



The Muddy Archaeologist

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Illustrated Talks, Classes, Tours



Bringing colour, depth and meaning to life today by Digging into the Past

Archaeology – Latin – Roman & Greek History – Prehistory - Charity Desert Trek

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Sample TALKS

NADFAS portfolio available

Talks & Study Days / Weekends / Tours / Cruises



A Mediterranean Tour: Not Just a Load of Old Stones

This new richly-illustrated one-hour talk will take you on a tour of the ancient history of the Mediterranean. Get to grips with the dawn of our Western Civilization and discover the marvels of the cultures that rose and fell over the millennium. It's not just a muddle of old stones out there – come and find out how the sites and landscapes left behind by the Greeks, Romans, Egyptians (and others) can still speak to us today.

Supporting *A Mediterranean Tour* (Publication due 2016)



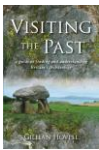
A Muddy History of Britain - A Local View

A fully illustrated tour of the history of our islands from prehistory to the industrial revolution through the archaeology that is all around us - with added local flavour every time.

You'll never look at an empty field in the same way again ...

Perfect for Local History Groups and an excellent promotional tool for local history projects ...

Supporting *Visiting the Past* (The History Press)



'Excellent speaker.
Very informative -
learnt loads'

'Beautifully presented.
History with humour
- a delight'

'Thoroughly
enjoyable and
informative'

'Absolutely excellent'
'Very entertaining'

A Muddy Prehistory of Britain

Thought-provoking Prehistory is never as far away as we might think – discover how to spot it wherever you go.

A Muddy Prehistory of Orkney & Shetland (many talk options include Anglesey / Stonehenge ...)

Prehistory is everywhere in these areas: stunning scenery accompanies this 'big picture' that makes sense of the archaeology.

How to see beyond the Glass Case Making the Most of a Museum visit. What to look for in all those objects - tricks of the trade.



What did the Romans Ever Really do for Us?

Roman Britain in a nutshell: its history, what its archaeology tells us, and its legacy: and discovering how the Romans really did change our lives

A wide range of fully illustrated talks are available, all revealing Rome's relevance to modern life, including:

Io Saturnalia – Happy Christmas the Roman Way! The origins of our seasonal festivities go back 2,000 years. Artwork ancient and modern will unwrap the images and stories behind our festive seasonal habits ...

Pompeii – A Product of its Time Pompeii was buried in AD79, during the heyday of the Roman Empire. Discover how these ancient towns were a rich mix of their heritage and the goods that flooded in to Italy from throughout the known world.

A Classical Gallery of Rogues: The Eternal Pantheon

A very popular light talk on how the Greek and Roman gods still surround us: tales of gods posing divinely and behaving badly, how to spot the various gods and goddesses, and how to identify them.

A Fresh View on Frescoes Visit a Roman house and you might be treated to some unforgettable glorious wall paintings: these were the wallpaper of the rich. How and why were they done and what can they tell us about life two thousand years ago?

Roman Art Talks

Whether you want a one-off talk, or a series for a day school or weekend event, then there's a talk for you. Many more available – just contact me and/or take a look on my website www.muddyarchaeologist.co.uk



Latin Yesterday, Today and For Ever

How and why Latin travelled through the centuries against all the odds to become a living part of our modern lives. What was the attraction and real power behind Latin?

And what about the future for Latin and literacy? Will history repeat itself ...?

Supporting *Latin All Around Us* (Publication due 2016)

Latin All Around Us This richly illustrated but more interactive talk (or workshop, if you prefer) explores the fascinating history, stories and ancient roots behind words we use every day. Tailored to bring words associated with the interests or studies of your society, group or school.

What's in a Name? A very popular look at just what those Latin names mean and how they bring colour and life to species and our appreciation of them.

Body of Latin Lively resource and training for those in the medical profession or for those who just want to know their way around our anatomy.

Please see over for more talks and events and contact details

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'Learned more in
one hour than
I've understood in
20 years'

'Marvellously
entertaining as ever'

'Fascinating'

'Excellent and
entertaining'

'Informative Q&A
Lots of humour'

'Lovely relaxed
atmosphere'

'Something for
everyone'

'Phenomenal'

'Truly inspirational
– it reminds us
what we're here
for'

Classical Association

'Gillian brings learning
to life in a way that
inspires future interest'

'First class as usual
from Gillian'

'Wonderful,
wonderful,
wonderful!'

*'An evening with Gillian Hovell could literally change the way you view the landscape for ever ...
Hovell proves that history is on your doorstep and that the journey into the past is only a few steps away'
(Ilkley Literature Festival review)*

A Passion for Writing

This friendly, chatty and entertaining session shares the joys and challenges of writing and publishing non-fiction: It's not just ivory towers; a writer's life involves so much more ...

Perfect for your book club, writing circle, etc.



Latin Courses - Taster and Full Courses



Contact me to join us on an existing course – or contact me to set up a new one 'from the beginning'

Introducing the basics of Latin and the secrets that make it (and Roman history) so relevant to English today.

Five richly illustrated 2-hour sessions

Any combination - once a week for 5 or 10 weeks, or a week's daily (Monday to Friday) or an intensive weekend (Friday evening-Sunday) or enjoy a three-day course, Whichever suits your group!

No tests, just fun and discovery in a sociable and friendly atmosphere

New beginners, novices and lapsed learners all welcome.

Students may continue onto courses for Advanced Latin

and on to Roman History & much more, using Latin to see Rome as the Romans saw themselves

Great value

Just what I was looking for

Very accessible & enjoyable

Great enthusiasm

Absolutely brilliant!

I would love to carry on learning more with her

Ancient History, Archaeology & Classical Literature Courses

Contact me to give a course for your society / school / venue / event

Roman History: An Outline – Roman Britain - Classical Art & Artefacts – Classical Mythology

The History of the Mediterranean 'Not Just a Load of Old Stones' (How to get the best from your holiday destinations!)

Roman Literature in Context – Ovid's *Metamorphoses*: Roman Mythology – Pliny the Elder's *Natural History*

And more



Visiting the Past **TOURS**

With lectures and guiding
by Gillian Hovell BA (Hons)



Archaeological Tours, Holidays & Cruises (tailor-made tours available)

We give you the bigger picture - the history, the stories, the scenery, and more.

Not just sites: a narrative and a trip through time, with evening lectures showing how a civilization developed and how it still speaks to us today

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in association with



Pompeii & Herculaneum June 2015

Hadrian's Wall August 2015

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You added an infinite amount of content to the days, as well as friendliness and charm'

'Not just a Guided Tour – a Visit into the Past'

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Trekking to Petra

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