

Our Precious Past: unearthing buried treasure and the stories it tells

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Monday to Tuesday

Long-buried material discovered during archaeological digs, by chance, and by metal detectorists continues to provide valuable insights into our history. This course examines some of the most significant finds, from the Mold Gold Cape to the Staffordshire Hoard via Sutton Hoo. Why were these objects buried? What do they teach us?

Description

This illustrated course will explore some of the key discoveries that have shaped our understanding of the past. The advent of metal detecting has led to a huge surge in archaeological finds defined as 'Treasure' and added immeasurably to our knowledge. The scale and value of finds also led to a new Treasure Act in 1996, which replaced the ancient law of Treasure Trove. As well as spectacular objects from past excavations, we will look at the very latest finds and what we learn from them, and along the way consider how the Treasure Act works in partnership with the Portable Antiquities Scheme.

Please bring with you

A notebook and pen will be useful.

'Show & tell items' are always welcome'

Level

Suitable for all levels

About Richard Stone

Richard is an experienced tutor and the author of several books on history. He holds a Masters degree from the University of Leicester.

Course Location:

Missenden Abbey

Great Missenden
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Monday	
9am	Coffee on arrival
9.15am	Welcome and tutor introductions
9.30am-1pm	Teaching session
1-2pm	Lunch for all
2-5pm	Teaching session
6.45 for 7pm	Dinner for residents
Tuesday	
7-9.15am	Breakfast for residents
9.30am-1pm	Teaching session
1-2pm	Lunch for all
2-5pm	Last teaching session