



The Muddy Archaeologist

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Illustrated Talks, Classes, Tours

Archaeology – Latin – Roman History – Charity Desert Trek

Professional, lively and relevant

for Festivals, Societies, Community Projects, Schools, Libraries, Events, After-Dinner talks & Literary Teas, Conferences, Churches ...



A Muddy History of Britain - A Local View

A fully illustrated tour of the history of our islands 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 ...

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

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

A Muddy Prehistory of Orkney & Shetland

Prehistory is everywhere in Orkney and Shetland: stunning scenery accompanies this 'big picture' that makes sense of the archaeology.

Making the Most of a Museum visit - Opening our Eyes How to see beyond the glass case.



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

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

'Marvellously
entertaining as ever'

Other Roman History Talks

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

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

Gods behaving badly and gods posing divinely both feature in art through the ages: What are their often bizarre stories? Find out how they linger in our world today and learn how to identify the individual gods' hallmark features in paintings, sculpture and coins in this light and humorous talk.

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 (more available – just contact me).

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? (A great taster for a trip to the Pompeii exhibition at the British Museum in Summer 2013)

A 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 and identify them.

Made in the Image of Man (and Woman) Classical sculpture brought to life – see it evolve before your eyes.

The Man and Woman in the Street Everyday life in Rome as depicted by the Romans

The Iconic Roman Villa So much more than a pile of ruins: find out how to read their stories and connect with the owners.

Why Rome Wasn't built in a Day Where did all that Roman Architecture really come from?

Transparent Rome - Gazing at Roman Glass A stunning Roman speciality: beauty, craftsmanship and how to see the lives of the Romans through a cracked jug



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* (Cambridge University Press due 2014)

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

Other Talks on Latin

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.

Heavenly Bodies A fresh way to view your astronomical studies and hobby

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.

'Gillian brings learning
to life in a way that
inspires future
interest'
'First class as usual
from Gillian'
'Wonderful,
wonderful, wonderful!'

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

Please see over for more talks and events and contact details

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*'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 nowadays ...
Perfect for your book club, writing circle, etc.



Latin Taster Courses (and Full Courses)



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 (Friday-Sunday),
Once a week,
Or a weekend or three-day intensive course, or a week's daily (Monday to Friday). Whichever suits your group!
No tests, just fun and discovery in a sociable and friendly atmosphere
New beginners, novices and lapsed learners all welcome.
Courses may progress to Advanced Latin and on to Roman History using Latin to see Rome as the Romans saw themselves

NEW Roman History Courses

Roman History: An Outline – Roman Britain: The Big Picture – Roman Literature in Context
Roman Art & Artefacts – The History of the Mediterranean – Roman Mythology
The Romans on Holiday – The Greeks on Holiday (get the best from your holiday destinations!)



Archaeological Tours, Holidays & Cruises

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 seeing how a civilization developed and what it still says to us today

Prehistoric Orkney & Shetland June 2014

Roman Britain various

Ancient Greece 2-week & 4-week Cruises April/May 2014

Pompeii Sept 2014

Medieval Dales – Turkey - In the Footsteps of St. Paul

Guided by Gillian Hovell BA (Hons)

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

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Or take a virtual tour of **Petra, Jewel of Jordan** from a new perspective
– its history, sites and atmospheric setting



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