

TALKS

ROMANS LOSE THEIR HEADS: AN UNUSUAL CEMETERY IN ROMAN YORK

Kurt Hunter-Mann – Research Associate,
York Archaeological Trust

Thursday 2 June, 7pm
The Guildhall
£6 / £5 concessions – bookable event

Excavations on the outskirts of York during 2004-5 revealed parts of a Roman cemetery different to anything found previously in Britain. The initial findings were remarkable, but subsequent research has produced some truly astounding results. Who was buried in this cemetery, how did they live and how did they die?

THE POMPEII OF THE NORTH: EXPLORING ROMAN BINCHESTER

Dr David Petts – Project Leader, University of Durham

Friday 3 June, 2pm
Marriott Room, York Explore Library and Archive
£6 / £5 with a York Card – bookable event

The fort of Bincchester, County Durham, was a major military site on the road between York and Hadrian's Wall. In recent years a major campaign of archaeological excavation has uncovered some of the best-preserved Roman remains in Britain, including a bath-house, barracks, shops and latrines! Dr Petts explores what the remains can tell us about the day to day lives of soldiers and civilians in the Roman frontier zone, and looks at plans for more work on the site.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF ROMAN YORK

Patrick Ottaway – Archaeologist

Saturday 4 June, 1.30pm – 2.30pm
York Explore Library and Archive
£6 / £5 with a York Card – bookable event

Come and discover Eboracum as never before with archaeologist Patrick Ottaway as he introduces the citizens of today to life in Roman York.

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STORIES IN STONES – TALES OF ROMAN BRITAIN

Ruth Downie – Crime Writer

Saturday 4 June, 3pm
Marriott Room, York Explore Library and Archive
£6 / £5 with a York Card – bookable event

Crime writer Ruth Downie goes in search of the stories that slipped through the gaps of history in Roman Britain. Come and discover bizarre Roman medical cures, find out why archaeology is like criminal investigation and why nobody can tell you a good Ancient British joke.

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF HADRIAN'S YORK

Natalie McCaul – Curator of Archaeology,
York Museums Trust

Sunday 5 June, 2pm
Yorkshire Museum
£10 – bookable event

Follow up a walk around the Roman re-enactors' camp in York Museum Gardens with a unique opportunity to handle real artefacts excavated in York. Join Curator of Archaeology, Natalie McCaul to experience York's Roman archaeology up close and explore life in 2nd century Eboracum.

AN AUDIENCE WITH LINDSEY DAVIS

Lindsey Davis – Historical Novelist

Sunday 5 June, 3pm – 4pm
York Explore Library and Archive
£6 / £5 with a York Card – bookable event

As part of the Eboracum Roman Festival we are being joined by fantastic historical novelist Lindsey Davis, who will be speaking about her books and her Roman research.



GUIDED WALKS

WAKING THE DEAD: A WALK THROUGH THE CEMETERIES OF ROMAN YORK

John Oxley – City Archaeologist, City of York Council

Friday 3 June, 6pm (approximately 90 mins)
The walk will start in Exhibition Square and end at Blossom Street
£6 / £5 concessions – bookable event.

This walk will look for evidence for how and where the Romans buried their dead in, or rather outside, Eboracum, looking at Roman burial practices and the way the Romans thought about death and the afterlife. Discover some of the most interesting and important Roman cemeteries and reflect on the locations, the evidence recovered from each place and what it tells us about the topography of Roman York.

THE COLONIA: ROMAN YORK'S CIVIL SETTLEMENT

Mark Hackney – AOC Archaeology

Saturday 4 June, 2pm (approximately 90 mins)
The walk will start at York Museum Gardens,
AOC Archaeology Tent
£6 / £5 concessions – bookable event.

Discover the fascinating history of Roman York's civil settlement. Occupying the area on the south-western side of the River Ouse, this was to become one of the most important cities in Roman Britain, with archaeological excavations uncovering evidence for substantial buildings containing elaborate mosaics, as well as bath-houses and temples.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE LEGIONARIES: THE ROMAN FORTRESS AT YORK

Kurt Hunter-Mann – Research Associate,
York Archaeological Trust

Sunday 5 June, 12pm (approximately 90 mins)
The walk will start at York Minster's south entrance,
Deangate and end at York Museum Gardens
£6 / £5 concessions – bookable event.

The fortress at York was the home of first the Ninth and then the Sixth legions, and was occupied for over three centuries. Although largely buried beneath 1500 years of later occupation, its influence on the layout of the modern city can still be seen. This tour will consider the archaeological evidence for the fortress, as well as examining parts of the fortress still standing above ground.

BOOKING INFORMATION

Tickets for bookable events are available online from:

www.visityork.org

In person from:

Visit York Visitor Information Centre,
1 Museum Street, York YO1 7DT

By phone:

01904 550099

Tickets for events at the Yorkshire Museum are also available online from:

www.yorkshireromans.org.uk

For tickets sent by post there will be an additional postage charge.



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TO THE MEMORY OF JOYCE HAMPSHIRE

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NEW

EBORACUM
ROMAN FESTIVAL
1-5 JUNE 2016



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EBORACUM ROMAN FESTIVAL 1-5 JUNE 2016

The armies of ancient Rome are marching on York again this summer as part of a NEW festival complete with military parades, siege weapon demonstrations, guided walks and expert speakers.

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EBORACUM ROMAN FESTIVAL 1-5 JUNE 2016



Based in York Museum Gardens, the Eboracum Roman Festival will host a variety of Roman activities. Alongside fighting displays and a Roman camp showing Roman domestic life, children will be able to take part in army drills with members of six Roman Legions. There will also be a variety of stalls selling themed goods.

More than 50 of the Romans will march through the streets of York on the Saturday and Sunday mornings. A series of guided walks and talks by leading experts will take place at various venues around the city, including leading Egyptologist Jo Fletcher on discovering Ancient Egypt in Roman Yorkshire. Other highlights include two events by bestselling children's author Caroline Lawrence and AOC Archaeology showing how the latest technology can uncover secrets of the past.

ROMAN PARADES

Saturday 4 June, 11am / Sunday 5 June, 11am
Across York, leaving from York Museum Gardens
FREE – no need to book

Members of the six Roman Legions and Roman civilians will march through the centre of York. The route will be from York Museum Gardens to: Lendal, St Helen's Square, Davygate, Church Street, Goodramgate, Deangate, Address by the Emperor at York Minster, Stonegate, Lendal.

ROMAN ARENA & CAMP

Saturday 4 June, 10am – 5pm / Sunday 5 June, 10am – 4pm
York Museum Gardens, FREE – no need to book

Come and witness the power of the Roman Legions, take part in the Kids Roman Army, try archery or watch traditional Arabic Ya Raqs dancers as part of a wide range of events in the main Roman Arena, in front of the Yorkshire Museum.

Then venture to a Roman tented encampment with military and civilian tents, all demonstrating Roman crafts and culture (see timetable below).

ARENA TIMETABLE

Saturday 4 June and Sunday 5 June

10.30am	The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of York, Councillor Dave Taylor, accompanied by the Civic Party, will officially open the Festival weekend. (Saturday only)
10.45am	Roll call – Muster the Legions
11am	Parade through York
12pm	Performance by the traditional Arabic Ya Raqs dancers
12.40pm	Military display
2pm	Kids Roman Army (£3)
2.40pm	Performance by the traditional Arabic Ya Raqs dancers
3pm	Second Military display
4.15pm	Kids Roman Army (Saturday only) (£3)
5pm	Roll call – Muster the Legions (Saturday only)



AOC ARCHAEOLOGY TENT

Saturday 4 June, 10am – 5pm / Sunday 5 June, 10am – 4pm
York Museum Gardens, FREE – no need to book

Come along and take part in a range of archaeological activities with the professional archaeologists from AOC Archaeology Group. Experience the many ways in which archaeologists record and interpret sites and artefacts with the most up-to-date technologies, including laser scanning and digital 3D modelling of the Roman Fortress 'Multangular Tower', and the use of geophysical surveying.

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FAMILY ACTIVITIES

A LEGIONARY'S LIFE

Wednesday 1 June, 11am – 1pm and 2pm – 4pm
Yorkshire Museum
Included in admission price – no need to book

Be put through your paces as you take part in our recruitment process to see if you measure up to be enlisted into the Roman Army. Learn about Lucius, Standard Bearer for Legion IX, and make your own Eagle of the IX standard before taking part in sword and shield drill.

ROMAN HANDS ON HERE!

Thursday 2 June – Sunday 5 June, 10am – 5pm
Yorkshire Museum
Included in admission price – no need to book

Enjoy the chance to learn more about civilian and military life in Eboracum whilst handling Roman artefacts from the museum's collection in our volunteer led 'Hands on Here' sessions.



ASTERIX AND OBELIX TAKE ON CAESAR

Friday 3 June, 2pm
Yorkshire Museum, Tempest Anderson Hall
£2.50 – purchase tickets on arrival
(Museum admission is not included)



As the re-enactors turn York Museum Gardens into a Roman Camp for the weekend why not relax and enjoy a family friendly film inside the museum's purpose built auditorium.



*Please note this activity is run by volunteers and may not be available every day.



AN AUDIENCE WITH CAROLINE LAWRENCE

Friday 3 June, 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Yorkshire Museum
Included in admission price – bookable event

Meet the best-selling author of *The Roman Mysteries* and the new *Roman Quests* series and hear about her inspirations and challenges when writing about Roman life.

STORYTELLING & BOOK SIGNING WITH CAROLINE LAWRENCE

Saturday 4 June, 11am – 12pm
Yorkshire Museum
Included in admission price – bookable event

Meet Caroline Lawrence as she reads from the first book in her new series, *Roman Quests: Escape from Rome*. PLUS take part in our "Best Dressed Roman" competition!

KIDS ROMAN ARMY

Saturday 4 June, 2pm and 4.15pm
Sunday 5 June, 2pm
Yorkshire Museum
£3 – registration and tickets on site

Join the Junior Roman Army, wear scaled-down Roman armour and let a Legionary soldier teach you how to march and fight the 'Roman' way.



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JO FLETCHER: DISCOVERING ANCIENT EGYPT IN ROMAN YORKSHIRE
Professor Joann Fletcher

Wednesday 1 June, 7pm
Yorkshire Museum, Tempest Anderson Hall
£11 – bookable event

With links between ancient Egypt and Yorkshire dating back to Roman times, Professor Joann Fletcher examines the way in which Egypt's ancient culture spread through the county as far as York, affecting not only its political and religious life but its funerary practices. Presenting the findings of recent research, Jo will reveal surprising aspects of the lives of those who lived in Roman Yorkshire almost two thousand years ago.

THE COINAGE OF HADRIAN'S YORK
Andrew Woods – Curator of Numismatics, York Museums Trust

Thursday 2 June, 2pm
Yorkshire Museum
£10 – bookable event

Start your festival with a chance to get hands-on with the coinage of the emperor Hadrian. Join our curator to explore Roman money and learn what it can tell us about life in second-century York.

ROMANS IN HUNTINGTON: EXCAVATING THE MARCHING CAMPS AT MONKS CROSS, YORK
Ian Milsted – Project Manager, York Archaeological Trust

Thursday 2 June, 4pm
Marriott Room, York Explore Library and Archive
£6 / £5 with a York Card – bookable event

In 2015 York Archaeological Trust ran a successful community archaeology project at the former Ryedale Stadium in Huntington, York as part of City of York Council's Community Stadium initiative. Join Project Manager Ian Milsted as he explains how the local population got involved in the archaeological process, and learn more about the Roman temporary marching camp they uncovered.