

Review of 'Surviving the Stone Age' by Dr Theresa Emmerich Kamper - Thursday 10th June 2021

Theresa was one of eight experts who 'survived' in the wilderness for a month using only stone age tools as shown in the Channel 4 series 'Surviving the Stone Age'.
<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/surviving-the-stone-age>



Theresa is an Honorary Research Fellow Experimental Archaeology Department of Archaeology University of Exeter.

With over 25 years of experience in prehistoric skin tanning and clothing construction and from the considerable detail that Theresa provided in her presentation we could see why Theresa is an internationally recognised traditional living skills specialist.

When the session was booked Theresa had expected to be in Exeter but had to make special arrangements to share her presentation from France and had pre-recorded the presentation to avoid any technical problems on the day. Theresa had a considerable number of superb photos as you will see from this selection and many others that illustrated the different processes of tanning for example.



Indeed it was clear that Theresa's specialist knowledge of tanning had involved much experimentation and recording of methods that whilst most helpful for research purposes would come into its own out in the wilds with no access to modern technology and a ready supply of manufactured clothing.



We were in no doubt that Theresa had spent a long time preparing her presentation, giving us specialised information showing us the complexity of her subject, and we did wonder how anyone survived the stone age given the stark contrast with our modern day life in the UK.

Review by Christine Chittock, Chairperson and Speakers' Coordinator

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