

50th Episode Transcript Season 4, Bonus Episode 1

Hello, and welcome to the Time Pieces History Podcast. Today's show is a bonus episode, and I've only ever published a bonus episode mid-season once before. That was after Dominic Cummings' [Barnard Castle](#) gate' back in season two.

Today, though, I'm celebrating my 50th show, which is quite a milestone. Most podcasters don't get much further than 20 episodes, if they're lucky. It's hard work scripting and recording shows, especially if you don't produce them in seasons and have a break in between. It can also be hard to come up with ideas, although when your topic is history it's a little easier!

Looking at my statistics on [Captivate](#), I can see that I've had over 700 downloads since I started the show back in March, which is amazing. I've had people listening in from the US and Canada, Spain and France, the Philippines, Singapore and Argentina, amongst others.

The idea behind the podcast was to share what I'd learned from writing my Time Pieces History [Blog](#) – my own version of The History of the World in 100 Objects, which I published twice a week for 50 weeks. As it's turned out, most of that content is still unused, as I've found other topics to share instead.

My aim was to share my passion for the past in bitesize chunks, so listeners can dip in and out and learn something new on a commute or while walking the dog. I liked the seasonal format as it allows me to focus on one subject at a time.

The podcast, I thought, would have two audiences – those who work in the heritage sector, and those who enjoy learning about the past. To that end, I've produced episodes to share my knowledge of content and digital marketing for people who need to understand more. I also hoped that the show as a whole would give inspiration and ideas to the heritage industry.

For history fans, I've tried to find lesser-known stories, and dug into the stories from the north east of England, which may not be as widely shared. The bonus interview episodes are similarly designed to show the various ways that people who love history bring it into their lives and work.

Sadly, the Covid19 pandemic has caused huge damage to the world of history and heritage, and as the fallout continues, things don't seem to be getting any better. While I'd love to think that those in the sector are tuning in and enjoying the podcast, I won't be publishing any episodes specific to them – I think online communications offer an amazing opportunity, but it might take some time.

So, in the immediate, my focus will be on the other side of my audience. I'd love to know what kinds of things you'd like to hear more about – I'm planning another season on the Romans, and also about women from history, but if there's a topic you'd particularly like to have covered, please let me know.

I love interviewing people for the bonus episodes, so if you know someone who'd make a great guest, or you'd like to be featured, get in touch. I want the podcast to give you, the listeners, exactly what you want, so any and all feedback is much appreciated.

In 2021, I'll be exploring what other types of content I can give you, too. This could be eBooks, audio or walking tours so you can visit some of the places we've looked at, recipes, more contemporary, first-hand accounts (such as the Vindolanda Tablets) and more. Again, let me know!

Season four finishes on 3rd November, with a bonus episode the following Tuesday. This will be an interview with the Regency Cook, Paul Couchman, and I really enjoyed chatting to him. We'll be talking about his work and volunteering, and you'll also hear about the remarkable woman who changed his lockdown.

I'm going to be having a break after that, and rather than splitting season five over the end of 2020 and the start of 2021, I'll be publishing a mini season. This will be six episodes exploring Christmas traditions, starting on 1st December.

The Time Pieces History Podcast will be back in the new year, with a season focusing on industrialists and inventors, and with a refreshed look, too. I'll be looking forward to hitting 1,000 downloads, and it would be great to do that before the first anniversary of the show in March.

As always, you can find the transcript and shownotes from today's episode on my website at gudrunlauret.com/podcast, and comments can be left on the appropriate page. You can also leave comments and suggestions on whichever platform you're listening in on, or find me on Twitter @GudrunLauret.

If you've not got round to leaving a message yet, this episode is the one you really should comment on. Thank you so much for listening, and tune in next time, where we'll be continuing to look at remarkable women from history.