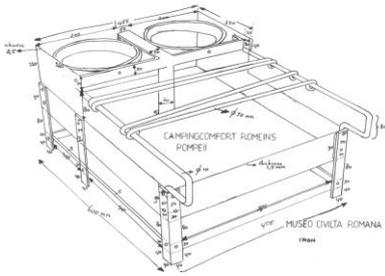




## Iron Working Demonstration with Spike Martin The Antoinette Centre Quex Park Birchington

### Building a 'Craticula' Roman Charcoal Stove



This demonstration will be a great opportunity to experience the skills used by a Blacksmith in the Roman era. We have commissioned blacksmith Spike Martin of the Bearded Pig Forge to build a replica *Craticula*, a portable Roman charcoal stove, from a detailed drawing of an original, found among the volcanic ash at Pompeii.

Spike will bring his Roman forge to the Antoinette Centre and demonstrate the processes involved in making the components of the stove, giving an insight into how a Roman blacksmith would have fabricated it. Once built, the stove will be used for future workshops on Roman cooking and domestic life in the Hortus Romanus at the Antoinette Centre.

### Spike Martin of Bearded Pig Forge



Our expert demonstrator Spike Martin is a skilled Blacksmith with a love of history. His pieces are inspired by the history and the function of the item. Spike enjoys entering the mindset of a smith of the past when making something to be used and loves to make items with a practical purpose. Spike's solid knowledge of the skills and history of Blacksmithing will help us understand how a Roman smith would have set about making a complicated item like the *Craticula* and what tools and materials were available.

### Price and booking

Iron working demonstration

£15.00 per person.

Book your place at:

<http://www.trustforthanetarchaeology.org.uk/community-outreach/iron-working-demonstration-with-spike-martin/>

Iron Working Demonstration Timetable		
Saturday 23rd September 2022		
Session	Time	Workshop
Welcome	9.30 - 10.00	Tea and coffee will be available all day
Demonstration	10.00 - 12.30	Morning session
<b>12.30 - 13.30 Lunch Break</b>		
Demonstration	13.30- 16.00	Afternoon session
<b>4.00pm Event Ends</b>		

### 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.

**Spike's Website** <http://www.beardedpigforge.com/>

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