

The Muddy Archaeologist
May 2020
NEW ONLINE COURSES



Dear All,

Welcome to the Muddy Archaeologist Newsletter for May 2020.

I really do hope that you are keeping safe and well during these difficult times of Covid-19.

You will know that all in-person events, talks, courses and tours have been cancelled for the foreseeable future for everyone's safety. And our safety must come first.

However, this does not mean that the Muddy Archaeologist is idle and no longer accessible. I am absolutely delighted to be able to continue to share with you and I can now invite you to join me at **online courses**.

Starting in June, there will be exciting **exclusive Muddy Archaeologist branded courses**, plus two 2-part **Saturday study days with York University**, and also two **online courses hosted by Rossett School's Lifelong Learning**.

First of all:



A very special entirely NEW branded series of Muddy Archaeologist online courses will be launched at the end of this month.

Our very first, exciting course, will be **Neolithic Orkney**.

Just because we can't visit these marvellous islands at the moment, does not mean we can't enjoy them. I shall be taking you on a journey to the incredible powerful impact of the Neolithic on our lives, the unique and stunning 5,000 year-old sites that cover the landscape on the beautiful islands of Orkney, and the archaeology. We shall explore what kind of sites there are, what we know about them, how they speak to us over the millennia, and how you too can really enjoy these special monuments to our distant past.

I will give you, through some stunning images and my teaching on video, downloadable handouts, quizzes and a live Q&A session, a real 'sense of place', as well as time, as we tour the islands, discovering a whole society and way of life from thousands of years ago.

We shall 'visit' tombs, ancient homes and monumental ritual landscapes. It's all distant in time maybe, but very, very human and the millennia between us simply vanish.

You can take your first peek here and can register your interest:

http://muddyarchaeologist.thinkific.com/pages/coming_soon

More details will be available very soon. **Launch date likely to be end May/very early June.**

Other courses will follow swiftly: The range will cover **Ancient Mediterranean cultures, Ancient History, Classical Literature, Practical Latin - Something for Everyone!**



I'm offering two courses with **Harrogate's Rossett School Lifelong Learning :**
A Mediterranean Tour of the Ancient Mediterranean

Come and join me for a special tour of the ancient civilizations of the Mediterranean. Five 2-hour sessions will reveal the distinctiveness of each of the cultures. We shall journey from the Neolithic Cycladic, through the Bronze Age with the Mycenaeans and Minoans, joining the Egyptians, Phoenicians and Etruscans, as well as the stunning Archaic and Classical Greeks and, of course, the Romans.

This will be illustrated with beautiful ancient art, and you will encounter these rich, diverse cultures and discover the ebb and flow of the Mediterranean civilizations.

Begins Monday 1st July, 10-12 noon, weekly for 5 Mondays

Book here:

<https://www.rossettadultlearning.co.uk/our-courses/a-tour-of-ancient-modern-civilizations-not-just-a-load-of-old-stones/>

Price £45

Troy: Myth and Reality

You are invited to join me for this 4-session Rossett Lifelong Learning course that will explore the beauty and impact of Homer's epic poems, consider the Classical Greek adaptations of the stories, and the Roman re-use and re-invention of the legends for their own purposes. We shall also take a look at the archaeology of Troy, the 'real' Troy that Schliemann infamously dug up and which continued to unearth its secrets. Whether you've ever visited Troy before or not, let me take you, in a virtual sense, to this magical site.

Begins 6th July, 10-12 noon, weekly for 4 Mondays

Book here:

<https://www.rossettadultlearning.co.uk/our-courses/troy-myth-reality-with-the-muddy-archaeologist/>

Price: £36



As a regular lecturer for **York University Lifelong Learning**, I am very pleased to be able to supply two thrilling online Saturday study days. Each study day will actually be split into two 3-hour sessions, so that the sessions are split between a Saturday morning and its consecutive Saturday morning.

The sites and archaeology will come alive, and I shall help you to know what you're looking at and for at the sites of these eras; visiting them never be the same again.

The Archaeology of Roman Britain

In two parts: 20th & 27th June 2020 10 am-1300

Discover how to see the Roman sites of Britain for yourself, understanding what happened when, what to look for and how to see the remains through an archaeologist's eyes. Learn to see the human story behind the Roman sites and artefacts. Join us and find out how to get the most from your days out to Roman forts, villas, towns and museums. They will never look the same again.

The Archaeology of Anglo-Saxon Britain

In two parts: 4th & 11th July 2020 10 am-1300

Join me and discover the impact that the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings had on our lives in Britain. What do their sites tell us and how can we connect with their artefacts and remains. Enlighten the Early Medieval Ages (the so-called Dark Ages); explore the new world of the Early Saxons, the enigmatic Picts and Celts, the coming of Christianity and the Frankish influence from the continent, and the embattled age of Alfred's Wessex and the Vikings.

You can soon sign up for these two courses on <https://www.york.ac.uk/lifelonglearning/non-accredited-courses/history-heritage/>

I look forward to sharing with you!

If you have any queries, please just contact me and ask.

With all very best wishes and many thanks,
Keep safe and well,

Gillian