



CLIFFS END CONUNDRUM

Over the last six months Wessex Archaeology have excavated a fascinating Bronze Age and Anglo-Saxon site for Millwood Designer Homes in advance of their new housing development in Cliffs End, Thanet. The

discoveries on the site have shed new light on Bronze Age burial practices and provided the archaeologists with a few puzzles to chew over.

The earliest remains on the site appear to belong to the Early Bronze

Age (c.1800 BC). At this time a number of impressive barrows were erected on the site, focused on the brow of a hill or ridge extending as a peninsular into the mouth

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KENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2005



Notice of the Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on **Saturday 21st May 2005** at 11.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, High Street, Maidstone. The meeting will be in the Council Chamber on the first floor. The entrance is through the Tourist Information Office.

The agenda and other papers accompany this notice.

Each Affiliated Society is entitled to send one of its members (who is also a member of this Society) to attend the meeting.

Please address any enquiries about the arrangements to the Hon. General Secretary, Mr A.I. Moffat at Three Elms, Woodlands Lane, Shorne, Gravesend, DA12 3HH, Tel. (01474) 822280, email secretary@kentarchaeology.org.uk.

Programme and Timetable

10.30 a.m. Arrival, coffee in the Beauvais Room and a chance to see the stalls and displays.

11.00 a.m. Annual General Meeting in the Council Chamber - see agenda

Presentations by: The Churches Committee

The Newsletter Editor

Mr Ian Coulson on Archaeology in Education

There will be no afternoon activities but **the Society's library in Maidstone Museum will be open** and members will be present to welcome you and show you the collections and facilities available.

AGENDA

1. STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
3. MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting held on the 15th May 2004
 - (a) Approval of the minutes
 - (b) Matters arising from the minutes
4. REPORT & ACCOUNTS FOR 2004: The Annual Report and the Statement of Income and Expenditure and the Balance Sheet will be presented and are enclosed with this notice.
5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The following Officers, duly nominated by the Council, will be declared elected under rule 25 (c):

President:	Mr C.R. Pout, B.A., M.A.
Hon. Editor:	Mr T. G. Lawson, M.A., Dip.Kent. Hist.
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr R. G. Thomas, B.A., F.C.A.
Hon. General Secretary:	Mr A.I. Moffat
Hon. Librarian:	Dr F.H. Panton, C.B.E., Ph.D.
Hon. Membership Secretary:	Mrs S. Broomfield, Dip. Arch.
Hon. Excursions Secretary:	Mrs J.M. Saynor, M.A.
Hon. Curator:	Dr M.C.W . Still, Ph.D.
Vice President:	Dr F.H. Panton, C.B.E., Ph.D.
6. ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL: The following will be declared elected under rule 25(c):
Mr E.P. Connell*
Dr. J.M. Gibson, Ph.D.
Mr R. Higgs *
Dr A. Richardson, B.A., Mphil., Ph.D.
Mr A. Ward, M.A. *

Those marked * are retiring members of the Council eligible for re-election under rule 26
7. ELECTION OF AUDITORS: Messrs. Reeves & Neylan.
8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
9. PRESENTATIONS
 - (a) The Churches Committee and its work, by Chairman Philip Lawrence
 - (b) The Society's Newsletter by its editor Lyn Palmer
 - (c) Archaeology in Education by Chairman of the Education Committee, Ian Coulson

INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEETING

How to get to the meeting

The Town Hall is in the High Street. The entrance is through the Visitor Information Centre. The meeting will be in the Council Chamber on the first floor.

There are car parks in the town centre. There are good 'park and ride' facilities which have car parks at:

Coombe Quarry at Armstrong Road, off Loose Road A229 (route 504),
London Road A20, Allington behind DFS (route 503),
Sittingbourne Road A249 behind the Chiltern Hundreds pub/restaurant (route 506)
Willington Street off Ashford Road A20 (route 501)

Parking is free and the return bus fare is £1.20 per person. Buses run about every 12 minutes from 8 a.m. to 6.29 p.m., the journey time is about 10 minutes and all stop near the Town Hall. Parking and park and ride leaflets can be obtained from the Visitor Information Centre: see below.

The two railway stations (Maidstone East and West) are within about 10 minutes walking distance. There are regular bus services which stop near the Town Hall.

Refreshments

Coffee and tea will be provided from 10.30 *without charge* before the Annual General Meeting in the Beauvais Room opposite the Council Chamber.

The Town Hall is in the centre of Maidstone so there are many places for refreshments and meals close by.

More information from: Maidstone Visitor Information Centre (01622) 602169 Email: tourism@maidstone.gov.uk, Maidstone Council web site www.Maidstone.gov.uk or www.tour-maidstone.com.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society held on Saturday the 15th May 2004 at 11 a.m. at Christ Church University College, Canterbury in the presence of 61 members.

1. STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The President emphasised the need to maintain the Society's profile as the significance of counties was being reduced. It was important that the level of membership had been maintained as the volunteers working for the Society were its greatest resource. Among the achievements of the year were the successful History and Archaeology Show at Maidstone Museum (in which over 40 organisations participated) and the continued development of the two web sites which were an increasingly effective way of communicating with members and making available material which would not otherwise be readily accessible.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from 16 members.

3. **MINUTES:** The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 17th May 2003 (which had been circulated) were approved.

4. **MATTERS ARISING** from the minutes: None.

5. REPORT & ACCOUNTS FOR 2003

(a) **Annual Report:** The Hon. General Secretary presented the Report of the Council for 2003 which had been circulated and was approved.

(b) **Accounts:** The Hon. Treasurer presented the Society's accounts for the year ending the 31st. December 2003. He said the value of the investments had recovered a little from its earlier decline and the modest surplus of income over expenditure was largely due to a reduction in the expenditure.

6. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** The following, duly nominated by the Council, were declared elected as officers of the Society under rule 25 (c):

President:	Mr P.E. Oldham, M.A.
Hon. Editor:	Mr T. G. Lawson
Hon. General Secretary:	Mr A.I. Moffat
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr R.G. Thomas, M.A., F.C.A.
Hon. Librarian:	Dr F.H. Panton, C.B.E., Ph.D.
Hon. Membership Secretary:	Mrs S. Broomfield, Dip. Arch.
Hon. Excursions Secretary:	Mrs J.M. Saynor, M.A.
Hon. Curator:	Dr M.C.W. Still, Ph.D.

7. **ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:** The following, duly nominated, were declared elected members of the Council under rule 25(c):

Mr D.G. Anstey*
Mr P.A. Harlow*
Dr R.J. Spain*

* Retiring member of Council eligible for re-election under rule 26.

8. ELECTION OF A PATRON

Dr P.H.G. Draper was elected a Patron of the Society. He had been nominated by Dr C.W. Chalklin, E.P. Connell, R.H. Hiscock, Prof. D. Killingray, Dr M.C.W. Still and M. Waite under rule 8 and biographical details had been circulated on his behalf.

9. **ELECTION OF AUDITORS:** Messrs. Reeves & Neylan were re-elected as the Society's auditors.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) **Scrutineers:** The following were elected from the members of the Society to act as scrutineers in any ballots for Officers and Council the next year: Mr G.S. Avery (Whitstable), Mrs M. Berg (Canterbury), Mr A. Daniels (Maidstone), Mr M. Jenner (Tonbridge), Mr D. Murray (East Peckham), Mr J. Noble (Addington),

(b) **The Society's logo** or emblem: Mrs E.A. Palmer, editor of the Society's *Newsletter*, explained that the logo did not print clearly because of its 'fussy' design and the diaper pattern behind the horse. She and some other members thought it did not convey an appropriate image of the Society. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Council and members were invited to write to the Hon. General Secretary with their views.

11. THE LIBRARY AND COLLECTIONS

Following the formal business, the meeting concluded with a presentation on the work of the Library and Muniments Committee by its chairman Dr R.J. Spain assisted by the Hon. Librarian and Mr D.G. Anstey. It was well received and led to discussion of some of the Committee's work.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2004

The Council of the Society presents its one hundred and forty sixth report and statement of accounts for the year ending the 31st December 2004.

Aims and organization

The Society is established to promote the study and publication of archaeology and history in all their branches, especially within the ancient county of Kent.

The Society's activities are carried out throughout the ancient county of Kent. It has no staff and its officers are only paid out-of-pocket expenses. It co-operates with its affiliated societies and the organizations to which it is affiliated or of which it is a member. In particular it co-operates with the Canterbury Archaeological Trust in promotion of education.

Its activities are carried out by the Council, committees and officers.

Review of the year

Annual General Meeting: The Society's annual general meeting was held at Canterbury on Saturday the 15th May 2004 when the Council's annual report and the accounts for 2003 were accepted and Messrs. Reeves and Neylan were re-appointed auditors. The officers and members of the Council were elected; details are set out below under Legal and Administrative Information. Dr Peter Draper was elected a Patron of the Society. Following the business meeting Dr Robert Spain, assisted by Dr Frank Panton and Mr Denis Anstey, gave a presentation on the work of the Library Committee which was well received. In the afternoon Mrs Jill Eddison gave a lecture *Romney Marsh: Survival on a Frontier*.

Fieldwork: Excavation of the Roman villa site at Abbey Farm, Minster-in-Thanel continued under the direction of Mr Keith Parfitt and was attended by 40 members. A feature found in 2003 was found to be a sizeable building enclosing a double chambered drying oven or malting kiln. The excavation was runner up in the annual Pitt Rivers Award for archaeology and an article on it was published in *Current Archaeology*. A new TR/CIA resistivity meter was bought and used on several sites. Work started on preparing a list of people to advise metal detectorists about their sites which will be supervised by Mr Andrew Richardson, Finds Liaison Officer for Kent.

Publications: Volume CXXIV (2004) of *Archaeologia Cantiana* was published and maintained its usual high standard and good range of papers and book reviews. *An Historical Atlas of Kent*, edited by Mr Terry Lawson and Prof. David Killingray and sponsored by the Society, was published by Phillimore and a free copy sent to every member of the Society. A policy was adopted that most publications will be produced on CD or put on the Society's web site which should result in a wider circulation at significantly reduced cost. It is recognised that not

everyone would want these 'electronic publications' so it will be possible to place advance orders for printed copies produced by 'print on demand' methods. *Archaeologia Cantiana* will continue to be printed in its traditional form. Several grants were made from the Kent History Fund for local history publications.

Churches: The half day visits to churches continued to be popular with three well attended visits to pairs of churches. The *Ideas and Ideals* series in the *Newsletter*, was concluded. A new venture was an essay competition on an unusual feature in a church; it was won by Mr Alan Moss of Rochester and his entry published in the *Newsletter*. Several people were given guidance in their studies of churches.

Library and collections: Computers in the Library were connected by broadband to the Society's web sites on the internet. Development of these sites continued with addition of articles on history and archaeology, completion of the Gordon Ward archive index, additions to the index to the Hussey files of genealogical material, papers from past volumes of *Archaeologia Cantiana*, material on Kent churchyards and medieval and Tudor wills and the start of a project to add, in conjunction with local societies, Kent tithe award schedules. Donations of books and visual records were received and a selection of publications from the Society's stock were offered to help Ramsgate Library recover from a disastrous fire. The Hon. Curator, in conjunction with Maidstone Museum and the Museum of London, made a preliminary estimate of work needed to conserve the Society's collections of artefacts and work will start in 2005.

Education: The Society's support for Young Archaeologists Clubs was continued with a grant to the North Downs club. The Society continued its support for the work of the Canterbury Archaeological Trust's Education Service by contributing a little over 30% of its running costs. This Service had a programme of school visits and support for teachers throughout the year. It obtained a Heritage Lottery grant to make 60 kits of archaeological finds and materials for schools and it hopes to obtain more funds to extend the project. It participated in the Dakini Project which produces GIS (digital) teaching materials promoting historic and cultural sites for schools in Kent, Sussex and northern France.

Place names: A study day was held at Staplehurst in which Dr. Paul Cullen and Dr David Parsons from Nottingham University took part. It was a great success and was attended by 90 people. The Place Names Committee continued to monitor work on research and publications on place names.

Membership: Despite 81 new members joining during the year the number of those leaving was slightly greater so the year ended with a membership of 1,164, a small net reduction of one on the previous year.

Activities for members: A new venture was the History and Archaeology Show which was held in Maidstone Museum and Bentif Art Gallery in June. Over 500 members of the public were admitted free and could see exhibits by the Society's committees and local groups and organisations from around the County. There was a successful five day excursion to Dorset and a conference on *New Perspectives on Four Kent Towns* in place of the usual day excursions. The traditional pre-Christmas lunch at Wye College was well attended. Four issues of the *Newsletter* contained the usual interesting mix of news about events and discoveries.

Relations with other bodies: The Society appoints members or representatives to a number of other organisations. Regular reports have also been received from the C. B. A. South East and the Standing Conference on London Archaeology. The Society has regularly been represented at meetings of the Kent History Federation.

Review of financial activities and affairs

The accompanying financial statements for the year ended the 31st December 2004 show the current state of the Society's finances which its Council considers to be sound. They comply with the Council's understanding of the current statutory requirements and the requirements of the Society's rules.

Investments: The trustees seek, in the management of their investments, a balance between income and capital growth. The Finance Committee oversees the management of the Society's investments. The portfolio, managed by USB Laing and Cruickshank Ltd, increased by 8.6% and now stands at £1,014,645. They currently yield 3.8%. The C.O.I.F. investments, which currently yield 3.5% per cent, increased in value from £64,326 to £68,624.

Reserves: The Council budgets each year to spend a sum considerably in excess of current income and tries to maintain reserves appropriate to allow this to continue.

The Society relies on its officers and other members giving their time freely to organise its activities. Without those contributions it would have to spend a substantial sum on salaries.

Allen Grove Local History Fund: The Society administers the Allen Grove Local History Fund which was given in the will of the late Allen Grove. Its objects are to promote research, preservation and enjoyment of local history. These objects are consistent with those of the Society. It is a restricted fund and is invested separately from the Society's other investments. In accordance with the terms of the legacy, decisions on how the fund is to be spent are taken by the Society's officers. During the year four grants totalling £950 were made towards the costs of producing publications on local history, oral history and preserving local records.

Legal and administrative Information

The Society is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under number 223382. It is an unincorporated association governed by its rules which are published in *Archaeologia Cantiana* from time to time and copies of which can be obtained from the Hon. General Secretary. It is also registered as a charity with the Inland Revenue which has made a direction under section 201 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 which permits certain members (generally those whose employment is related to the Society's activities) to obtain income tax relief on their subscriptions to the Society; further details can be obtained from the Hon. General Secretary.

The principal address of the Society is The Museum, St Faith's Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1LH. However, correspondence should be addressed to the relevant officer.

The governing body of the Society is the Council whose members are its charity trustees and are elected by the members of the Society at its annual general meeting in May each year. During the period covered by this report they were:

P.E. Oldham	President	D. G. Anstey *	K. Parfitt
A. I. Moffat	Hon. General Secretary	D. Bacchus	C.R. Pout
R.G. Thomas	Hon. Treasurer	E. Boast	R. J. Spain *
S. Broomfield	Hon. Membership Secretary	D. A. H. Cleggett	A.L. Thompson **
F. H. Panton	Hon. Librarian	E. P. Connell	A.F. Ward
T.G. Lawson	Hon. Editor	B. T. Cousins ***	C.P. Ward
J. Saynor	Hon. Excursions Secretary	J.M. Hammond ****	
M. C. W. Still	Hon. Curator	P. A. Harlow *	
C. W. Chalklin	Vice President	R. Higgs	
L. D. Lyle	Vice President	D. Killingray **	
E. Melling	Vice President	M.T. Lawrence	
J. Whyman	Vice President	R. F. Le Gear	

* Denotes re-elected at the annual general meeting on the 15 May 2004; **Retired at the A.G.M. on 15 May 2004; *** Resigned 2 May 2004; **** Resigned 6 June 2004.

The officers (other than the Vice Presidents) hold office for one year, the Vice Presidents hold office for seven years and the other members for four years.

The Society's main agents and advisers are:

Bankers: National Westminster Bank plc, 3 High Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XU

Auditors: Reeves & Neylan, 37 St Margaret's Street, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2TU

Stockbrokers: USB Laing & Cruickshank Ltd, 5 Appold Street, London, WC2A 2DA

Stockbrokers' nominee company holding the Society's investments: Productive Nominees Ltd, 5 Appold Street, London, WC2A 2DA.

The Society's activities are restricted by the terms of its objects set out elsewhere in this report. In particular its area of benefit is mainly (but not exclusively) the ancient county of Kent which is considered to be the administrative County of Kent, Medway Council and the London Boroughs of Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich and part of Lewisham.

The Society's investment powers are those given by the general law; its rules do not give it any special investment powers. The Council has delegated some of its investment powers to USB Laing & Cruickshank Ltd in accordance with a scheme made by the Charity Commissioners on the 18th April 1994.

A. I. Moffat,

Hon. General Secretary on behalf of the Council

26th February 2005