



The Muddy Archaeologist
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Digging Deep into History to bring colour, depth and meaning to life today

Britain's 'Dark Ages'
Early Medieval Era
 Picts, Anglo-Saxons & Vikings
Exploring our Ancient Past
New Course



26 October, 2 & 9 November, 23 November, 7 December 2016

Five 1½ hour sessions Wednesday afternoons 2-3.30pm

In the comfort of the Old Deanery in Ripon

Minster Road, Ripon, North Yorkshire, HG4 1QS

Free parking available in the hotel forecourt

Join me for a warming winter course that takes us back to the post Roman era in Britain. From Rome's departure in AD 410 to the arrival of the Normans in 1066.

See the archaeology, sites and museums through an archaeologist's eyes.

26 October: Introduction & Setting the Scene: Enter the Anglo-Saxons into Roman Britain

A clash of cultures as Roman life struggles on as new invaders and settlers make their mark

2 Nov: Early Saxon Period AD c.450- c.650 A Brave New Warrior World

What the archaeology tells us: migration and Pagans with new burial rites, homes & attire. Kings, Sutton Hoo, and the appearance of halls & arrival of Christianity with Augustine's mission.

9 Nov: Beyond the Romans' Reach: The Picts & Ireland & the 'Celts'

Including the enigmatic Picts and pagan Ogham & Runic scripts. Who were the Celts? Art & cultural identity

23 Nov: Middle Saxon Period (AD c.650 – c.850) Christianity & Literacy

The growth of settlement and the rise of kingdoms, while Christianity influences art and literacy. A glimpse beyond: The Franks & the Carolingian Renaissance

7 Dec: Late Saxon Period (AD c.850-c.1150) Wessex, Alfred the Great & Vikings

New invasions & settlers: Viking raids and their art and trade & impact. Danelaw and beyond. The kingdoms of Wessex, Mercia, East Anglia & Northumbria & the rise of Old English & King Alfred

As an archaeologist, I have lectured on tours from southern Britain's 'Wessex' to the furthest north in the Orkneys and on to Norway. Let me share with you the impact that the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings had on our lives in Britain. Discover and discuss just how much they influenced us And find out how to get the most from artefacts and days out on sites.

We shall explore what happened when, what life was like, where to go, what to look for and how to recognise the remains and finds from each era.

Let me enlighten the Early Medieval Ages – those Dark Ages - for you!

Cost just £45 for the five sessions.

Refreshment break at half time of each session. Please bring £2 for your tea/coffee and biscuits provided by the hotel. Thank you. Gillian's book, *Visiting the Past: Finding and Understanding Britain's Archaeology*, will be available for sale during the course.

Discount Price £10

Booking essential – spaces limited [Contact me](#) to find out more details or to book your place

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