



HANDS ACROSS THE WATER: THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE CROSS-CHANNEL NEOLITHIC



Friday 6 May – Sunday 8 May 2011

School of Applied Sciences, Bournemouth University, Bournemouth, Dorset

A major international conference organized by the Prehistoric Society and Bournemouth University
Archaeology Group in association with the Neolithic Studies Group and the Société Préhistorique Française

Archaeological work on both sides of the English Channel / la Manche in recent years has started to throw new light on the origins and development of early farming communities in the Channel coastlands (and further afield in Britain and Ireland) during the fifth and fourth millennia BC, and on the issue of cross-Channel contact. Consideration will be given to artefacts, burial monuments, enclosures, lifeways, and ceremonial sites on either side of the Channel and on the islands in between. What are the similarities and differences? How do the dates of major components compare? Can we refine our narrative of Neolithization in Britain and Ireland with specific reference to the Continental material? What were the processes and social practices that promoted or restricted cross-Channel contacts? And how do recent discoveries impact on available models for explaining and understanding of the Neolithic of the Channel coastlands?

The conference aims to pool knowledge from archaeologists working on both sides of the Channel, highlighting new discoveries and disseminating the results of recent research to new audiences. Abstracts will be available in English and French.

Further details and on-line registration can be found at:

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/conservation/conferences/cross-channelneolithic

Important information

- Tea and coffee will be provided on Saturday and Sunday.
- Lunch is not provided but food and drink are available at various outlets close to the conference venue.
- All cancellations are non-refundable.
- Bournemouth travel interchange (incl. railway and coach stations) is about 5 minutes walk from the conference venue in Bournemouth House on Christchurch Road. Car-parking is available in nearby NCP car parks.
- Accommodation is not included and should be booked independently. Information regarding local accommodation is available from the conference web site (see above) or from the Bournemouth Tourist Centre (tel: 08450 511701; email: info@bournemouth.gov.uk; or see the website at: www.bournemouth.co.uk).

Please register online (see above) or return the form below by 16 April 2011 to: Rebecca Dolling, School of Applied Sciences, Bournemouth University, Dorset, BH12 5BB.

Booking enquiries should be made to Rebecca Dolling on 01202 961754 or via email to csconferences@bournemouth.ac.uk. Confirmation of your booking will be sent to you by email or by post where no email address is given.

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I would like to attend the joint Prehistoric Society / Bournemouth University Conference, 6–8 May 2011 and to reserve
..... places at £59.00 each and/or places at £20.00 each (*bone fide* students).

Please tick this box if you are likely to attend the wine reception on Friday evening

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Provisional Programme

Organizers: Timothy Darvill and Alison Sheridan

Friday 6 May

17:30 Registration and wine reception

Keynote Introduction: Alison Sheridan & Yvan Pailler:

Spreading the marmites thinly: evidence, issues and questions in the cross-Channel archaeology of the late fifth and early fourth millennia BC

Saturday 7 May

09:00 Registration opens

Welcome: Timothy Darvill

Introduction: Prehistoric Society

Session 1: Monuments for the living and the dead

Serge Cassen: *Real and ideal movements from southern Brittany along the Atlantic facade during the second half of the fifth millennium BC*

Michel Philippe: *French blue birds over the White Cliffs of Dover? Reflections on the Canche Estuary and its role in trans-Manche connections over time*

Emmanuel Mens: *Choices and intentions of the standing-stone builders: comparisons between France and the British Isles*

Françoise Bostyn: *Trans-Manche flint mining and the middle Neolithic of northern France*

Discussion (Discussant: **Eileen Wilkes**)

13:00 Lunch break

Session 2: Material culture, agriculture, and lifeways

Ann Woodward & Peter Woodward: *Pits, pots and patterning in south Dorset*

Cyril Marcigny: *The middle Neolithic II in Normandy and northern Armorica*

Nicki Whitehouse: *Looking further afield: Neolithic agriculture in Ireland. Results from the INSTAR Cultivating Societies Project*

Discussion (Discussant: **Ian Kinnes**)

Sunday 8 May

09:00 Registration opens

Session 3: Time and motion

Steve Shennan: *Neolithic demography and the spread of farming into Britain*

Alasdair Whittle, Frances Healy & Alex Bayliss: *Beginnings, barrows, causewayed enclosures and continental connections: the importance of timing and tempo for the Early Neolithic of southern Britain*

Rick Schulting: *From Guernsey to the Gower: new research on Mesolithic and Neolithic human remains in southern Britain and the Channel Islands*

Chris Scarre: *All at Sea? The island archaeology of Herm (Channel Islands) in its broader regional setting*

Discussion (Discussant: **Mike Allen**)

13:00 Lunch break

Session 4: Connections and interactions

Fraser Sturt & Duncan Garrow: *Grey water bright with Neolithic Argonauts. The western seaways of Britain c.5000–3500 BC.*

Timothy Darvill: *Windmill Hill: East and West... and South?*

Discussion (Discussant: **Alison Sheridan**)

16:00 Anticipated close of conference

NB: It may be necessary to make changes to this schedule: the latest information will be posted on the conference web site.

It is the intention of the organizers that time is devoted to discussion and questions. Offers of posters relating to the themes of the conference are invited, and there will be displays of publications for sale.

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