VIDEOS

■ NEW ■ ■

Nature Conservation in

In the past churchyards were

used for all sorts of activities

apart from burials. In this

century practical mana-

gement issues have led to

the creation of close mown

green lawns. Only in the last

twenty years has their full

importance for nature con-

servation been realised.

only place where traditional

meadow plants such as

meadow saxifrage can still

flourish. They are also

havens for wildlife - barn

and many types of insect.

management techniques for

the nature conservation of a

Suitability: Churchyard

GCSE; 6th form general

studies; teacher training;

Product code: XT 10337

Looking at ... series

uses sites to investigate

the clues left behind in

the buildings and

monuments of the past.

Looking at an Abbey

This video shows how much

we can learn from a typical

Abbey if we understand how

the Cistercian monks who

owls, starlings, slow worms

This video looks at various

bedstraw and

groups;

Churchyards are often the

God's Acre

ladies'

churchyard.

management

adult education.

Price: £.10.95

24 minutes; 1993

the Churchyard

Handing on Our History

This video is intended to

introduce the work of

English Heritage, which

presents over 375 Historic

Properties to five million

public visitors each year;

for historic buildings or

conservation areas; funds

rescue excavations and gives

Suitability: GCSE; 6th form

education; adult education

Product code: XT 11149

Using original footage,

historical archives and doc-

uments this video traces the

story of the underground

tunnels beneath Dover

Castle. Originally defences

for the harbour, they were

extended to form the major

Second World War military

HQ from which Dunkirk

evacuation was master-

network, known as Hellfire

Corner, now forms an

Suitability: Key Stages 2 & 3

exhibition and guided tour.

Product code: XT 11150

GCSE; adult education

13 minutes; 1990

Free loan only

minded. Part of the tunnel

expert advice in any area of

conservation work.

30 minutes; 1990

Hellfire Corner

f10.95

general studies; further

advises and offers grants

Lord, takes the viewer on a tour of the mines. Suitability: Key Stages 2 & 3 adult education 12 minutes; 1988 £10.95

Product code: XT 13087 Also available with French commentary.

Peveril Castle

Peveril Castle, with its twelfth century stone keep, is dramatically situated on a spur high above Castleton in Derbyshire. This video considers the castle in relation to the town and the surrounding landscape. Suitability: Key Stages 2 & 3 13 minutes; 1990 £10.95

Product code: XT 10569 See also Handbooks for Teachers

Pickering Castle

This royal castle developed from motte and bailey earthworks into an impressive stone structure with shell keep and towers. The video shows its evolution through reconstructions and close examination of parts of the building. The life of the castle is also portrayed. Suitability: Key Stages 2 & 3 14 minutes; 1986

Product code: XT 13095 See also Posters

Sitework

This video shows the various uses that schools can make of an historic house as a resource for project work. Making drawings, prints, paintings and creating poems are some of the more obvious approaches. An alternative approach would be to use its architecture as the basis for a mathematical investigation.

Suitability: Key Stages 2 & 3 Initial teacher training; Inservice training

18 minutes; 1987 £10.95

Product code: XT 13097

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Stott Park Bobbin Mill -How a bobbin was made This video traces the history of the mill, built in 1835 and typical of the many which supplied the spinning industry. A skilled craftsman demonstrates how bobbins



were made.
Suitability: Key Stages 2 & 3
15 minutes; 1993
£10.95

Product code: XT 10225 See also Posters

Working on the Evidence: Avebury

This video gives teachers an idea of the varied opportunities which Avebury Circles and the nearby monuments offer. Children are shown investigating the sites under the guidance of a teacher and using the purpose built Education Centre with its handling collection and displays.

displays.
Suitability: Key Stages 2 & 3
22 minutes; 1987
£10.95

Product code: XT 13098 See also Handbooks for Teachers



Working on the Evidence: Maiden Castle The video uses Maiden Castle to exemplify what

The video uses Maiden Castle to exemplify what archaeology is all about. We follow a group of primary pupils working on the evidence on site and in the local museum in Dorchester.

Through a series of

'dissolves' the children are transformed into their iron age equivalents who defended the fort and the Roman soldiers who storm-

ed it.
Suitability: Key Stages 2 & 3
21 minutes; 1987
£10.95

Product code: XT 13099 Also available with French commentary See also General Books

Frameworks of Worship

Churches provide a locally accessible and rich resource for study. This series introduces different aspects of the historical development of churches and considers some of the ways in which archaeologists gather and use information.

Buildings and Beliefs

This video explores the potential of the parish church as a medium for the study of medieval social structure and spirituality. Attention is drawn both to the archaeology of the fabric and to what can be learned from changes in the use of space within the building. Suitability: GCSE; 6th form general studies; teacher training; adult education 20 minutes; 1990 £10.95

Product code: XT 10213

Chapels - The Buildings of Nonconformity

This video investigates the many forms of non-conformist worship since the passing of the Act of Toleration in 1689 and asks what the archaeology of remaining buildings tell us about their relationship to the human and industrial landscape of villages and towns.

Suitability: GCSE; 6th form general studies; teacher training; adult education 18 minutes; 1989

£10.95 **Product code:** XT 13086

In Memoriam - the archaeology of graveyards

Ecology, archaeology, art and social history may all be approached through the evidence which graveyards contain. This video introduces and explores the links between them and suggests how the local graveyard may be used as an outdoor classroom.
Suitability: GCSE; 6th form general studies; teacher training; adult education 21 minutes; 1990

£10.95 **Product code:** XT 10504

The Master Builders the construction of a great church

Medieval technology, engineering, and design are among the topics introduced in this video, which explores the building of a great church, Beverly Minster and illustrates how by looking at its fabric today we can illuminate the methods and organisation of the people who built it.

Suitability: GCSE; 6th form general studies; teacher training; adult education 23 minutes; 1991

Product code: XT 10571



Your Church: a threshold to history

This video is a guide to what you can observe and interpret from an ordinary parish church. Four specialists talk about their own approaches to exploring a graveyard, recording the fabric of a building with hitech, excavating beneath a church and using landscape history.

Suitability: GCSE; 6th form general studies; teacher training; adult education 23 minutes; 1987

£10.95 Product code: XT 13100 lived there organised their lives.
Suitability: Key Stages 2 & 3 17 minutes; 1980 £10.95

Product code: XT 13090 See also Education on Site

Looking at a Castle

Uses the remains of the fortifications and domestic quarters of Goodrich Castle to explain the complex arrangements of life in a medieval castle through the investigation of clues left behind in the building. Suitability: Key Stages 2 & 3 14 minutes; 1980 £10.95

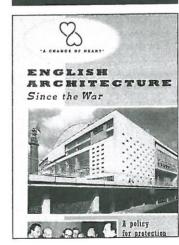
Product code: XT 13091 See also Handbooks for Teachers

Looking at Prehistoric Sites

The video shows the variety of sites in this enormously long period of our past and helps deal with sites that are often difficult to understand. Suitability: Key Stages 2 & 3 20 minutes; 1982 £10.95

Product Code: XT 13092

GENERAL VIDEOS



A Change of Heart English Architecture since the War

since the War
This video illustrates the unsuspected wealth and range of fine architecture and design created in England's cities, towns and countryside since the Second World War.
Suitability: GCSE; 6th form general studies; adult education 10 minutes; 1992 f.10.95

Product code: XT 10060 See also General Books Changing Perceptions: Presenting Heritage

This is a case study of the complex conservation problems surrounding the World Heritage site at Avebury, Wiltshire.Perspectives on the presentation of the site are seen through the eyes of tourists, primary school children and an archaeology student from Zimbabwe.

Produced by the Department of Teaching Media, University of Southampton. Suitability: GCSE; A level; adult education 25 minutes; 1990

Free loan only
Product code: XT 10987
Copies can be purchased,
price £35 (inc. VAT and
postage) from: Department
of Teaching Media, 31
University Road,
Southampton, SO9 5NH.

Evidence of our lives

Tel. 0703-592360.

This video, divided into short sections, addresses the nature of physical evidence. It shows how children can develop skills by recording researching and interpreting their local environment. Suitability: Key Stages 2 & 3 27 minutes; 1991 £10.95

Product code: XT 11174

The Gripping Beast

This animated film explores

the various ways in which

the gripping beast style of

ornamentation was emp-

loyed in Viking art and

shows examples including

It traces the development of

jewellery and stone carving.

this creature and its gradual

evolution over several cent-

Suitability: Key Stages 2 &3

Produced by Teknisk Film

Product code: XT 12135

uries and two continents.

GCSE; adult education

Compagni, Denmark.

15 minutes; 1957

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Historic Site: A Sculptor's View

The video records the work of a sculptor-in-residence at Dover Castle who developed programmes of art, design and technology for visiting schools and colleges. It suggests applications of ideas which teachers themselves could develop using any part of the historic environment.

Suitability: Initial teacher training; in-service courses; all Key Stages and further education

23 minutes; 1991

£10.95 **Product code:** XT 11664

Living History

This video outlines the various stages of setting up and carrying out living history projects at sites and in schools.

In-service Suitability: training; Initial teacher training

21 minutes; 1986 £10.95

Product code: XT 13089 See also Education on

Living History - The Kenilworth Project

This has been produced by Elm Bank Teachers' Centre, Coventry as a record of a successful living history week held at Kenilworth Castle in conjunction with Coventry schools. The video includes interviews with teachers involved in the about project organisation beforehand and film of the event itself.

Suitability: Key Stage 2; teacher training 28 minutes; 1988

Free loan only Product code: XT 14029 Alternatively, copies can be purchased (price £,19.13 including postage) from Elm Bank Teachers' Centre, Mile Lane, Coventry CV1 2LQ.

The Norman Conquest of England

This video shows how effective the Norman Conquest was. It altered not only building styles, but our landscape and language as well.

Suitability: Key Stage 2 and 3; GCSE; adult education 15 minutes; 1982

€,10.95 Product code: XT 13093

The Past Replayed: Kirby Hall

English Heritage and Northamptonshire Education Authority worked on a living history project for children with special needs at Kirby Hall and the date 1590 AD. The film plots the thinking behind the project, its preparation and follow-

Suitability: First section Inservice training; special needs teachers. Second section Key Stages 2 & 3. 38 minutes; 1988 €.10.95

Product code: XT 13094

Protectors of our Past

This video offers a short, vivid summary of the wide conservation involvements of English Heritage, including listed buildings, historic areas, scheduled ancient monuments, rescue archaeology and specialist and technical advice.

Suitability: GCSE; 6th form general studies; adult education

16 minutes; 1989 £10.95

Product code: XT 13101

Rescuing our Past

This video introduces how archaeologists recover buried evidence of the past by excavation of an Anglo-Saxon cemetery. We see the main methods employed for deciding where to dig; the main techniques of excavation and how all the information gathered can be put together.

Suitability: Key Stages 2 & 3 12 minutes; 1988

£10.95 **Product code:** XT 13096

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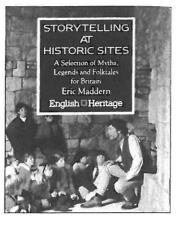
Suitability: In-service training; Initial teacher training; all Key Stages 11 minutes; 1991

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Suitability: Key Stages 2& 3. Compatible with BBC B and Acorn Archimedes 400 computers. £18.95

Product codes: XQ 10317 - BBC B XQ 10341 -Archimedes 400

Digging Deeper into History - A Classroom Resource Pack Roger Martlew/NCET

This computer-based simulation explores the impact of a new gas pipeline on eastern Yorkshire. Although designed primarily for teaching history and archaeology, the simulation



geography or environmental studies course. Using datafiles together with worksheets and resource cards, pupils investigate the impact of the different routes on archaeological sites, the landscapes etc and take on the different roles in planning applications before producing a report on their findings. Compatible with BBC'B, BBC Master, RM480Z and RM Nimbus computers. English Heritage/NCET,

can also be used as part of a

ISBN 1-85074-236-7 Suitability: Key Stages 2 & 3 **GCSE**

£29.95 Product code: XQ 13069

SLIDE PACKS

Using Portraits Susan Morris

These slides have been chosen to illustrate the range of material to be found in portraits. Accompanying notes discuss the various elements that can be examined, including clothing, facial expressions, pose and gesture, background and accessories, size, medium and composition. 12 slides with 8 pages of teacher's notes in plastic wallet; 1989

ISBN 1-85074-260-X £3.95 Product code: XS 13080 See also Education on

Victorian Osborne

Site

These slides are all either archive photographs or 19th century paintings, some by Oueen Victoria, of the Royal Family and their private home and estate on the Isle of Wight.



12 slides with 8 pages of teacher's notes in plastic wallet; 1987 £3.95

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POSTERS



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Fortifications These are full colour aerial photographic posters with notes for teachers and suggested book list printed

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A2 size; full colour.

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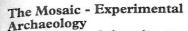
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Bushfield School elected to produce a life-size replica of one of the incomplete mosaics on site. The first purpose was to work as experimental archaeologists by exploring the most effective means of laying out patterns using tesserae.

The first requirement was to produce clay tesserae in large quantities. How many would be needed to cover an area measuring 2.16m x 1.87m? Would the tesserae be reduced in size by drying the firing, and by how much? What proportion of the total number would each colour constitute? How many bags of clay would be needed? How long would it take? This stage of the study was taking the children out of history into mathematics. Children worked one hour shifts challenging themselves to produce a target number of pieces by the end of the session. Quality control was exercised by other members of the group who rejected misshapen pieces before they could be counted into the tally which each child kept of production. Records became targets to be overtaken.

How was the mosaic to be assembled? The artist-in-residence suggested PVA glue on hardboard. Having found that some Roman motifs were pre-set in the workshops the group decided to construct the whole of our mosaic in this way. But how could the mosaic be divided into workable sections? Children studied the plans and offered suggestions. Their teacher exploited an opportunity to identify line and rotational symmetry and to discuss tessellating shapes. The sketch was scaled up and plywood shapes cut, so that the whole fitted like a jigsaw.

Now the experimental archaeology could begin. Some children developed complex curved patterns using stick painting first to develop the flow of lines. Others used ruler and compass to mark in key divisions. Most worked from a dominant line of colour, positioning this first, then introducing the parallel lines. But one group 'developing the border worked in pairs, one calling the colour sequence of the next row, whilst the partner positioned them. The level of co-operation was outstanding. Children negotiated modifications where necessary, to preserve symmetry with others working on similar sections, anticipated each other's need for more tesserae of a particular colour, and kept each other serviced with these to ensure maximum efficiency. For one whole day the classroom served as a crowded workshop, everyone participating, with the remarkable team of artists-in-residence and their helpers all lending support. As sections were completed they were positioned on the base board. With minutes to spare, the mosaic was assembled. The children went home triumphant.



Cutting parallel lines in raw clay to make the tesserae.



ABOVE: Colouring the tesserau after firing.

BELOW: Piecing together the replica mosaic on



The Story of the Site

Working in groups of their own choice, children wrote their interpretations over several sessions. At times discussion became quite heated. Once finalised, the stories were retold to the rest of the class. A composite version was then prepared from all the schools, children selecting the ideas they liked best from each group. The dramatist became storyteller, visiting each school to relate in the oral tradition the tale of the decline of the Bancroft Villa.

The Performance

For the six weeks leading up to the performance the children worked with community artists, teachers and the author to rehearse the play, produce costumes, props and scenery to present their story and bring the site to life. Others produced 'green' artworks to enhance the site and evoke the lives of people who lived, worked, worshipped and died there. Thankfully, the Celtic and Roman gods were appeased and the afternoon and evening of the performance were hot and sunny. The dramatic fireshow finale went off with the right balance of excitement and control to thrill the large audience.

Postscript 1993

The excitement of an event with children is always wonderful - but was it worthwhile? Did it have any longterm value? Certainly the children's pride in their own achievement was reinforced by the media coverage they received at the time, both locally and nationally. The intention behind the project was that rather than buying-in an 'off-the-peg' performance group the project would have longer term benefit if it was produced by the children of the local community. By providing them with the skills of the interpreter they would be able to see their familiar park in a new light. Did it work? I asked one of the teachers actively involved in the project, Mary Sinclair, Deputy Head at Bushfield School to give me her assessment after three years.



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