

## Interpreting Finds: innovative and multi-disciplinary approaches in post excavation

Event hosted by ClfA Finds Group and including the Finds Group AGM

- Place:** John Peek Room at Birmingham & Midland Institute, 9 Margaret Street, Birmingham, B3 3BS
- Date:** 17 May 2017
- Start time:** 09:30
- Finish time:** 16:30
- Cost:** £25 ClfA members, £30 non-members, including one year group membership (includes lunch)
- Book:** [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/interpreting-finds-innovative-and-multi-disciplinary-approaches-in-post-excavation-tickets-29409830595](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/interpreting-finds-innovative-and-multi-disciplinary-approaches-in-post-excavation-tickets-29409830595)

**Summary:** This is a one-day event where invited speakers will present recent and innovative approaches to the study of artefacts and ecofacts, highlighting their potential for contributing to an archaeological project.

By exploring themes around multi-disciplinary approaches to interpreting finds assemblages we hope to encourage dialogue between different branches of our profession. Discussions at recent conferences have highlighted the growing gap between field staff and finds specialists which we would like to close.

The session will also promote the advocacy role of the Finds Group in promoting best practice across all finds specialisms and within the wider professional community. The event will incorporate the Finds Group AGM.

**For more details please visit the Eventbrite page where you can also book**  
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### Programme

- 10.00 Registration (Tea/Coffee available from 9.30am)
- 10.15 Shining new light on Roman London? Combining artefact research and public archaeology at the London Archaeological Archive. Michael Marshall, MOLA
- 10.35 Alistair Barclay, Wessex Archaeology tbc
- 10.55 "On time, On Budget" and Beyond: Challenging the Modus Operandi of Commercial Fieldwork. Guy Hunt, LP Archaeology
- 11.15 Identity and Change in South-West England: the role of specialist reports in creating a new approach to the reading of material culture and identity. Sian Thomas, Archaeology Wales Ltd

- 11. 35 Illustration of pottery – uses of colour in digital illustration. Laura Templeton  
Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service
- 11.40 Questions
- 12.00 CifA Finds Group AGM (all invited, only Finds Group members can vote)
- 12.30 Lunch (Provided)
- 1.30 Bone Scoops (with handling collection). Paul Stokes, University of Durham
- 1.50 "Die Schüssel ist von Ert gemacht wann sie verbricht der Haefner lacht darum  
nempt sie in acht": Considering the life of pots through clearance assemblages  
(the text is an inscription from an eighteenth century Pennsylvania Dutch dish,  
saying "This dish is made of earth, when she breaks the potter laughs, so take  
care of her"). Philip Carstairs, University of Leicester
- 2.10 Questions
- 2.30 Artefact Studies and Methods of Recording. Background to the project. Duncan  
Brown, Historic England
- 3.00 Devising the assessment criteria, Louise Rayner, ASE archaeology
- 3.30 Presentation of assessment results, Alice Cattermole
- 4.00 Discussion/Feedback
- 4.30 Close

If you any queries about the event, please email Kerry Wiggins  
([kerry.wiggins@archaeologists.net](mailto:kerry.wiggins@archaeologists.net)).

***The venue is Birmingham & Midland Institute, Margaret Street, Birmingham. It is  
located behind the Museum/Art Gallery, a 5 minute walk from Birmingham New St***