

## Mystery History

After a break for the winter months Mystery History is back with an even wider than usual range of subjects for us to explore.

Class participants and armchair travellers will enjoy the thrill of far off places and times in history to walk with the Neanderthals in their valley in Germany, before Homo Sapiens arrived on the scene. We will look at some of the smaller and less well known Greek myths, just a few to tantalise us as we explore a time when men believed the gods really did walk amongst them (and caused all sorts of havoc). Is it a sect, a cult or just a group of chaps getting together to have fun? A list of names as long as your arm - a secret brotherhood across the ages – who are they? The mystery deepens. There will be time to meet a daredevil woman who raced around the globe on a bet, trying to beat a character in a book. This couldn't this be further from a session on the trade in illegal jewels across the world, but of course, come along and find out. Let's talk about the history of the White Wedding – where do all those traditions come from? There are so many that an exposé on the customs will take two sessions. Because of that, I will lock in those dates so everyone can be there for both sessions if they want to; of course, if you have been married or *if you are thinking of getting married*, you will not want to miss either session. Another talk, but one laced with dark humour, is one about a mother– this is the mother from nightmares – meet Agrippina – or rather, why you really wouldn't want her as your mother; Nero certainly didn't! And of course, if we are going to have an famously horrible person then we really should have another famous person to balance the scales – a lovely woman who is very much in the tradition of today's strong women, but a woman out of time.

### **Important Notes:**

Please note unless stated these classes are not in any particular order.

White Wedding Traditions – Two Sessions: October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> are definite dates for these talks.

The Christmas lecture will be given as close to Christmas as possible before the term break-up.