



The Muddy Archaeologist

Gillian Hovell

Workshops, Illustrated Talks, Classes

2011-2012



A Muddy History of Britain

A one-hour/one-and-a-half hour 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 ...

Variations available, including *A Muddy History: A Christian Perspective*

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

Latin All Around Us - Why the Romans Still Matter Today

A one hour/one and a half hour informal talk or interactive workshop exploring the fascinating, surprising and sometimes plain weird ancient roots and stories that are behind the words we use every day.

A relaxed and informal talk during which the audience get to 'have words' with the author.

Each talk is geared to tie in with the group's specialist subject or common interest.

Supporting *Latin All Around Us* (Cambridge University Press 2011)

Latin Yesterday, Today and For Ever

A richly illustrated talk on how and why Latin travelled through the centuries against all the odds to become a real and living part of our modern lives.

What was the attraction and real power behind Latin?

How did each era use Latin in its own special way so that it seeped into our past and (although we may not realise it) into every day of our present lives?

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

Supporting *Latin All Around Us* (Cambridge University Press 2011)

Latin Taster Course

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

Five richly illustrated 2-hour daily (Monday to Friday) sessions.

or five once-weekly sessions

Trekking to Petra

Experience my Charity Trek for Classic Fm's *Music Makers* through the Jordanian desert to Petra in this illustrated talk.

Share the drama, the scenery, the history, and all the fears and joys.

(Talks to follow the April 2011 Trek)

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

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Roman History Lectures

All talks are fully and richly illustrated

Roman Wall Painting

Visit a Roman villa or temple and you might be treated to some glorious wall paintings – the wallpaper of rich homes of their day.

How were they done and what can they tell us about the people who lived and worshipped two thousand years ago?

Mythical Canvases

Explore the wondrous mythical tales of Ancient Greece and Rome and discover how they have been portrayed and how they influenced painters through the ages.

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.

The Art of Ancient Rome's History

Ancient Rome influenced our art. But what of the Romans themselves?

Follow the rise and fall of Ancient Rome through their own art, as they commemorated the major events and the great personalities.

Spinning Heads and Ships: the Image of Ancient Rome

Roman art in the public sphere regularly had a political edge to it.

A profile here, a statue there, a triumphal arch elsewhere, while coins, jewels, gold, silver and marble, speak to us across the centuries.

It's not political spin as we know it – this is literally the art of Roman political spin.

Portrayals of Everyday Ancient Rome

Art so often captures the unusual but Ancient Rome also revelled in depictions of everyday life: jobs, food, schooling, worship, entertainment and sport ...

It's familiar yet alien at the same time. And it made us what we are today.

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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'

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



Latin All Around Us

'very lively and readable'

Cambridge University Press editor

School Workshops

'A great success'

St. Aidan's CofE School, Harrogate