

date before AD 43, which had been taken as evidence for the existence of a trading settlement before the Roman conquest, have been dismissed as foreign material brought in by 19th-century antique dealers and passed off as genuine London finds to enhance their value.

The insubstantial foundations of London's Celtic lake-village belong with the dreaming towers of New Troy in a past that never was. The true origins of London early in the Roman period remain a subject for discussion; it is a discussion to which such legendary prehistory is irrelevant.

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