

ALEX LANGLANDS

Archaeologist, Historian, Presenter

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Alex has a passion for the past. He grew up around farming communities and rural life, nature and the countryside - and it has inspired his future.

Alex turned this passion into his studies and subsequently his career. Alex has a degree in Medieval Archaeology and an MA in World Archaeology. His work has enabled him to travel extensively; up and down the British Isles - excavating prehistoric, roman and medieval sites - and across Europe including, Spain, France, Latvia, Bulgaria, Hungary and also Iceland. In 2009 he began studying for an Mphil/PhD in Early Medieval History at the University of Winchester.

Alex has always been very keen to stress the importance of presenting the past, and it is here that his academic career has enabled his television career to excel.

In 2005, Alex made *Tales from the Green Valley* with a team of fellow archaeologists and historians for BBC 2. They joined forces and ran a 17th century farm. Swiftly following this, in 2006, Alex and the team made *A Tudor Feast at Christmas*, also for BBC 2.

Lion Television then won the commission from BBC 2 to make *Victorian Farm*. 6 x 1 hour programmes explored the world of rural Victorian England. Alex and the team, were accompanied by a cast of experts, as they lived life off the land as it would have been over 120 years ago.

In the process of setting up, running the farm and making the programme Alex put a number of his other skills to the test...: working heavy horses, understanding crop rotations, ploughing, harrowing, sowing and harvesting - all essential to a successful year on a farm. They worked with period equipment and some machinery that hadn't been used for decades.

Following this the team made, *Victorian Farm Christmas Special*, BBC 2, 2009.

In 2010 Alex and the team began work on *Edwardian Farm* - exploring rural life at the turn of the century. The setting for the series was the glorious Tamar Valley, the boundary between Cornwall and Devon, and this location enabled the team to set out and explore the rural heritage of the south-west of

England.

Alex joined *Time Team* in 2011 working alongside the established team as a presenter and specialist landscape archaeologist.

In January 2012 Alex took part in *The Great Sport Relief Bake Off Celebrity Special*, as well as the 19th series of *Time Team* on Channel 4. He also presented *War Time Farm* on BBC Two.

2016 then saw Alex with him present *Victorian Bakers*, BBC Two, *Full Steam Ahead*, BBC Two and *Britain at Low Tide* on Channel 4.

Alex's latest series took Alex all around the country with *Village of the Year*, Channel 4 2017 with a team of judges weighing up contenders vying for the award of being the UK's best village.

Alex lives just outside Winchester.

CREDITS

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