



The Muddy Archaeologist

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1. Based in Harrogate, North Yorkshire
2. Frequently based in London
3. Happy to tour a region – team up and save expenses!
4. Happy to talk at short notice if available

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Many Lectures also available as Study Days

NEW

Old Wine in New Bottles

Great NEW talk - marvellous as a seasonal Christmas event. A celebration of how the Ancient Greeks and Romans created our love of wine. How wine's popularity spread, how wine production has and has not changed, what wine connoisseurs 2,000 years ago thought made a wine great! As an archaeologist who has excavated a Roman wine producing warehouse, I promise this will refresh your palette!



NEW

A Medley of Greek Vases

Another fabulous NEW talk - Change your view of Greek vases for ever! Discover from an archaeologist how to see, understand and really *enjoy* the variety of shapes, uses and themes on ancient Greek vases. Never be overwhelmed by a museum gallery of Greek vases ever again!



NEW

STUDY DAY: Adventures into Ancient Sicily

Join me for a BRAND-NEW study day that will transport you to the glories of ancient Sicily: Phoenicians, Greeks and Romans all discovered the joy of this island and made their mark. This richly illustrated talk will bring the Sicilian sunshine and sites to you.
Full & Half Day



A Mediterranean Tour: Not Just a Load of Old Stones

This extremely popular virtual tour of the Ancient Mediterranean will enable you to identify whose art or architecture are whose and why their lives and cultures prompted them to create such features; see the Mediterranean cultures' big picture!
(This talk anticipates the publication of my next book which is on the same theme).

A firm favourite with societies! Full Day, Half Day or single lecture



io Saturnalia – Happy Christmas the Roman Way!

Early Christians celebrated Christmas as the same time as the Roman Saturnalia festival. Unwrap the images and stories behind the traditions, such as the presents, holly and even party hats that all have their origins in this 2,000-year-old party! **Single Talk only.**



What did the Greeks & Romans ever do for Art?

Ancient Greek art blossomed and then the Romans took that art and made it their own. How and why we owe so much to the ancient Greeks and Romans, and we identify the tell-tale marks of our debt to classical art around us today.



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Egypt Rising from the Sands: The World of Tutankhamun

Discover the World of Tutankhamun through an archaeologist's eyes. Thrill to the discovery of the boy king's tomb by Howard Carter in November 1922 & entry to the burial chamber in 1923. With Gillian as your archaeologist guide, explore how the 'glorious things' found reveal the ancient Egyptian culture. And then meet the various amazing cultures whom the Egyptians lived alongside.



Single talk & Half Day & Full Day

The Complete Pompeii (or choose just one or two talks)

Be transported to vibrant lives in ancient Pompeii. **Digging Deeper in Pompeii** shares insights from an archaeologist who has excavated a fascinating Pompeiian site ... **Welcome to Pompeii** sees the town as a Roman did. Taking the 'overwhelm' out of a visit, as you learn what to look for in ancient Roman towns. **Beyond Pompeii** journeys out to the countryside to explore daily Roman life in the mansions, religious sites, theatres, wine processors & markets, at Cumae, Stabiae, Oplontis, Pozzuoli & more.



Ancient Roots: Greek & Roman Gardens series

Choose from:

Classical Stories growing in your Garden. Myths & Legends that add colour to your plants and gardens

How the Romans set the seeds for our Garden Design. Discover our gardens are rooted in 2000-year-old ancient imaginative spaces.

Gardens of Pompeii Unearthed. Explore the green leisure and productive areas enjoyed 2,000 years ago in this ancient city

Tales of Cabbages and Kings. A fruitful and fragrant tale of ancient kitchen gardens.

The Ancient Buzz about the Bees. Honey, hives, history and a sweet tale full of social ways and symbolism in ancient Egypt, Greece & Rome.



A Muddy History of Britain: A Local View

Journey through the millennia to explore the archaeology from each era, both the famous sites and those local to your area. Learn how to identify **Prehistoric Sites** from Stone Age through the innovative Bronze Age and to the hard Iron age; Become an expert on **Roman sites** and what to look for; travel on to the **Early Medieval Age** of the Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and enter the Middle Ages.

Single talk & Half Day



Many more available

Digging Deeper in Pompeii with The Muddy Archaeologist
The Neolithic World of Stonehenge **Visiting the Neolithic**
At Home with the Romans: The Iconic Roman Villa and more ...



Seeing Art as Archaeologists Do: from Flints to Frescoes

Explore how archaeologists appreciate and understand the art, skill and aesthetics of ancient art. **Tricks of the Trades** explores the art that provides us with cultural context and dates; **Recreating Humanity** follows the astonishing evolution of sculpture; **House and Gardens** gazes at the frescoes and mosaics that speak to us across the millennia. **Full day only.**



Art & Society in Prehistoric Orkney

Travel back over 5,000 years to the stunning islands of Neolithic Orkney. Enter tombs, homes and ceremonial stone circles with Gillian. It's almost as good as being there ... **Single talk & Half Day & Full Day**



Classical Art & the Perception of Beauty

A philosophical lecture on art; is beauty timeless? Or is it bounded by the times we live in? How can Greek and Roman art tell us if beauty really is in the eye of the beholder? **Single talk, Full Day & Half Day**



Latin, Yesterday, Today & For Ever **Single talk/Half Day**

Travel through 2,000 years to see how Latin survived the millennia since the Roman era. Discover how it embedded itself into the English language, adding colour and depth to words we used in every part of our everyday and professional lives. Whoever you are, Latin is in your life! **Single talk & Half Day**



A Gallery of Rogues: The Eternal Pantheon

A **frequently requested** playful look at the Greek and Roman gods. Discover how to identify them, hear ancient tales of metamorphoses and of gods behaving badly. Why and how are their images still used today. **Single Talk Only**



Visions of Prehistoric Art: How Art speaks without Words

Art appears long before writing had been invented. Discover the magnificent range of prehistoric art and find out how that art speaks to us across the millennia. It's vibrant and energetic, alive and exquisitely detailed, personal and intimate; prepare to be surprised and to re-evaluate our perception of our ancient ancestors and what it means to be human.



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