

Heritage up-to-date

Change and Creation, a programme of debate, consultation and public engagement, launched on 19 November at an academic conference, is the first attempt to better understand the nature and value of the later 20th-century landscape, how people perceive it, and what should be done to manage change in the future. It is designed and led by English Heritage, in collaboration with the University of Bristol, University College London, and Atkins Heritage.

Details of the programme's background, aims and possibilities can be found on <http://www.changeandcreation.org>, and in the programme booklet, *Change and Creation: historic landscape character 1950–2000*. The public can participate in the debate by sending their thoughts to web@changeandcreation.org.

Tudor ship found in the Thames

Parts of a Tudor merchant vessel carrying tin and iron ingots have been recovered near Gravesend by archaeologists working for Wessex Archaeology. The wreck was found buried in silt in around 8m of water when archaeologists were investigating a shipping lane before Port of London Authority dredging work. Over the past 18 months, 15–20% of the vessel has been recovered, including the bow section and various artefacts, including cannons and a leather shoe.

According to David Keys, the vessel was built of East Anglian oak, probably in Ipswich or Aldeburgh, and may have been trading illegally with Spain. Armed with at least four 3-inch-bore cannon, it was carrying a cargo of more than a hundred 8m-long folded iron bars, a few tin and lead ingots and a small number of Spanish olive jars, probably containing olive oil, when it sank in the 1580s or 1590s.

(Source: *Salon, the Society of Antiquaries of London Online Newsletter*)

Grant for Hackney's oldest building

The Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded Hackney Borough Council a grant of £1.79m to restore St John's Churchyard Gardens. An additional £231,000 has been approved to preserve and open up St Augustine's Tower, which is situated in the Gardens, following a separate application from Hackney Historic Buildings Trust. St

Augustine's Tower, which is listed Grade I, is Hackney's oldest building, dating from the 13th century. As well as repairing the stonework, lighting and glazing, educational facilities will be introduced, and improved safety measures will enable visitors to climb to the roof and enjoy the panorama over the City of London. Work on St John's churchyard will restore the 18th-century paths and planting, the 19th-century gates and garden furniture, and the most significant of the tombs and monuments.

Temple Bar returns

Sir Christopher Wren's Temple Bar, built between 1669 and 1672, marked the boundary between the City of London and the City of Westminster. It was removed from Fleet Street, stone by stone, in 1878 to enable the roadway to be widened, and was rebuilt by Sir Henry Meux (the brewer) to form an entrance to his estate at Theobalds Park in Hertfordshire. In December 2001 the Corporation of London agreed to return the Bar to the City. It was officially opened by the Lord Mayor of the City of London on 10 November 2004, in its new location linking St Paul's Cathedral with the new Paternoster Square.

Young Archaeologist of the Year

One of the two winners of the Young Archaeologist of the Year award, announced at the British Archaeological Awards in Belfast on 8 October, was Bethany Smith from Upminster. Her winning entry was a design for a prehistoric monument to rival Stonehenge.

Tebbutt Research Fund

The Fund was established as a tribute to the life and work of the late C. F. Tebbutt, OBE, FSA, and applications are invited, from individuals and groups, for grants towards research, including associated expenses, into any aspect of the Wealden Iron Industry.

It is anticipated that approximately £100 plus will be available from the fund, and any interested person should write a letter of application, giving details of themselves and of the research envisaged. Applications should be sent, not later than 31st March 2005, to Mrs Ann Callow, Hon. Sec WIRG, Glazier's Forge Cottage, Dallington, Sussex TN21 9JJ.