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COVER PHOTO St. Albans: Birthe Kjolbye Biddle demonstrating the site to the Supreme Catholics of the Armenians, centre, and Robert Runcie, right, at the time the Bishop of St. Albans.

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In this issue

Iron Age ritual rears its somewhat abstract head in this issue of Current Archaeology, with two quite amazing discoveries at Deal and Aylesbury. There is also the search for St. Alban at St. Albans and, more prosaically, the discovery of the Roman fort at Carlisle with lots of waterlogged goodies

163 THE DIARY looks at the World Archaeological Congress, the British Museum exhibition, two new Professors, the Army on Salisbury Plain, the Lloyds Bank Awards, University Roulette, and The Morning after, . .

166 DEAL MAN is a chalk statuette. He was found in an underground chamber at the bottom of a shaft on the outskirts of Deal. This is clearly a major discovery of an Iron Age/Romano-British "shrine".

169 IN SCIENCE DIARY John Musty looks at Ancient Dyes, Early man at Lake Turkhana, an animal trap at La Cotte de Ste Brelade, a Yorkshire glutton, Overgrazing in Iceland, the Archaeometry Conference at Bradford, and John Fletcher.

172 AT CARLISLE a Roman housewife has been discovered. Excavations in Annetwell Street have revealed a Roman fort, waterlogged in its early stages. The base of the gate-tower and several of the wooden floors were

preserved, and there were some spectacular finds, including a number of writing tablets and a housewife.

178 ST. ALBANS Where was the Saxon church at St. Albans? Martin and Birthe Biddle have been excavating around the Abbey, first on the site of the new chapter house, where they found the medieval chapter house, Saxon burials, but no Roman burials. They then looked at an area of the medieval cloisters, where they found Roman burials but no Saxon structures.

184 IN PASSING we look at Cornish archaeology, the Centre for Environmental Interpretation, the 'Rescue' conference, and Small Talk.

185 IN BOOKS we discuss Qsar es-Seghir, The Village and House in the Middle Ages, Neolithic Europe, Farming in prehistory, The Shell Guide to British Archaeology, and the Shortlist for the British Archaeological Book of the Year' Award.

187 AYLESBURY Dramatic evidence for gory Iron Age ritual practices has come to light at Aylesbury. There were human bodies buried alongside animals, and all this inside a previously unknown hillfort. In the Saxon period the site was once again refortified, and there are even some Civil War fortifications.

190 LETTERS discuss the Golden Age, Symbols of Power, Banning South Africa, Bronze Age mining and Failing to find an excavation.