

THE SOCIETY FOR CLAY PIPE RESEARCH

Clay pipes have been used in this country from the late sixteenth century onwards and were made and exported all around the World in huge numbers. They had a short life expectancy and, once broken, were of no further use and discarded. Pipe fragments survive well in the ground and they can be accurately dated from their form and decoration. Furthermore, many pipes are marked, which allows them to be traced back to their individual manufacturers. Most pipes were produced locally in small, family run workshops using regional styles and different shapes and qualities were produced for different markets. These factors make pipes one of the most common and useful artefacts to be found on archaeological sites. Pipe fragments not only produce accurate dating material but also valuable information about trade and social status. Many pipes were also ornately decorated making them interesting objects to collect in their own right. These characteristics make pipes a fascinating field of study, with a wealth of avenues to explore.



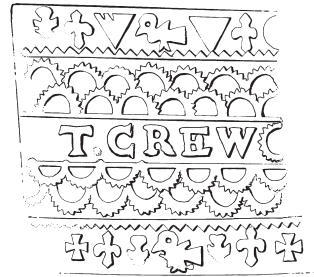
19th Century French pipe depicting Pan

The Society for Clay Pipe Research was founded in 1983 to provide a forum for all those with an interest in the study of clay tobacco pipes. One of the principal aims of the Society is to encourage the exchange of news and information between researchers, which is principally done through the *Newsletter*, an A5 booklet of around 60 pages in length that the Society publishes twice a year. The *Newsletter* is packed full of notes and articles on pipes and related topics from around the world as well as news and information, lists of pipemakers, queries, requests for information and details of meetings and publications. The Society also circulates a list of members to facilitate contact between individuals and it holds an annual two-day conference, which is held in a different part of the United Kingdom each year.

The annual conference usually comprises one day of lectures on local pipes and pipemakers and recent research and the second day with a field trip to visit local sites of pipemaking or historic interest. There are usually displays of material for viewing and articles / offprints for sale as well as a conference dinner where delegates can socialise and exchange information.

Membership of the Society is open to anyone and includes archaeologists, historians and genealogists with a professional interest in the subject as well as libraries, collectors and ordinary people with a general interest in pipes. The Society is a lively and friendly organisation that has members from around the world. Why not join today and find out why so many people have become fascinated with the subject?

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Early 18th century stem mark used by Thomas Crew of Sheffield.



19th century bowl marked MASON from York.

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The Society appeals to a wide cross section of people, including professional archaeologists, amateur pipe enthusiasts, family historians, collectors and non-specialists alike.

To join the society simply make a payment and post or email the attached slip with your details to the SCPR

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