

## Kent Archaeological Field School Courses: 2021

### Booking Form

<b>Courses 2021</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Field-walking and Map Analysis at a Roman building in Kent	Good Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April to Easter Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Members free Non-members £25 and includes free membership
Wye Roman Villa and Watermill- two courses	Spring Bank Holiday Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May for five days and Summer Bank Holiday 30 <sup>th</sup> August for five days	Members free and non-members £15 a day
Training week for students at the Roman villa and Water Mill at Wye	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> August to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	£100 a week (Monday to Friday) with free membership. Does not include travel or accomodation
Excavation of the World Heritage Site of a Roman Palace at Oplontis near Pomeii in Italy	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	£50 a week with free membership. Does not include travel or accomodation
Investigation of Prehistoric features at Hollingbourne in Kent	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> September to Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Members free Non-members £10
<b>Italy 2021 (STILL BOOKINGS)</b>		
Excavation at Oplontis, Naples (Week 2)	July 5 <sup>th</sup> July to 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Members only
Excavation at Oplontis, Naples (Week 3)	July 12 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Members only
Week 1 fully booked		

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**We will be back in Oplontis in the first three weeks in July 2021 for another season of excavation** but watch this space and do not book flights or hotels until both the pandemic and Brexit are sorted. The only criteria for booking is that you are a member of the Kent Archaeological Field School [www.kafs.co.uk](http://www.kafs.co.uk) and that you have some experience or enthusiasm for Roman archaeology, Italian food and Italian sunshine! See also the website for the project at [www.oplontisproject.org](http://www.oplontisproject.org). Please note food,

accommodation, insurance, and travel are not provided and to cover costs we will be charging £10 a day per person.

Flights to Naples are probably cheapest with EasyJet. To get to Pompeii take a bus from the Naples airport to the railway station and then the local train to Pompeii. Hotels are about 50eu for a room per night.

We are staying at are the Motel Villa dei Misteri and the Hotel degli Amici.

[info@villademisteri.it](mailto:info@villademisteri.it) [info@hoteldegliamici.it](mailto:info@hoteldegliamici.it) For camping the site *Camping Zeus* is next to the hotel: [info@campingzeus.it](mailto:info@campingzeus.it) and is about 12eu a night. Transport to Oplontis from Pompeii is not provided but most of the group use the local train (one stop). Please note it can be hot so bring sun cream and insect repellent! Any queries email me at [info@kafs.co.uk](mailto:info@kafs.co.uk) or in Naples call my mobile on 07885 700 112. We will meet up at 8am every Monday morning of the dig at Motel Villa dei Misteri to start the new week.

***Field Walking and Map Analysis Easter 2021 – Good Friday 2nd April to Easter Monday 5th April.***

Field work at its most basic involves walking across the landscape recording features seen on the ground. On this weekend course we are concerned with recognising and recording artefacts found within the plough soil. These include flint tools, Roman building material, pottery, glass and metal artefacts. One of the uses of field walking is to build up a database for large-scale regional archaeological surveys. We will consider the importance of regressive map analysis as part of this procedure. The course will cover:

1. Strategies and procedures,
2. Standard and non-standard line walking, grid walking,
3. Pottery distribution, identifying pottery and building ceramics.

We will be in the field in the afternoons so suitable clothing will be necessary.

Cost £10 if membership is taken out at the time of booking. For non-members the cost will be £25.

**Wye Roman Villa and Water mill: Spring Bank Holiday Monday 31st May for five days and the Summer Bank Holiday Monday 30th August 2021 for five days**

Archaeological excavation on the site of a recently discovered Roman Villa and water mill at Wye in Kent (see main article). A very exciting venture beside the River Stour to the south-west of Wye. Geophysical survey has revealed a multitude of features and recent field walking and excavation by KAFS students has identified a probable Roman water mill alongside an artificial leat (see below red arrow). The field walking identified areas of Roman building material and pottery which path founded the successful programme of geophysical survey.

**The Summer Bank Holiday Week will also host the annual KAFS Training Week.** We shall look at the ways in which archaeological sites are discovered and excavated and how different types of finds are studied to reveal the lives of former peoples. Subjects discussed will include aerial photography, regressive map analysis, HER data, and artefact identification. **The five day course runs from Monday 30th August to Friday 3rd September 2021** and will be especially useful for those new to archaeology, as well as those considering studying the subject further. This will be held either on site at the Faversham base or on-site at Wye. After the morning tea break we will participate in an archaeological investigation on a Roman building at Wye under expert tuition. Expert diggers are not required to participate in the tool box talks.

Cost £100 per person.

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