



Digging up the Dark Ages

The antiquarian and archaeological exploration of the early medieval past

**A day conference co-sponsored by the Department of Archaeology & the Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Exeter
10am – 5pm, Saturday 20th May 2006**

Venue: Devon & Exeter Institution, 7 The Close, Exeter, EX1 1EZ. Tel: 01392 251017

Organiser: Dr Howard Williams, Dept. of Archaeology, University of Exeter, Laver Building, North Park Road, Exeter EX4 4QE. Tel: 01392 262491.

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The conference aims to address the character and context of the antiquarian and archaeological exploration of the early Middle Ages (c. 400-1100 AD). Papers will investigate how antiquaries and archaeologists have 'dug up' the 'Dark Ages', both physically and conceptually, through the study and interpretation of artefacts, graves, sculpture, architecture, settlements and the landscape. Key issues include how interpretations and perceptions of the early medieval past have been influenced by changing theories, methods and discoveries as well as the socio-political environments of researchers.

Speakers:

Sue Content: *18th century historical attitudes & the development of Anglo-Saxon archaeology.*

Nancy Edwards: *Edward Lhuyd and Early Medieval Celtic Archaeology*

Bonnie Effros: *Framing the Future with the Past - The Display of Early Medieval Artifacts at the Expositions universelles, 1867-1900.*

John Moreland: *George Forrest Browne, the Bradbourne Cross and 19th century history*

Julien Parsons: *Victorian Barrow Digging and Collecting: a study of Thomas Bateman*

Steve Rippon: *The History of Research into the Early Medieval Landscape*

Philip Schwyzer: *Thomas Browne's Urn-Burial and the Politics of Attribution*

Sam Smiles: *James Douglas as illustrator - Nenia Britannica in its artistic context*

Howard Williams: *Writing and Illustrating Saxon Graves in Victorian England*

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REGISTRATION FEE: £10. PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO DR HOWARD WILLIAMS

TITLE:	SURNAME:	FIRST NAMES:
AFFILIATION IF ANY:		
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SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:		

Registration will take place 9.30-10am on the morning of Saturday 20th May 2005. Registration includes tea & coffee in the morning and afternoon breaks, plus a buffet lunch provided within the institute.

GETTING THERE - The conference is held in the Devon & Exeter Institution, which is on the cathedral close in the centre of Exeter with good bus and rail links. If coming by car, any of the car parks in the city centre will be close to the venue. However, it may be cheaper to park at one of the Exeter Park & Rides and get the bus into the city centre.

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Provisional Programme

- 9.30 - 10.00** REGISTRATION
- 10.00 - 10.30** Nancy Edwards: *Edward Lhuyd and Early Medieval Celtic Archaeology*
- 10.30 - 11.00** Philip Schwyzer: *Thomas Browne's Urn-Burial and the Politics of Attribution*
- 11.00 - 11.30** Sue Content: *18th century historical attitudes & the development of Anglo-Saxon archaeology.*
- 11.30 - 11.40** QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION
- 11.40 - 12.00** MORNING TEA & COFFEE
- 12.00 - 12.30** Sam Smiles: *James Douglas as illustrator - Nenia Britannica in its artistic context*
- 12.30 - 13.00** Julien Parsons: *Victorian Barrow Digging and Collecting: a study of Thomas Bateman*
- 13.00 - 14.00** LUNCH
- 14.00 - 14.30** Howard Williams: *Writing and Illustrating Saxon Graves in Victorian England*
- 14.30 - 15.00** John Moreland: *George Forrest Browne, the Bradbourne Cross and 19th century history*
- 15.00 - 15.10** QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION
- 15.10 - 15.30** AFTERNOON TEA & COFFEE
- 15.30 - 16.00** Bonnie Effros: *Framing the Future with the Past - The Display of Early Medieval Artifacts at the Expositions universelles, 1867-1900.*
- 16.00 - 16.30** Steve Rippon: *The History of Research into the Early Medieval Landscape*
- 16.30 - 17.00** CONCLUDING DISCUSSION
- 17.00** END OF CONFERENCE