

Hands Across the Water: the archaeology of the cross-Channel Neolithic. 6–8 May 2011
Bournemouth University, Bournemouth, Dorset, UK

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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