



The Muddy Archaeologist

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Illustrated Talks, Classes, Workshops

Archaeology – Latin – Roman History – Charity Desert Trek

Professional, lively and relevant - for Festivals, Societies, Schools, Libraries, Events, After-Dinner talks, Conferences, Churches, Companies ...

A Muddy History of Britain

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 ...

Supporting *Visiting the Past* (The History Press 2nd edition 2010)

Latin

Richly illustrated talks or interactive workshops

exploring the fascinating history, stories and ancient roots behind the words we use every day.

Supporting *Latin All Around Us* (Cambridge University Press due 2012)

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? How did each era cause Latin to seep into our present lives? And what about the future for Latin and literacy? Will history repeat itself ...?

Latin All Around Us - Why the Romans Still Matter Today

A relaxed and informal illustrated talk exploring the roots and stories behind a group's specialist subject or common interest, during which the audience get to 'have words' with the author.

Examples of specialist topics: **What's in a Name?** (flora and fauna) – **Heavenly Bodies** (astronomy) – **Body of Latin** (medical) **Playing with Words** (for schools) – **Speaking Volumes** (book clubs etc) – **Roots of Faith** (devotional aides for churches)

Latin Literature Liberated

A bluffer's guide to the glory of Latin literature – its history, the names and the famous bits in context.

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), daily (Monday to Friday) or once-weekly sessions.

Roman History

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

What did the Romans ever do for us? or Roman Britain in a Nutshell

A potted guide to its history, its archaeology and its legacy and discovering how the Romans changed our lives

A wide-ranging talk on, or one focused on the aspect of your choice.

Supporting *Roman Britain* (Crimson Publishing due March 2012)

A Classical Gallery of Rogues: The Eternal Pantheon

Gods behaving badly and gods posing divinely both feature in art through the centuries:

Find out how these gods and their often bizarre stories linger even in our world today.

Learn how to identify the individual gods' hallmark features in paintings, sculpture and coins.

Exposing Roman Art

Find out how and why we owe so much to the arts of the Classical world, and discover how to 'read' the classical imagery that is all around us still today.

Plus: **Mythical Canvases** (magnificent myths told through art) – **Spinning Heads and Ships** (Roman coins brought to life)

A Fresh Look at Frescoes (Roman wall painting); **The Art of Roman History** (the Rise and Fall of Rome seen through its art)

Trekking to Petra

Share the drama, the scenery, the flora and fauna, history, and all the fears and joys of a desert (charity) trek. Or take a virtual tour of **Petra, Jewel of Jordan** from a new perspective – its history, sites and atmospheric setting

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ALSO

School Visits

Workshops on *Playing with Words: Ancient Roots* - Latin & Greek around us,
A Muddy History of Britain,
Lessons on the Basics of Latin
Digging Up the Past - A Muddy Archaeologist's Life
(Society of Author rates)

'A great success' St. Aidan's CofE School, Harrogate

REVIEWS

A Muddy History of Britain

'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)

'Excellent speaker. Very informative - learnt loads'

'Beautifully presented - history with humour - a delight'

'Thoroughly enjoyable and informative'

'Absolutely excellent' and 'Very entertaining'

Latin: Yesterday, Today and Forever

'Phenomenal'

Latin All Around Us

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

'First class as usual from Gillian' 'Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful!'

The Book: 'very lively and readable'

Cambridge University Press

Visiting the Past

'A fun book'

Current Archaeology (July 2010)

'Read it for ... A vibrant and engaging guide to history's footprints'
Your Family History Seal of Approval (August 2009)

'Richly illustrated throughout,'

'An exceptionally well-written and accessible guide to archaeology'
Walk, the Rambler's Association magazine (Winter 2009)

'A fun and well-presented introductory guide to Britain's past'

Oxbow Bookshop

