

Regional Group Reports 2004

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No meetings were held in 2004.

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South East Midlands Pottery Research Group (SEMPER)

East Anglian Pottery Research Group

SEMPER is a thriving regional group, working closely with the East Anglian group. We try to hold two meetings a year, one of which is regularly held at the Buckinghamshire County Museum in Aylesbury and

the other at various venues in the region. One meeting was held in 2004 and included talks on the medieval pottery of Hertfordshire; late medieval pottery kilns at Higham Ferrers, Northants, and Italian imports to Narrow Street, London.

If anyone in the region (or outside!) has any ideas for themes for meetings, or perhaps would like to host a meeting, or would like to be put on the mailing list, please contact:

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Scottish Group of Medieval Ceramicists

The Scottish Group held a seminar on 30th April 2004 in Customs House, Leith with the main focus of discussion being the continuing plough damage at the Colstoun production centre. Progress on the New Review of pottery imported into Medieval Scotland was also discussed.

Sourcing Scottish White Gritty Ware

The first draft report on this project has now been submitted to Historic Scotland, with the intention of publication in Medieval Ceramics and SAIR (Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports www.sair.org.uk). As part of this project Dr Richard Jones and his students carried out further geophysical survey of the unscheduled and uncultivated field directly adjacent to the excavated kilns at Colstoun.

Scottish Redware sourcing

Historic Scotland have now commissioned the follow on project to the redware pilot study of 1997 and the project members are in the process of collecting brick, tile, pottery and clay samples.

Perth High Street excavation

SUAT Ltd have been commissioned by Historic Scotland to manage the post excavation programme on the late Nicholas Bogdans excavations to completion. As part of this all the imported pottery was laid out for a specialist seminar in October at Perth Museum and Art Gallery.

Stove tiles

Fragments from these high status central heating systems were very rare finds in Scotland until recently when several have been recovered from excavations in Edinburgh, St Andrews and Perth. An example identified in 2004 from St Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh appears to be from a chained unicorn, the jury is still out as to whether this might be a fragment from the Scottish Royal Coat of Arms. Developer funded excavations in the Skinnergate in Perth found another one of these tiles presumably from a high-status building in the vicinity.

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The Medieval Pottery Research Group was founded in 1975 to bring together people with an interest in pottery vessels that were made, traded and used in Europe between the end of the Roman period and the sixteenth century.

Its remit has subsequently expanded to include the pottery of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, from both sides of the Atlantic and beyond, as well as post-Roman building materials.

