

## River Names Assembly

As you will know, most place names are very ancient and carry some meaning about the place they represent. I have previously shared local place names and their meanings for you. One of the most interesting is the name of the River Thames. The name Thames was an Anglo-Saxon name. The Anglo-Saxons were Germanic invaders from around 600AD. The word Saxon was from the short sword they used called the seax. It also gave its name to the counties where the Saxons lived: South Saxons in Sussex, West Saxons in Wessex, East Saxons in Essex and of course those in the middle were in Middlesex. You can see three seaxes in the Middlesex and Essex counties.

