

WPA Autumn Gathering

Date/Time: Sunday 2nd October 2022. 10:30 am - 4:00 pm

Location: The Kenn Centre, 3 Exeter Road, Kennford, Exeter, EX6 7TN

Thank you for booking to attend our Autumn Gathering. This is an informal event where members can meet, chat and participate in a number of enjoyable activities.

Please read these notes and use them to prepare for the event. If you have any questions, or wish to suggest a topic for discussion, please email martin@i-felt-it.co.uk.

Covid awareness

Whilst there are no restrictions currently in place, we do ask attendees to bear in mind that some of our members may continue to be apprehensive about gathering indoors. We are meeting in a large hall and will endeavour to ensure a good level of ventilation (commensurate with the prevailing weather conditions) but please continue to respect the personal space of others. Above all, please do not attend if you are feeling unwell on the day.

Access & Arrival

There should be sufficient parking space for everyone, but park sensibly and try not to leave large gaps between vehicles. Please car share if possible.

Please try not to arrive before 10:30 unless helping to organise the hall. When you do arrive, please tick off your name on the list on the reception desk and take a name label so that we can get to know each other.

Please take your competition entry, any other work you wish to display and any items for the Bring & Buy to the appropriate tables.

Refreshments will be available on arrival until we start the meeting at 11am.

Lunch & other refreshments

Please bring your own lunch. Cutlery and plates are available if required.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available during breaks. If you are a home baker and would like to bring something to share, I'm sure it would be greatly appreciated.

Agenda

We will endeavour to keep the day as flexible as possible, but the timings below give an indication of how the day might look.

- 10:30 Arrival and refreshments
- 11:00 Welcome and brief discussion of what people want to get out of the day
- 11:30 "A potted history of Britain". Presentation by Julian Richards.
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Open discussion, topics to be agreed by attendees
- 15:30 Free time to mingle, arrange any follow ups and announce the competition winner
- 16:00 Departure

Presentation

This year we are welcoming a guest speaker to give us some inspiration and historical context. Julian Richards is an archaeologist, broadcaster and self-confessed “potaholic” whom you may remember from the BBC series “Meet the Ancestors”. His illustrated talk, ‘A potted history of Britain’ looks at the whole 6000 year history of pottery in Britain charting changes in technology, style and function over this long period. This is the subject of the new ceramics gallery that he is guest curating for Salisbury Museum. He will also be bringing a few samples from his collection for you to handle. Please feel free to bring any interesting ceramic finds you may have discovered and perhaps learn something more of their history.

Competition

The theme for this year is “Experimentation”; Your challenge is to make a ceramic piece including some new process or material which is not part of your regular practice. This might be a different clay, glaze, decorative technique or whatever is available to you. Every attendee may submit one piece accompanied by a brief printed/written text.

All attendees may place a single vote for their favourite and there will be a small prize for the most popular.

Informal display of work

Please feel free to bring one or two pieces of your work that you wish to share with others present. This is not a selling opportunity, simply a way of generating a conversation.

Bring & Buy Sale

This is a great opportunity to clear any unwanted items from your studio and then clutter it up again with items bought from others! These could be materials, tools, books or anything else ceramics related (but not pots). Please label and price your items clearly. Sales are conducted between the seller and the buyer although we will have the WPA card payment system with us just in case.