

Ships, Ports, Trade and Piracy in the Roman World

Two linked dayschools given by

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Ships and Ports Saturday November 27th 2010

Trade and Piracy Saturday March 12th 2011

**The Shire Hall Dining Room, Mount Folly Square, Bodmin
10.30 am – 4.30 pm**

Derek Gore's interests lie especially in post-Roman Europe and he is a leading expert on the Viking Age in Britain, but he retains his interest in the Roman Empire. These complementary day schools are planned as part of a series updating archaeology through successive periods. The intention is to improve knowledge of particular themes or topics in the British Isles and beyond and will include some comparisons with Cornwall and the Southwest. No previous attendance at classes necessary. On each day there will be approximately four hours of informal tuition and discussions, interspersed with two quarter hour refreshment breaks and an hour lunch break, during which the tutor will be present to continue discussion. Further details of each day given on reverse.

Available to Society members only, at a fee of £20 for each day. Bookings can be made for one or both days. Members are welcome to book separately to spread the financial load but bear in mind that places are limited to ensure a good tutor to participant ratio. Please enclose a sae for acknowledgment of booking and a map of Bodmin.

Please send this form and your cheque, made payable to Cornwall Archaeological Society, to Mrs J Beale, 16 Cross Street Padstow PL28 8A

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Ships and Ports

The day will provide an overview and update on ships, shipping and ports in the period based on results from recent archaeological, survey and underwater researches. Some of our studies will be Mediterranean based, but reference will also be made to the use of ships and ports in Gaul and Britain. Discussion of riverine and sea ports in south and south-west Britain will be included.

Suggested preliminary reading:

Casson, L. 1994 *Ships and Seafaring in Ancient Times*

Milne, G. 1985 *The Port of Roman London*

Holbrook, N. 2001 Coastal Trade around the South-West peninsula of Britain in the later Roman period *Proceedings Devon Archaeological Society*, 59, pages 149 - 158

Trade and Piracy

Roman roads always attract attention, but it was much cheaper to move bulk goods around the Empire by water. We will look at relative costs, trade routes and traded items. Containers, the stevedores who handled them and the seamen who sailed the ships will also merit attention. Local, regional and distant trade will be considered leading naturally on to the written and archaeological evidence for piracy in the Roman world and some surprising recent and modern parallels.

Suggested preliminary reading:

Rauh, N.K. 2003 *Merchants, Sailors and Pirates in the Roman World*

Cunliffe, B. 1988 *Greeks, Romans and Barbarians*

Peacock, D. 1982 *Pottery in the Roman World*

Wheeler, M. 1954 *Rome Beyond the Imperial Frontiers*

Further suggestions for reading will be supplied at the day schools.