

# West Street Potters

## INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

Enjoy working with friendly and committed people in this unique building.

### Basic Tools You Will Need

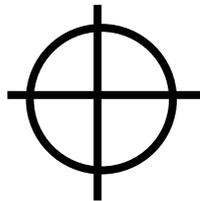
- Apron, cheese wire, craft knife, rubber kidney, metal kidneys (serrated and plain), 2 paint brushes (soft hair), notebook.
- Some of these items may be on sale in the workshop and all members are generous with loans until you acquire your own.
- There is also a pool of unclaimed tools to use.

### Clays and Work Identification

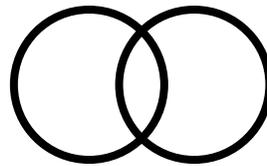
- Clays suitable for all making purposes are for sale from the class representative or tutor (£11.00 per 12.5 kilo bag for stoneware).
- In addition, reclaimed (mixed) clay (£2 per bag) is usually available.
- *Please* take clay home if you can as storage space is very limited.
- Each class is allocated a symbol to identify work and clay bags.
- Label *everything* with your class mark to avoid confusion. **NO POTS WILL BE FIRED WITHOUT AN IDENTIFICATION MARK** (exception for buttons/bead). Please let technicians know if you have your own personal mark and do not wish to use the class mark, so they can identify your pot.



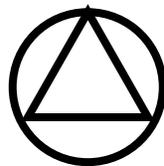
Tuesday am/pm



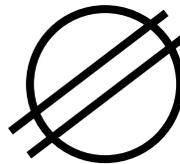
Tuesday evening



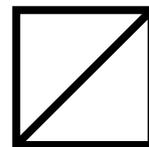
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Thursday morning



Thursday evening



Friday am/pm

**M** = Monday evening

## Progressing Work and Firing

- Firing Charges are in addition to your Class Fees
- Monitor work in progress and put on the correct shelf for drying/firing.
- There are frequent firings and every effort is made to process work as quickly as possible.
- When your work has been fired, weigh it and enter the weight on your page in the class folder, calculate the price at (£1.90/kilo for bisque and raku firing and £2.20 for glaze firing)

*[E.g. Pot weighing 500g would be 95p for bisque firing and £1.10 to glaze and fire. **£2.05 in total**]*

- At the end of each term total the costs and pay for your work.
- The firing charge covers the cost of glaze materials, electricity and gas for biscuit and glaze firings.

## Health and Safety issues

In order for the tutors to respond and make your experience in class an enjoyable one, please make them aware of any condition you may feel would be exacerbated by contact with clay/glaze materials or the like. They will support you to find the most appropriate way to work. Please be reassured that any information will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

## Clearing Up

- Clay dust is a health hazard.
- Please wash worktops and all tools and equipment.
- Try not to put any clay down the sink – there are containers on both floors for clay waste.
- Good housekeeping at both sinks keeps everyone happy - and deters mice!

## Excellent Facilities

- A lift is available for wheelchair access and moving work between floors.
- The toilet is located on the ground floor, immediately to the right as you enter the main door.
- Coat hooks are on the first floor.
- Facilities for making hot drinks – 20p per cup.

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There are other events held throughout each year

- Masterclasses/Demonstration Days with visiting potters (usually one per term at a weekend)
- Exhibition of Members' work – At the end of the Autumn Term
- Annual Raku Firing and Barbecue (Summer Term)

Details of all of these events will be on the Notice Board or posted on our blog:

<http://weststreetpotters.co.uk/blog/>

Contributions to the blog are welcome. You can use it to offer any articles for sale, potters tips favorite tools or glaze combinations.

## Volunteers

West Street Potters offers ceramics classes for people of all abilities was set up by a dedicated group of volunteers in 1998 and still operates in this way.

The value of voluntary time given towards this venture cannot be over-emphasised.

If you are able to offer any help, especially for 'clearing up days' please contact our Manager, Rachel Dance, tel. 07918 666898 [weststreetpotters@btinternet.com](mailto:weststreetpotters@btinternet.com)

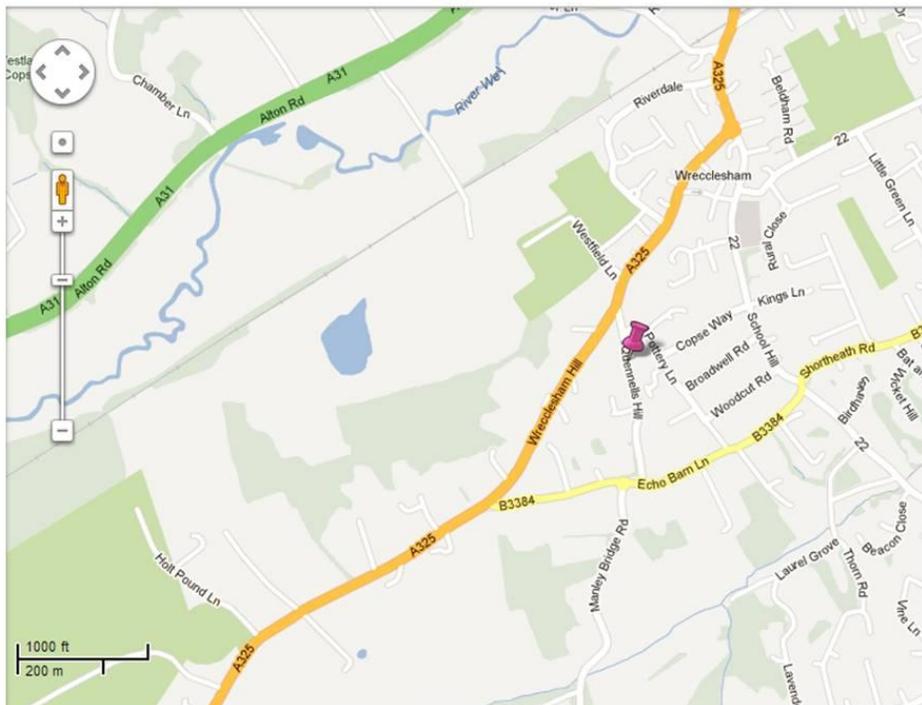
## How to find Farnham Pottery

The Farnham Pottery  
Quennells Hill  
Wrecclesham  
Farnham  
Surrey  
GU10 4SL

Please note that Sat Nav will take you to the Pottery Lane entrance and not to the car park. From Wrecclesham Hill A325, follow the Brown Sign to Farnham Pottery (next to Royal Oak Pub), turn up Quennells Hill. Continue up the hill, - ignore the turning on the left to Pottery Lane - and 50 metres further on, on the left, is the turning into the car park.

The entrance to the WSP workshop is to the right of the main building, in line with the bottle kiln.

Please beware that at night the car park is very poorly lit. A sensor light will come on as you approach the WSP entrance door on foot.



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