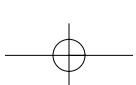
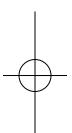
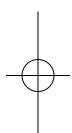
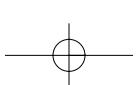
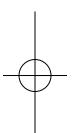
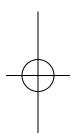
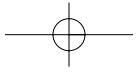
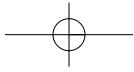


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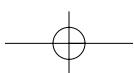
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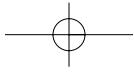
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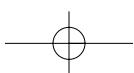
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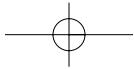
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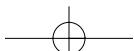
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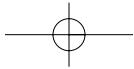
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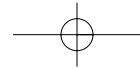




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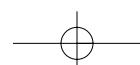


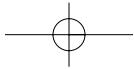
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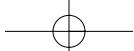
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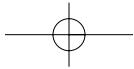




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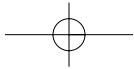
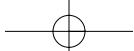
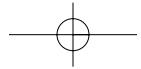


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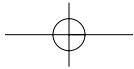
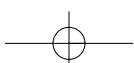


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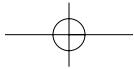
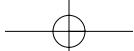


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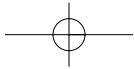
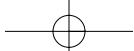
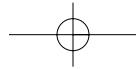


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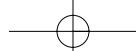


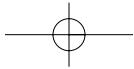


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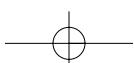
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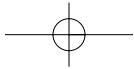
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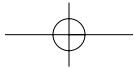


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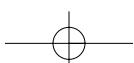


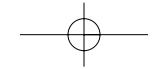
SUMMARY

The Stanway site was excavated in intermittent stages between 1987 and 2003 in advance of its destruction for sand and gravel extraction. It lay on the outskirts of the modern town of Colchester in what had been Stanway Hall Farm. The Stanway site was on the fringe of the Late Iron Age and Roman oppidum of Camulodunum. It appears to have been the burial place of members of a high-status Catuvellaunian family. The characteristics of the site and the rites practised there reveal links with the Folly Lane and King Harry Lane sites in Verulamium and sites in northern Gaul. Stanway provides support for the possibility that Camulodunum may have existed as early as the time of Caesar's invasions of Britain.

Of the five enclosures which characterised Stanway, the smallest and earliest was the core of an Iron Age farmstead which had been abandoned by the mid 1st century B.C. A pair of currency bars was placed in the ditch of its enclosure. Four funerary enclosures followed, each of which incorporated a single wooden chamber in a central or axial position. The earliest of the enclosures (Enclosure 1) was the largest. As well as a wooden chamber, it included an unaccompanied urned cremation burial and a pit with broken funerary goods. All three features dated to the second half of the 1st century B.C. A single contemporary pit found some distance away contained pyre debris and was probably datable to between *c.* 60 and 1 B.C. (CF7). The other three enclosures (Enclosures 3–5) were laid out in a continuous row in two stages, one in *c.* A.D. 35–45 (Enclosure 3) and the other two (Enclosures 4 and 5) as a conjoined pair in *c.* A.D. 40–50. Parts of deliberately broken pots and other objects were placed in the chambers as part of the funerary rite. The minimum number of vessels represented in the chambers ranges from two in the earliest of them (AF25) to 24 in the largest of them (BF6). Six cremation burials inside Enclosures 3–5 date probably to *c.* A.D. 40–60/75 with most in the range *c.* A.D. 40–60. The numbers of grave goods in those burials varies from none at all to the many in the well-endowed ‘Warrior’s burial’ (BF64) and the ‘Doctor’s burial’ (CF47). The former was distinguished by the inclusion of a shield and lance or spear and the latter by a set of surgical instruments, a gaming board with counters in place, and a copper-alloy strainer which had been used to prepare an infusion of artemisia. The only certain pyre-site was in the centre of one of the enclosures (Enclosure 3) and had apparently been used at least twice. Two small square ditched areas in the latest two enclosures (Enclosures 4 and 5) may have been the sites of pyres or structures for excarnation.

A small, probably unrelated, cemetery containing at least three cremation burials and five pyre-debris pits was situated about 200 m south-east of the enclosures. Its period of use, as far as can be judged, approximated to that of the enclosures but with a slightly later end date (*i.e.* from the early 1st century A.D. to the early Flavian period). However, the grave goods they contained are comparatively modest in nature and number.





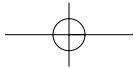
RÉSUMÉ

Le site de Stanway a été fouillé de manière intermittente entre 1987 et 2003, date de sa destruction du fait de l'extraction de sable et de graviers. Il était situé à proximité de la ville moderne de Colchester, où se trouve Stanway Hall Farm et, à la fin de l'Âge du Fer et à la période romaine, était proche de l'*oppidum* de Camulodunum. Il semble avoir été le lieu de sépulture des membres d'une famille de rang élevé au sein des Catuvellauni. Les caractéristiques du site et les rites funéraires révèlent des liens avec les sites de Folly Lane et King Harry Lane à Verulamium, ainsi qu'avec des sites du Nord de la Gaule. Stanway vient étayer l'hypothèse selon laquelle Camulodunum a existé dès l'époque des invasions de la Bretagne par César.

Des cinq enclos de Stanway, le plus petit et le plus ancien constituait le cœur d'une ferme de l'Âge du Fer, abandonnée au milieu du I^{er} s. avant J.-C. Deux lingots en fer ont été recueillis dans son fossé. Quatre enclos funéraires ont suivi, chacun étant pourvu d'une unique chambre en bois, en position centrale ou axiale. Le premier de ces enclos (Enclos 1) est aussi le plus grand. Outre une chambre en bois, il contenait une incinération en urne mais sans mobilier, ainsi qu'un puits avec des dépôts funéraires brisés; ces trois structures datent à la deuxième moitié du I^{er} s. avant J.-C. Un seul puits contemporain, mais à quelque distance de l'enclos, contenait les restes d'un bûcher qui a pu être daté approximativement vers 60–1 av. J.-C. (CF7). Les trois autres enclos (Enclos 3–5) ont été disposés en deux étapes sur une ligne continue, l'un d'eux vers 35–45 ap. J.-C. (Enclos 3) et les deux autres (Enclos 4 et 5) en même temps, vers 40–50. Des fragments de vases volontairement brisés et d'autres objets ont été déposés dans les chambres funéraires au cours des funérailles. Le nombre minimum de vases représentés dans les tombes va de 2, pour la première (AF25), à 24 dans la plus grande (BF6). Six incinérations (Enclos 3–5) datent probablement de *c.* 40–60/75 ap. J.-C., sans doute pour la plupart de *c.* 40–60. Le mobilier funéraire dans ces sépultures va de l'absence totale à *c.* 30–40 objets, dans le cas de la sépulture du Guerrier (BF64) et celle du Médecin (CF47), toutes deux abondamment pourvues. L'une se distingue par la présence d'un bouclier et d'une lance ou javelot, l'autre par une série d'instruments chirurgicaux, une table de jeu avec des pions en place, et un bassin à bec verseur qui a servi à préparer une tisane à l'armoise. Le seul site de bûcher bien individualisé a été trouvé au centre de l'un des enclos (Enclos 3): de toute évidence, il a servi au moins deux fois. Deux petites fosses carrées dans les deux derniers enclos (Enclos 4 et 5) signalent peut-être des bûchers funéraires ou des structures d'excarnation.

Un petit cimetière, situé à env. 200 m au sud-est des ces enclos, n'a probablement pas de rapport direct avec eux. Il a livré trois incinérations et au moins cinq puits avec des restes de bûchers. Son utilisation semble contemporaine de celle des enclos mais aussi un peu plus tardive (soit du début du I^{er} siècle ap. J.-C. jusqu'au début des Flaviens). Du reste, les dépôts funéraires de ces sépultures sont relativement modestes, tant par leur caractère que par leur nombre.

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ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

Die Stanway Fundstätte wurde zwischen 1987 und 2003 in mehreren Kampagnen vor ihrer Zerstörung im Zuge der Sand- und Kiesgewinnung ergraben. Die Grabung befindet sich an der Peripherie der heutigen Stadt Colchester in der ehemaligen Stanway Hall Farm. Ursprünglich lag Stanway am Rande des späteisenzeitlichen und römischen oppidums Camulodunum und war wahrscheinlich der Begräbnisplatz einer hochrangigen Familie. Die charakteristischen Merkmale der Fundstätte und der Grabriten zeigen Verbindungen mit Folly Lane und King Harry Lane in Verulamium und dem nördlichen Gallien auf. Die Befunde von Stanway stützen die Hypothese, dass Camulodunum vielleicht schon zur Zeit von Caesars Britannienzügen existierte.

Die Anlage in Stanway besteht aus fünf Einfriedungen; die kleinste und zugleich älteste bildete das Zentrum eines eisenzeitlichen Gehöfts, das in der Mitte des 1. Jahrhunderts v. Chr. aufgegeben worden war. Zwei stabförmige Eisenbarren sind in den Gräben dieser Einfriedung gelegt worden. Vier Grabanlagen schlossen sich an, jede mit einer hölzernen Grabkammer entweder im Zentrum oder längsachsig zur Umfassung. Die älteste Grabumfassung (Einfriedung 1) war auch die größte. Sie umschloss sowohl die Grabkammer als auch ein Urnengrab ohne Beigaben und eine Grube mit zerstörten und zerbrochenen Beigaben. Alle drei Befunde können in die zweite Hälfte des 1. Jahrhunderts v. Chr. datiert werden. Eine weitere zeitgleiche Grube, die in einem Abstand gefunden wurde, enthielt die Reste eines Scheiterhaufens und stammt aus der Zeit von ca. 60 bis 1 v. Chr. Die drei anderen Einfriedigungen (Einfriedung 3 bis 5) sind in einer Linie, aber zu unterschiedlichen Zeiten angelegt worden: Enclosure 3 um ca. 35 bis 45 n. Chr. und die anderen zwei (Einfriedungen 4 und 5) als zusammengehörendes Paar um ca. 40 bis 50 n. Chr. Teile der zerbrochenen Keramik und die anderen Grabbeigaben wurden während des Begräbnisritus in die Kammern gelegt. Die Zahl der Gefäße in den Grabkammern reicht von zwei in der ältesten (AF25) bis zu vierundzwanzig in der größten Kammer (BF6). Sechs Brandgräber in den Einfriedungen 3 bis 5 können wahrscheinlich in die Jahre 40 bis 60/75 n. Chr. datiert werden, die meisten davon in die Jahre 40 bis 50 n. Chr. Die Ausstattung der Gräber ist sehr unterschiedlich. Der Bogen spannt sich von Gräbern ohne Beigabe bis hin zu dem Kriegergrab (BF64) und dem Arztgrab (CF47), die reich ausgestattet sind. Das Kriegergrab enthielt einen Schild und eine Lanze oder Speer. In dem Arztgrab wurden ein Satz chirurgischer Instrumente, ein Spiel, dessen Steine sich auf dem Brett noch in ihrer Position befanden, und ein bronzenes Siebgefäß, das zur Herstellung eines Kräuteraufgusses (mit Artemisia) diente, gefunden. Die einzige sicher identifizierte Scheiterhaufen-Stelle befindet sich in der Mitte einer der Einfriedungen (Einfriedung 3) und wurde vermutlich wenigstens zweimal benutzt. Zwei kleine quadratische, mit Gräben umgebene Gebiete in den zwei spätesten Einfriedungen (Einfriedungen 4 und 5) sind vielleicht die Stellen für Scheiterhaufen oder für die Vornahme von Dekarnationen (Entfleischungen).

Ein kleines und wahrscheinlich unabhängiges Gräberfeld mit mindestens drei Brandgräbern und fünf Gruben, die Scheiterhaufenreste enthielten, wurde ca. 200 m südöstlich der Einfriedungen gefunden. Dieser kleine Friedhof wurde, soweit datierbar, zur selben Zeit wie die Einfriedungen benutzt, aber er blieb ein wenig länger als diese in Gebrauch, mit einem Enddatum von dem frühen 1. Jahrhundert n. Chr. bis in die frühe flavische Zeit. Die Grabbeigaben sind jedoch relativ bescheiden in Anzahl und Qualität.

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