



Wessex Culture, 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2010

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*Provisional Programme*

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**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

- 1730 Registration and wine reception  
1830 **Keynote Introduction:** Stuart Needham: *Why Wessex?*  
1930 Retire to conference bar

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

- 0900 Registration  
1000 Welcome, Professor Timothy Darvill  
1010 Introduction, Prehistoric Society

**Session 1: The Wessex Culture: Concepts and Objects**

- 1035 Paul Garwood  
*'Elite' funerals, monuments and landscapes in the 2<sup>nd</sup> millennium BC: Wessex graves in long-term perspective*  
1105 Tea/coffee  
1130 John Hunter  
*Ritual and Early Bronze Age Gravegoods*  
1200 Ann Woodward  
*Does the Wessex Culture exist?*  
1230 Discussion  
1300 Lunch

**Session 2: Changes in the Landscape**

- 1500 Alistair Barclay & Andrew Fitzpatrick  
*Changes on Boscombe Down and Upper Thames*  
1430 John Gale  
*Changing focus and identity in Early Bronze Age Dorset*  
1500 Tea/coffee  
1530 Mike Allen  
*Did the farming economy generate the Wessex Culture wealth; changes in environment and agriculture*  
1600 Jan Harding  
*Changes in ceremonial monuments (tbc)*  
1630 Discussion (Andrew Lawson)  
1715 Retire to conference bar

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

- 0900 Registration and posters

**Session 3: Wessex and the Wider World**

- 0930 Jodie Lewis and David Mullin  
*West of Wessex but only just: barrow construction on the Mendip Hills, Somerset*  
1000 Alison Sheridan  
*Perspectives from beyond Wessex (tbc)*  
1030 (tbc)  
*British Wessex Goldwork*  
1100 Tea/coffee  
1130 Sabine Gerloff  
*The chronology of European artefact links abroad*  
1200 Anthony Harding  
*Long distance travel and trade in the Bronze Age: the Wessex connection*  
1230 Discussion  
1300 Lunch

**Session 4: Metallurgy, Monuments and Society**

- 1400 Martyn Barber  
*Metallurgy and Society*  
1430 Jonathan Last  
*The rise of the round barrow*  
1500 John Barrett  
*Early Bronze Age ritual as a means of challenging social order (tbc)*  
1500 Discussion  
1600 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.

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**WESSEX CULTURE?**

**'REVOLUTION'; OR LATE BEAKER 'EVOLUTION';  
DEFINING CHANGES IN THE EARLY 2<sup>ND</sup> MILLENNIUM BC**

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