

Prehistoric Weekend Workshops with Will Lord of the Stone Age with Thanet Prehistory Pop Up Museum open day

Thanet Prehistory Pop Up Museum displays will be open to the public without booking
10am-4.00pm Saturday and Sunday

Workshop/Demonstration Timetable		
Saturday 18th September 2021		
Session	Time	Workshop
Sat. 1.	9.30 – 11.00	Flint knapping
Sat. 2.	11.00- 12.30	Flint knapping
13.00 - 14.00 Lunch Break		
Sat. 3.	13.30- 15.00	Flint knapping
Pop Up Museum/Open Day ends. Break to set up for Sat. 4		
Feel free to stay at the Antoinette Centre if you are attending the evening session		
Sat. 4.	16.30 Evening workshop (Sat. 4) ticket holders take your seats	
	17.00 – 8.00	Demonstration of foraging from a Deer carcass for food, clothing and tools.
Sunday 19th September 2021		
Session	Time	Workshop
Sun 1.	9.30 – 11.00	Flint knapping
Sun 2.	11.00- 12.30	Flint knapping
13.00 - 14.00 Lunch Break		
Sun 3.	13.30- 15.00pm	Flint knapping
4.00pm Event Ends		

Lunch Breaks/Food

You may bring a picnic lunch to eat in the Antoinette Centre Garden or indoors in case of bad weather. There are a number of restaurants located within the Quex Park estate.

Please Note

The Evening Workshop. Foraging from the carcass (Sat. 4) includes processing and butchering a deer carcass. This demonstration will show how prehistoric tools were used by hunter gatherer people and is a valuable experimental archaeological demonstration of scientific value.

Booking

5 places are available for each 90-minute Flint knapping workshop session.
We can accommodate up to 30 people in the Prehistoric foraging from the carcass demonstration Session (Sat.4). Book early to be sure of a place.

Prices

Flint knapping (Sat. 1 -3, Sun. 1-3)	£45.00 per person.
Foraging demonstration (Sat. 4)	£35.00 per person

Book at: <http://www.trustforthanetarchaeology.org.uk/community-outreach/prehistoric-weekend/>

Workshop Leader Will Lord

Our expert workshop leader and demonstrator for our Prehistoric Weekend is Will Lord (Will Lord of the Stone Age), who brings a unique range of abilities and experience to the event.

Born in 1970, Will Lord grew up on the English Heritage site of Grimes Graves, a prehistoric flint mine in Norfolk, where his parents were custodians for many years.

Will continued and progressed a strong family tradition of archaeology & flint knapping, coming to excel in all aspects of primitive survival techniques including prehistoric cooking, preparing & using animal hides, butchery, cordage and shelters; the entire spectrum of skills needed to survive and thrive any time before the end of the Bronze Age. Will is also an experienced bowyer, making both Medieval longbows & primitive bow & arrow designs, based on archaeological evidence, his bows featuring in TV documentaries.

As a leading expert on prehistoric survival skills, Will has been hired as specialised instructor by many of the UK's top bushcraft companies, bringing his unique expertise to their range of courses. Will spent many years perfecting the art of flint knapping and is expert at producing stone tools such as hand axes, knives & arrowheads.

As an experienced prehistoric re-enactor and experimental archaeologist, Will has rediscovered the secrets of our prehistoric ancestors, the original survival experts.



Workshops

Flint Knapping (Sat. 1 -3, Sun. 1-3)



Learn the skill used by our ancestors to create a range of tools such as hand axes, knives, arrowheads and axe heads. For those with an interest in the prehistoric era, this course offers you a great opportunity to understand the features and characteristics of stone implements.

In the session you will be introduced to the tools that are used for Flint Knapping and shown how and when to use them. You will have clear and well-presented demonstrations of how to make a range of tools covering three periods of the Stone Age, Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic. Will Lord will teach you to

make flint tools like a hand axe, a blade core for tools such as saws and burins and pressure flaking for producing fine arrowheads.



When your session ends you will be pleased to know you keep the items you have made.

Saturday Evening Workshop - Foraging from the Carcass Demonstration (Sat. 4)

The hunter-gatherers of the past would have recognised that a hunted animal could provide a vast range of possibilities, beyond the feast it provided. This demonstration is an excellent opportunity to learn what is available from an animal's carcass other than just the meat.



You will learn how a deer is butchered and segmented, the hide tanned, pemmican is prepared, how cordage is made from the tendons and - with the aid of flint tools such as scrapers and burins - how artefacts that were used during the Stone Age are created.

As we move into the evening, we will take time to appreciate the landscape the deer has come from, presenting ourselves to the land as hunters would have done, truly entering the mindset of our ancient ancestors. Relaxation around the campfire will round off the evening as the deer is cooked over the open fire and enjoyed for an evening meal.

The demonstration will bring this time- period to life in a valuable and resourceful way, as you begin to not only understand the time taken to produce small and effective life essentials, helping to value how the whole animal can be consumed and honoured for the life that has been taken.



The whole experience has been described as a real Stone Age awakening. We are pleased to be able to offer this opportunity to you.