

LANDSCAPE
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Quarterly news bulletin

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I rely on members passing items of interest to me, so if news items crop up during August, September or October, or you spot any events in October to March 2016 (or later but with deadlines during the same period) please pass them on to me at any time – magnus.alexander@HistoricEngland.org.uk. Thanks in advance.

News

Not strictly landscape, but potentially very useful to researchers in Kent is the news that 'Archaeologia Cantiana,' the annual journal of the Kent Archaeological Society, has been digitized and is now available free on-line. Non-members can now read and download 132 volumes, each one comprising several hundred pages, that have been posted in indexed, searchable text, that can be read by clicking on to www.kentarchaeology.org.uk/Research and following the links to 'Researching the History & Archaeology of Kent' > 'Publications on-line' > 'Archaeologia Cantiana'.

Al Oswald is about to return to his PhD at York University after a busy year as Associate Teacher in Landscape Archaeology at the University of Sheffield, in place of Bob Johnston. His time in Sheffield included fresh earthwork and geophysical survey at Redmires WWI training landscape, which the LSG visited last year, in partnership with Helen Ullathorne and the Department of Lifelong Learning. The year also saw the renewal of Sheffield's long-standing partnership with the Peak District National Park. Meanwhile, work with York University has included further survey at the Leeds Pals' camp at Breary Banks, N Yorks, and at the Roman outpost at Netherby in Cumbria, just south of Gretna Green. Earthwork survey has clarified the form of the fortlet and pinpointed a bathhouse referred to by antiquarians. Al continues to be involved in a programme of AHRC-funded research into Julius Caesar's invasion, investigating a number of sites in the South-East.

Stewart Ainsworth has been conducting further field survey and guiding follow-up geophysical survey and excavation at Belton Park, Lincolnshire, a Kitchener camp which became the vast training camp of the Machine Gun Corps. The research is being undertaken by teenaged volunteers as part of the National Trust's 'Young Roots' training programme.

A recent publication that may be of interest is Ainsworth, S, Gates, T, and Oswald, A 2015 'Upper Swaledale's 'Early Medieval Kingdom' Revisited' *Landscapes* 16.1, 3-17.

Sharon Soutar, Trevor Pearson, Elaine Jamieson and Mark Bowden taught an Earthwork Survey Course as part of Reading University's Vale of Pewsey Field School over two weeks in July. We had 25 students over two sessions and nearly completed survey of mainly medieval earthworks on the south bank of the River Avon immediately opposite the great henge at Marden.

Two new Historic England guidance documents relating to field techniques are now available to download:

- 'Where on Earth Are We? The Role of Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) in Archaeological Field Survey' (June 2015), <https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/where-on-earth-gnss-archaeological-field-survey/>
- 'Digital Image Capture and File Storage: Guidelines for Best Practice' (July 2015) <http://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/digital-image-capture-and-file-storage/>



Events

As ever, the Britarch briefing page is always useful and covers fieldwork, lectures and conferences: www.britisharchaeology.org/briefing.

September to January 2016: There will be a Heritage Mapping exhibition held at the New Forest Centre, Lyndhurst. This will review the 10 year landscape archaeology project being run through the New Forest National Park. The exhibition looks at the use of LiDAR and volunteer surveyors to record and manage archaeological sites found across the open forest. Activities include historic survey equipment provided by OS, a 46 inch interactive touch table where users can interpret their own LiDAR plot, 3D printed LiDAR plots of archaeological sites and virtual re-creations of sites discovered using the LiDAR data to inform them. For more information about the project people can also watch their new video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NGq-lmkAu1A>

September 1st-5th - At EAA Glasgow 2015, the 21st Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists, the LSG is co-hosting a session under the Legacies & Visions theme: '*Landscape legacies in World Heritage Sites – recording for management and conservation and management*'. More details are available on our website (http://landscapesurvey.org/?page_id=246). There are also several other sessions with a landscape theme.

September 4-6th - The Society for Church archaeology and the Medieval Settlement Research Group are organizing a joint conference entitled Church and Settlement: Rural churches and the medieval landscape. This will take place at the University of Leicester. Details at <http://www.archaeologyuk.org/socchurcharchaeol/conferences/conf15/conf15.html>.

September 7-11th - There may still be a few places left on Historic England's 'Measured Survey for Cultural Heritage' course, a 5-day residential summer school based at Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal in North Yorkshire. It is designed to introduce the range of measured survey and photographic techniques currently available through both theoretical and practical instruction. More details can

be found on the Historic England website (<http://www.historicengland.org.uk/news-and-features/news/measured-survey-for-cultural-heritage-2015>). Closing date for early applications (at a reduced rate of £500) is this Friday 31 July 2015.

September 18-19th - No bias but... The LSG Conference 2015: 'Landscape Narratives: creating stories from archaeological survey' takes place in Shrewsbury. The programme has been updated and conference registration is now open. The speakers and registration form are on the LSG website (http://landscapesurvey.org/?page_id=249), and the full programme is on the poster distributed yesterday. More details are on our website.

November 14th: CBA South East is hosting a conference in Woking on 'Life in the Mesolithic and new perspectives on the Mesolithic/Neolithic transition'. Details on www.cbасouth-east.org.

November 21st - Conference in Sussex on 'Artists and the Sussex Landscape c1750-1960'. Book online at <https://sussexpast.co.uk/events/artists>.

November 27-29th - The OUDCE is running a weekend school on 'The Hillforts of Britain and Ireland. When? Where? and Why?'. Two LSG members are on the lecture list - Strat Halliday and Lawrence Shaw. Details on www.conted.ox.ac.uk/V400-546.

Finally...

Thanks to all contributors and once again, any items for inclusion in the next newsletter to me (magnus.alexander@HistoricEngland.org.uk) by the end of September please.