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2014 TOWN AND GOWN LECTURE featuring



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"Landscape, Ancient Monuments and Memory in Early Modern Britain"

What did Stonehenge and other ancient monuments mean to the inhabitants of sixteenth- and seventeenth-century Britain? This lecture will investigate perceptions of the tangible remnants of the prehistoric past that remained scattered across the landscape of the British Isles in the early modern period. It begins by exploring the body of medieval traditions, legends and myths that accumulated around these mysterious structures, before turning to examine how attitudes towards them were shaped by the religious and political upheavals of the Reformation and the Civil Wars of the 1640s and 50s. It explores the ways in which they became the focus of violent iconoclastic attacks by a zealous minority intent upon eradicating traces of heathen idolatry and how, simultaneously, they provoked antiquarian curiosity and archaeological speculation. It seeks to illuminate the ways in which the physical environment is a critical agent in the formation of historical memory and cultural identity. •

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