CONTENTS ISSUE 323



FEATURES

18 UPSTAIRS, DOWNSTAIRS INNOVATIONS

Exploring the use of technology in Britain's country houses

How did the owners of country houses respond to technological change? Recent surveys show a variety of approaches, from embracing gas, electricity, running water, and central heating at an early stage to outright rejection of dastardly innovation.

28 DRUCE FARM VILLA

Luxury living in Roman Dorset

The discovery and excavation of a villa with well-preserved mosaics in Dorset presents an opportunity to reconstruct the rise and fall of one of Roman Britain's high-status dwellings.

34 OPENING EDWINA'S BOX

Investigating an unusual Anglo-Saxon cemetery at Barber's Point

What may be one of the earliest Christian Anglo-Saxon cemeteries in East Anglia has been revealed beside the River Alde. We explore what these graves can tell us about the transition from pagan to Christian.

42 CELTIC FROM THE WEST

In search of the archaeology of a language

We look at how a cutting-edge collaboration between linguists, archaeologists, and geneticists is transforming our knowledge of Bronze Age Europe in its investigation of the possible cradle of the Celtic family of languages.

50 THE BODIES IN THE BAILEY

Uncovering enigmatic graves at Halton Castle

Two graves were recently discovered at Halton Castle, much to the excavators' surprise. How much can we say about who these individuals were?



4 Current Archaeology FEBRUARY 2017