedestrian crossing - Kelvin Hall is directly in front of you (use the new glass covered entrance at the side of the building parallel to the river – see photo below). For those who would like to take the guided tour of Kelvingrove Museum, do not cross at the pedestrian crossing as the museum is immediately on your left.
Pre-conference guided tour of Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum
We have arranged a guided tour around Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum immediately prior to the start of the meeting. This will take place from 11.00 and will last approximately one hour. There is no cost and the tour will operate subject to demand. If you wish to attend please indicate on the booking form.

Roman Finds Group Reception
Following the Keynote Lecture there will be a special reception at the Hunterian Museum from 17.30–19.30. There will be wine and soft drinks, together with a short presentation. There is no charge for this special event, and there will be a private viewing of the Huntarian’s showcase exhibition: *The Antonine Wall: Rome’s Final Frontier* but you must indicate on your application form that you are going to attend so we get the catering right!

Friday Evening Conference Meal: 20.00
We have arranged a meal at Pizza Express, which is just a short walk from the University of Glasgow (227 Byres Road, Glasgow, G12 8UD). We have reserved seats and there should be room for everyone. You will have to pre-order (via RFG) but pay on the night. The cost is £20, which includes a three-course meal and large glass of wine (excludes gratuity). You will be required to pre-order, but there will be something for everyone!

Accommodation
Since the meeting is taking place during term-time, it has not been possible to reserve any accommodation at the University of Glasgow. The university is located in the heart of Glasgow’s West End and there are numerous reasonably priced hotels and B&B venues nearby that members can book themselves via, for example, [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com).

Questions and further Information
Any questions about the meeting should be made to Stephen Greep ([sigreep@gmail.com](mailto:sigreep@gmail.com)) or Louisa Campbell ([Louisa.Campbell@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:Louisa.Campbell@glasgow.ac.uk)).
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Meeting Programme and Timetable

Day One: Friday 3\textsuperscript{rd} April 2020

11.00  Pre-Conference Guided tour: Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum
13.00  Registration. Welcome tea/coffee
13.35  Welcome and Introduction, Dr Louisa Campbell, LKAS Fellow in Archaeology, University of Glasgow

Session One: Roman Scotland

Chair:  Professor David Breeze

13.40  Dr Louisa Campbell, University of Glasgow: Paints and Pigments in the Past: The Antonine Wall
14.05  Distance Stones
14.30  Dr Fraser Hunter, National Museum of Scotland: Surprises in the stores: exotic stone vessels from the Antonine Wall zone
14.55  Tea/Coffee – viewing of finds and posters

Session Two: Roman Scotland

Chair:  Dr Louisa Campbell, University of Glasgow

15.30  Professor Laurence Keppie, Hunterian Museum: The Roman Collection at the Hunterian Museum
15.55  Professor David Breeze: The distribution of pottery and small finds at Bearsden
16.20  Keynote lecture: Dr Rebecca Jones, Head of Archaeology and World Heritage Sites for Historic Environment Scotland: Roman Scotland and the Antonine Wall

Reception at the Hunterian Museum

17.30 - 19.30 Private viewing of “The Antonine Wall: Rome’s Final Frontier” exhibition in the Hunterian Museum after the Museum has closed to the public. Led by Professor Lawrence Keppie, with a pre-dinner drinks reception courtesy of Dr Steph Scholten, Director of the Hunterian Museum.

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Evening Social / Conference Meal

20.00 For those who have booked, a meal at Pizza Express, 227 Byres Road, Glasgow, G12 8UD a short stroll away from the University.

Day Two: Saturday 4th April 2020

Session Three: Roman Scotland and the North

**Chair:** Dr James Gerrard, University of Newcastle.

09.30 Dr. Tatiana Ivleva, University of Newcastle: Curious case of Scottish glass bangles: re-assessing typology, distribution, manufacture and use

09.55 Douglas Carr, University of Newcastle: Roman coins from Hadrian’s Wall and the Northern Frontier

10.20 Katie Mountain, University of Newcastle: The typology and chronology of Roman disc brooches in Northern Britain

10.55 Dr Mike Bishop, Editor, JRMES: Now the wild had flowed in again: the Trimontium military equipment revisited

11.20 Tea/Coffee – viewing of finds and posters

Session Four: The North

**Chair:** Mrs Jenny Hall, Treasurer Roman Finds Group

11.50 Dr James Gerrard¹, University of Newcastle: The 1864 Knaresborough Hoard: rediscovery, re-evaluation and a probable findspot

12.15 Lindsay Allason-Jones, University of Newcastle: Pillow Talk: evidence for soft furnishings in Roman Britain

12.40 Tim Penn², University of Edinburgh: Gaming boards, military communities and the transmissions of ideas: the view from Hadrian’s Wall

13.05 Lunch (Roman Finds Group 2020 AGM)

Session Five: Vindolanda

**Chair:** Dr Stephen Greep, Chairman and meetings co-ordinator, Roman Finds Group

14.45 Rhys Williams, Teesside University: Digitising Vindolanda: From Excavation to Museum

15.10 Barbara Birley, Vindolanda Trust: Stories from the Frontier, using digital gameplay to engage children at Vindolanda

15.20 Marta Alberti: Vindolanda Trust Spinning on the Frontier: the making, use and discard of female identities at Vindolanda and Corbridge

15.45 Barbara Birley, Vindolanda Trust: Recent finds from Vindolanda

16.15 Conclusions and end

¹ Presenting on behalf of a joint project team which includes Jessica Petrie, University of Newcastle, Sally Gerrard (independent researcher) and Marco Romeo Pitone, University of Newcastle

² Presenting on behalf of a joint project with Summer Courts, University of Edinburgh. 

*Roman Finds Group Meeting Spring 2020*
Meeting Booking Form

Please complete the form below and return with a cheque made payable to the Roman Finds Group to:

Dr Stephen Greep
6 The Redwoods,
Willerby, Hull,
HU10 6DQ

If you require additional information or wish to clarify anything about the meeting please email

Stephen Greep
sjgreep@gmail.com or
Louisa Campbell at:
Louisa.Campbell@glasgow.ac.uk

Name:
Address:

Telephone No: Email:

Meeting Attendance (Student £30/RFG Member £40/Non-Members £48)

Day Rate— £25 per day (Students £20) (Please specify which day)

I would like to join the pre-conference tour of Kelvingrove Museum (no charge)

Total amount of cheque enclosed/I have paid by BACS (please indicate):

Please advise if you would like to go to the meal at Pizza Express on the Friday evening and if you have any special dietary requirements. (£20 payable on the night)

I would like to come to the reception at the Huntarian Museum

Please advise if you have any special access requirements:

I would like to provide material/poster for the handling session or bring books for sale: Y/N

(Please provide details below):