The Anglo-Saxons
of the Upper Thames:
dress and identity in the 5th and 6th centuries

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A lady buried with her jewellery at Berinsfield

During the 5th and 6th centuries, the Upper Thames went from being a late Roman complex of villages, villas and towns, becoming a simpler agricultural landscape dotted with small rural hamlets. In economic terms, therefore, the situation became greatly simplified. In terms of politics and identity, however, the situation became highly complex, with later historical sources recording the violent progress of West Saxons through native Romano-British communities.

This talk will attempt to separate fact from fiction by looking at how the people we call Anglo-Saxons living this in region dressed, focusing primarily on the jewellery worn by women, and what this might tell us about how they thought about themselves and their relationships with far-flung and local communities.

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