Rivers, Harbours and the Roman Army

A Day Conference on Saturday, 23 September, 2017 Cross Street Chapel, Cross Street, Manchester



Warehouses in the harbour of Roman London. Museum of London. photo B.Hoffmann

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- How common are permanent harbour installations such as stone or wooden quays or breakwaters?
- What is the evidence for ship sheds or shipyards close to Roman sites?
- How do you recognise a chandler's shop in the archaeological material?
- Should we be looking for nothing more sophisticated than a sandy bend in the river that might allow small river boats to be run ashore at night?
- How common are riverside warehouses? How do you differentiate between civilian and military use in harbour facilities?

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| Preliminary Programme: |
| 10.30 Arrival and Registration |
| 10.50 – 11.15 Introduction: Harbours and Warfare |
| 11.15-11.45 B. Hoffmann, The Legions and their harbours. A look at the Rhine and beyond |
| 11.45-12.30 Kaia Stemberger, Harbours and the Army on the Danube and Northern Italy (TBC) |
| 12.30 – 13.15 Lunch |
| 13.15-13.45 David Woolliscroft (Roman Gask Project), Harbours and the use of rivers on the Gask Ridge and other Northern Frontiers |
| 13.45-14.30 Edith Evans, 'Water transport in Wales and the Roman army' |
| 14.30- 15.00 Coffee |
| 15.00-15.45 Sarah Griffiths, Reusing the tried and tested - The Romans and the Harbours of the Ptolemies (tbc). |
| 16.45-16.30 Paul Gorton, What survives? The case for the continued use of harbours and contacts of Sub-Roman Britain with the Continent (TBC) |
| 16.30-17.00 Conclusions and Farewell |
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| (Please make out cheques to 'Birgitta Hoffmann') Name: |
| Address/email/phone |
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