

The Aftermath of the Roman Departure from Britain
By Professor Andrew Breeze, University of Navarre, Spain
2.30pm Saturday 16th May at Trinity Methodist Church, Chelmsford
CM1 2XB. Visitors and prospective members warmly welcomed –
£5. Booking not required.

Resume of talk:-

The fifth and sixth centuries, after the collapse of Roman authority, are the most obscure period of British history. But recent research will let us see events more clearly. Five points are now certain; The "Coming of the Saxons" in or about 449; The halt to English advances in 493 with the British victory of Mount "Badon"; The terrible "volcanic winter" and famine of 536-7, alluded to in 536 by the historian Gildas. The battles of "King" Arthur, killed in 537 not far from Hadrian's Wall. The Anglo-Saxon conquests of the later sixth century.

Background:-

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