There are societal changes, but Rome may be marginal for many people…

despite the Roman conquest…

„ANTI-ROMANISATION“



"ROMANISATION"

- Tacitus, *Agricola* 21
  For, to accustom to rest and repose through the charms of luxury a population scattered and barbarous and therefore inclined to war, Agricola gave private encouragement and public aid to the building of temples, courts of justice and dwelling-houses, praising the energetic, and reproving the indolent. Thus an honourable rivalry took the place of compulsion. He likewise provided a liberal education for the sons of the chiefs, and showed such a preference for the natural powers of the Britons over the industry of the Gauls that they who lately disdained the tongue of Rome now coveted its eloquence. Hence, too, a liking sprang up for our style of dress, and the "toga" became fashionable. Step by step they were led to things which dispose to vice, the lounge, the bath, the elegant banquet. All this in their ignorance, they called civilization, when it was but a part of their servitude.



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- palace of Fishbourne





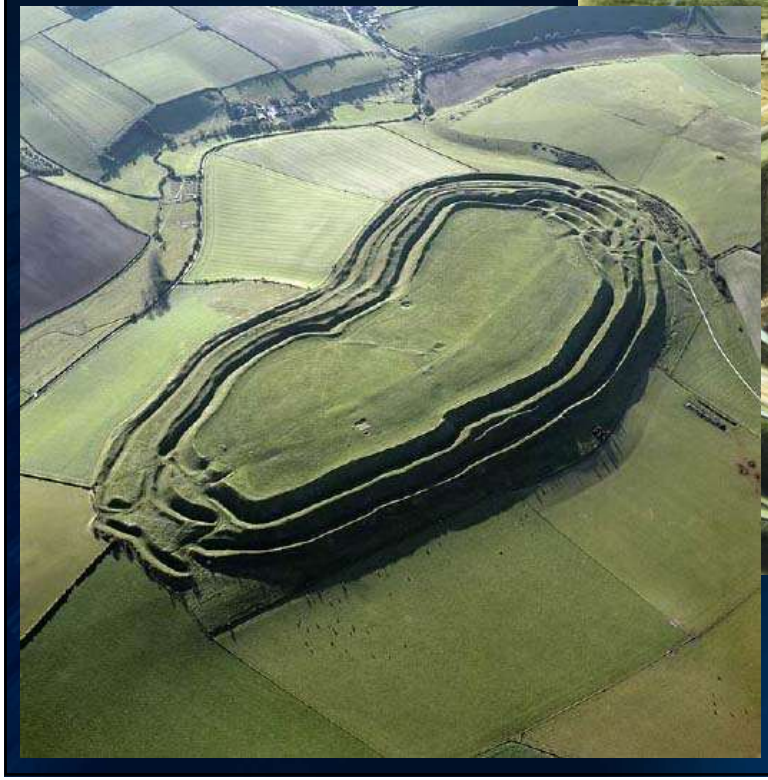
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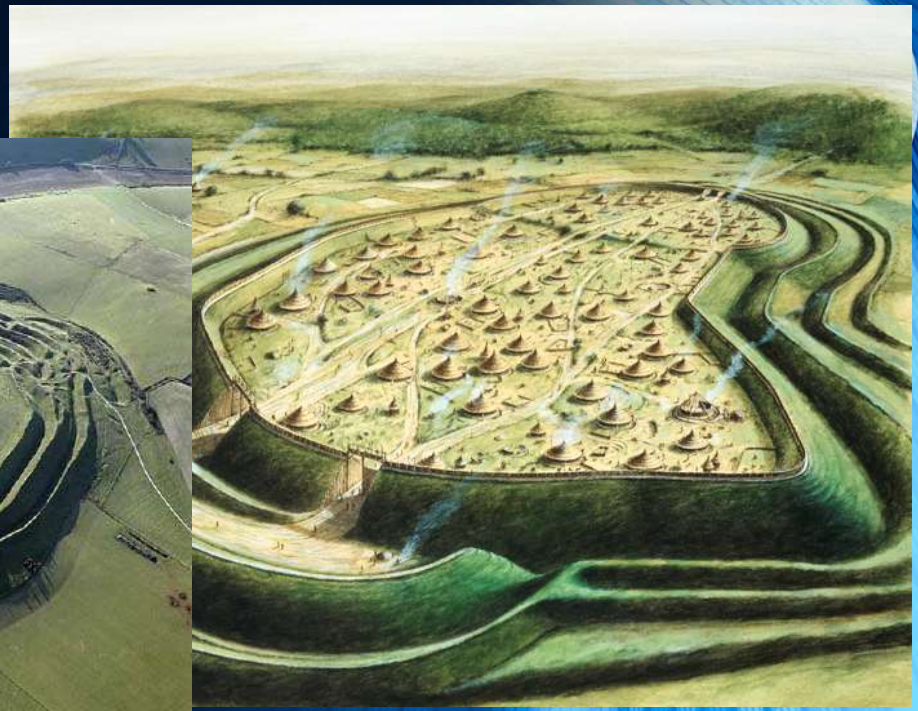
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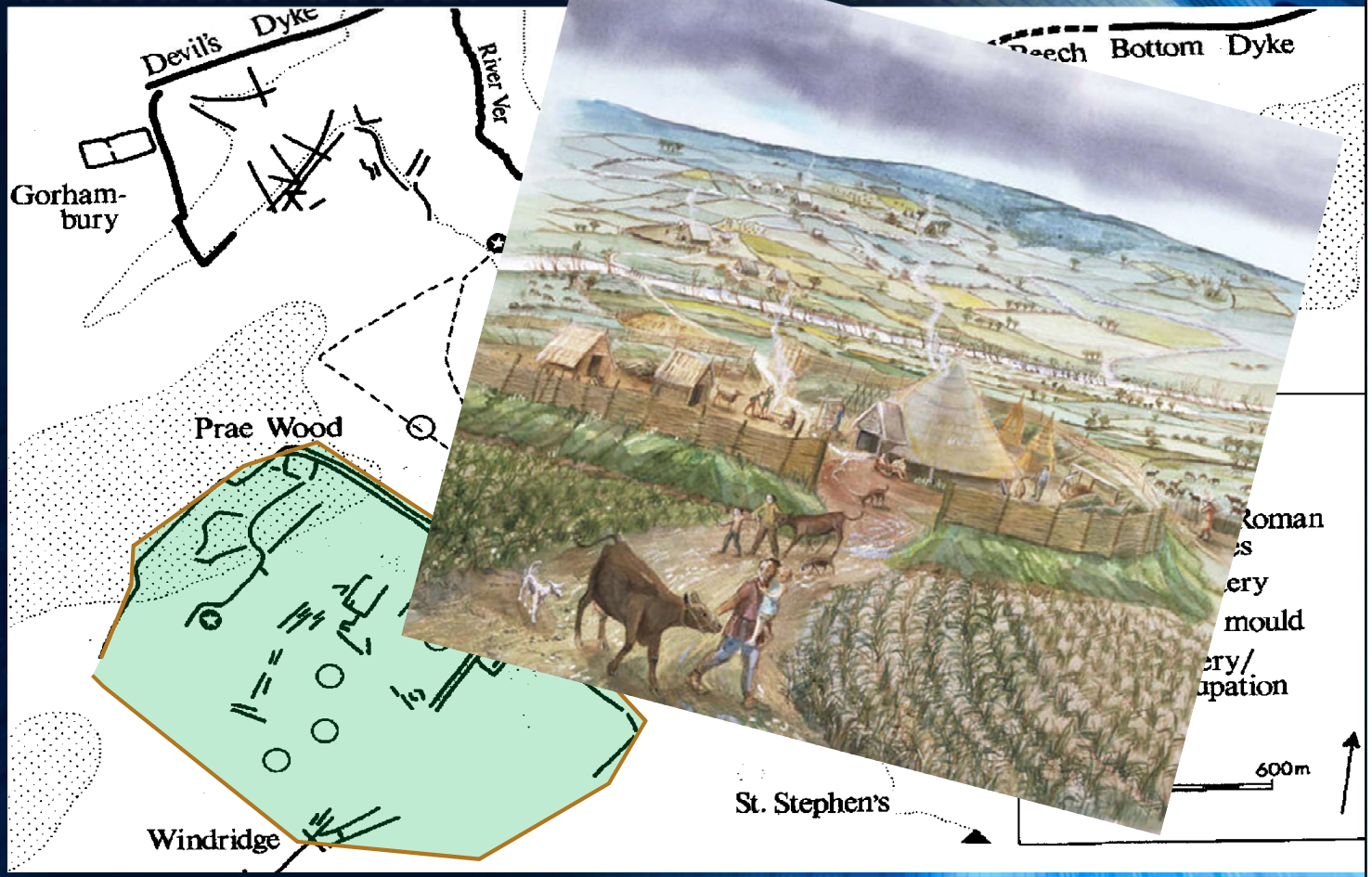
- "Maiden Castle" →what Caesar calls an *oppidum* ("town")
  Iron Age "hillfort" near Dorchester, Dorset



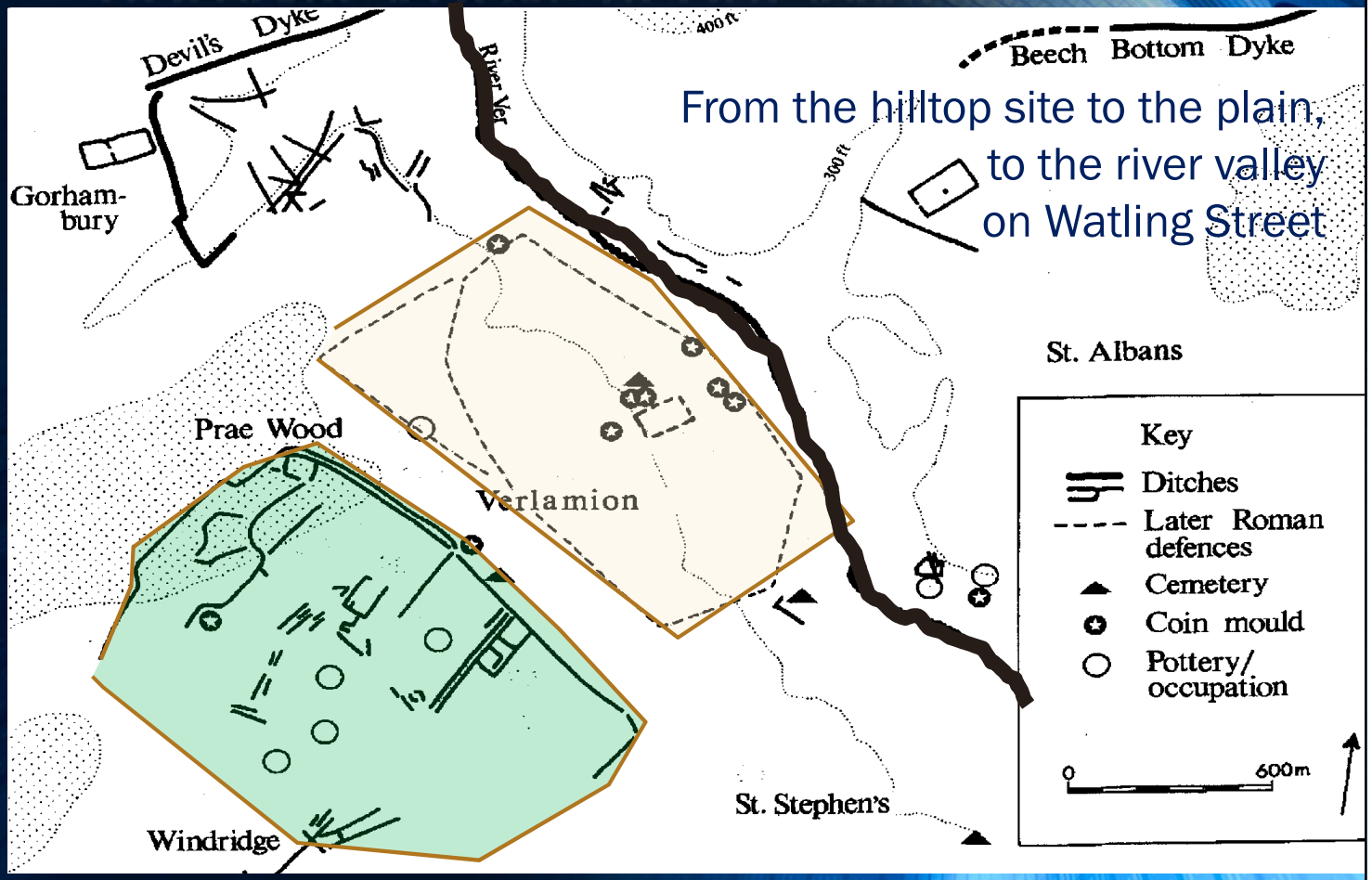


burials indicate horrific injuries in attacks or skirmishes: evidence of Roman conquest?

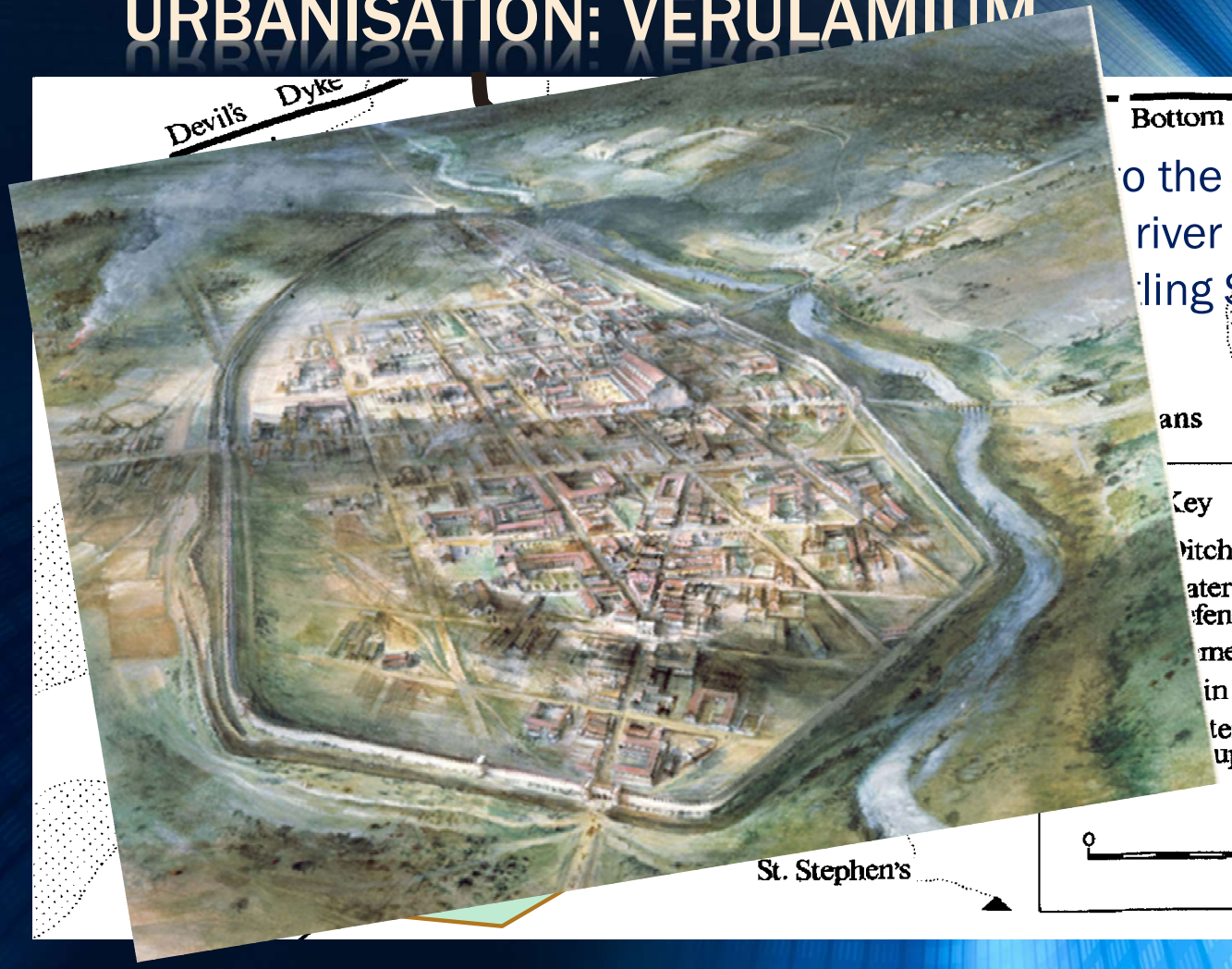
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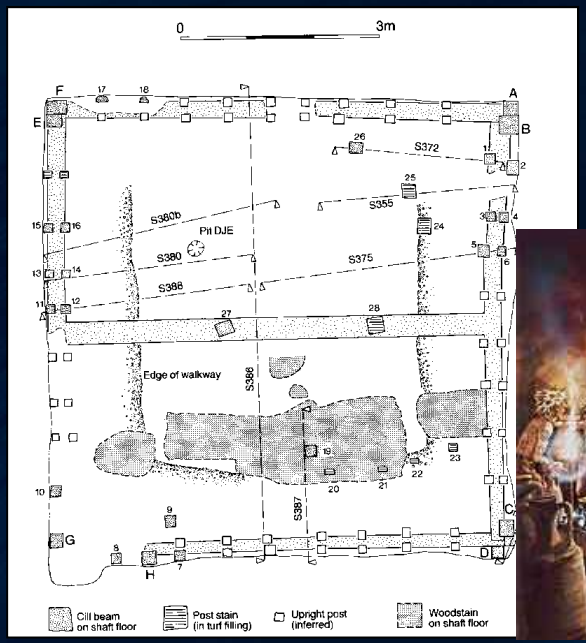
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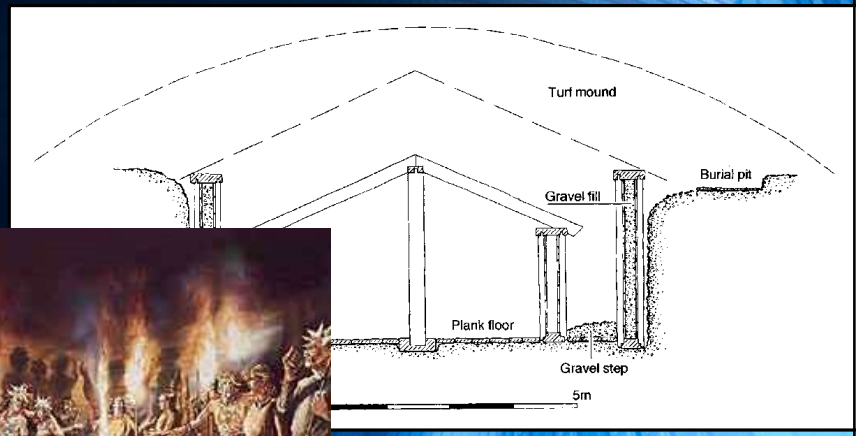
- Conquest & urbanisation
- → an extreme situation for the local people
- →societal stress
- →need to consolidate society & culture
- This led to the establishment of a sanctuary at “Folly Lane”, just outside Verulamium

VERULAMIUM – FOLLY LANE

- At the beginning, an underground funerary chamber
  - + no burial, but a place to pay tribute to the deceased
  - + finds indicate many “pre-burial” rituals: libations, feasting,…

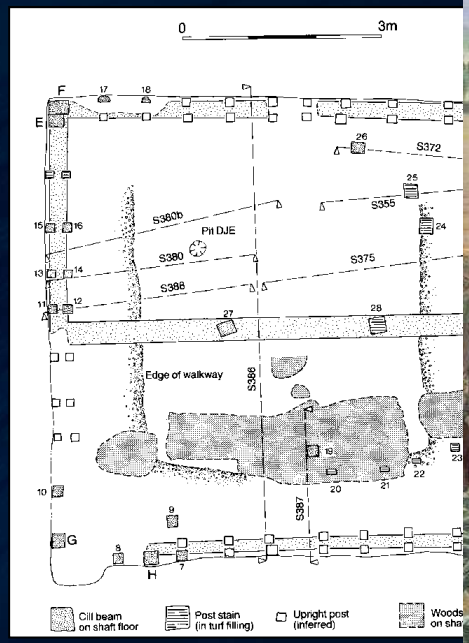


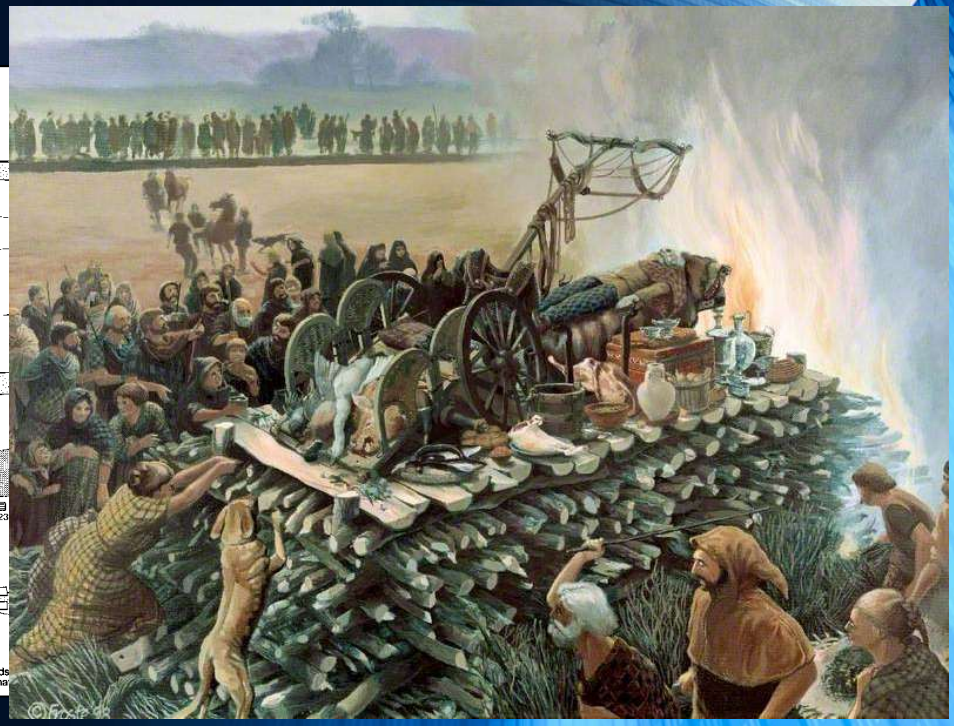




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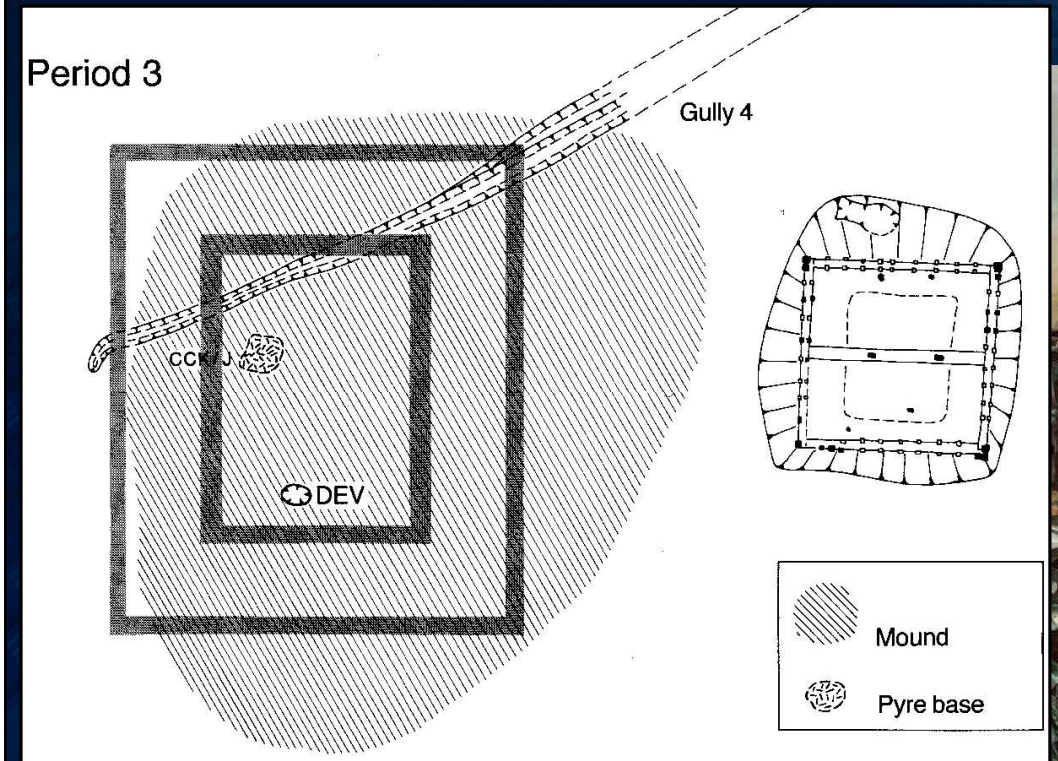
- After several months… the cremation
  - but only a part of remains were buried ("token burial")
  - all grave goods were destroyed
  - grave goods: high-status, luxurious, Roman

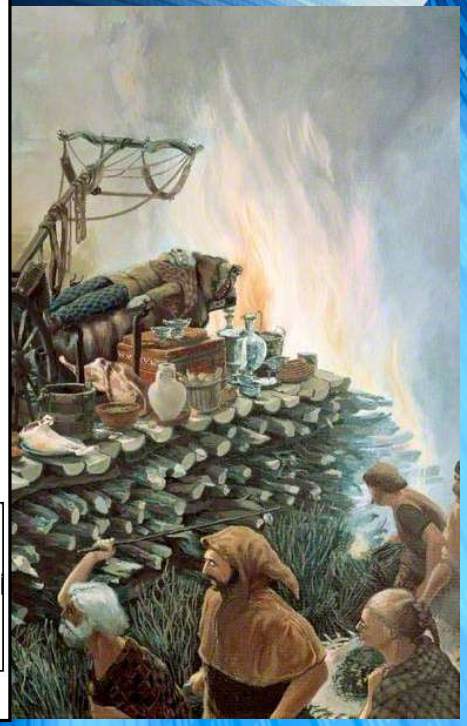




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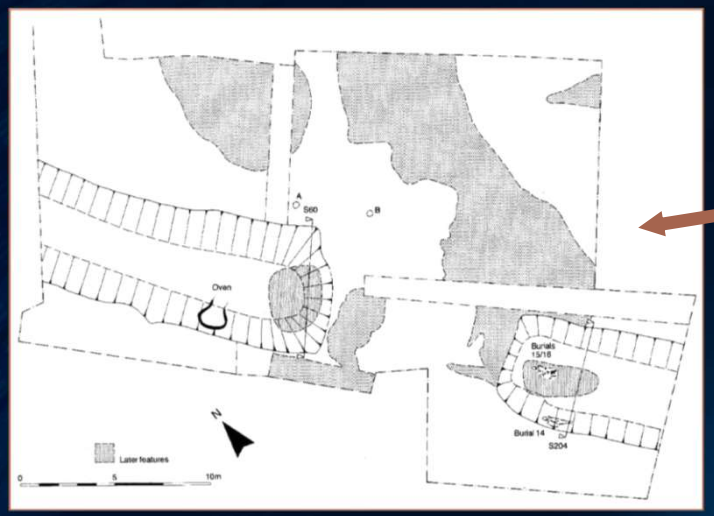
- On the site of the pyre: construction of a temple
  - facing the site of the burial

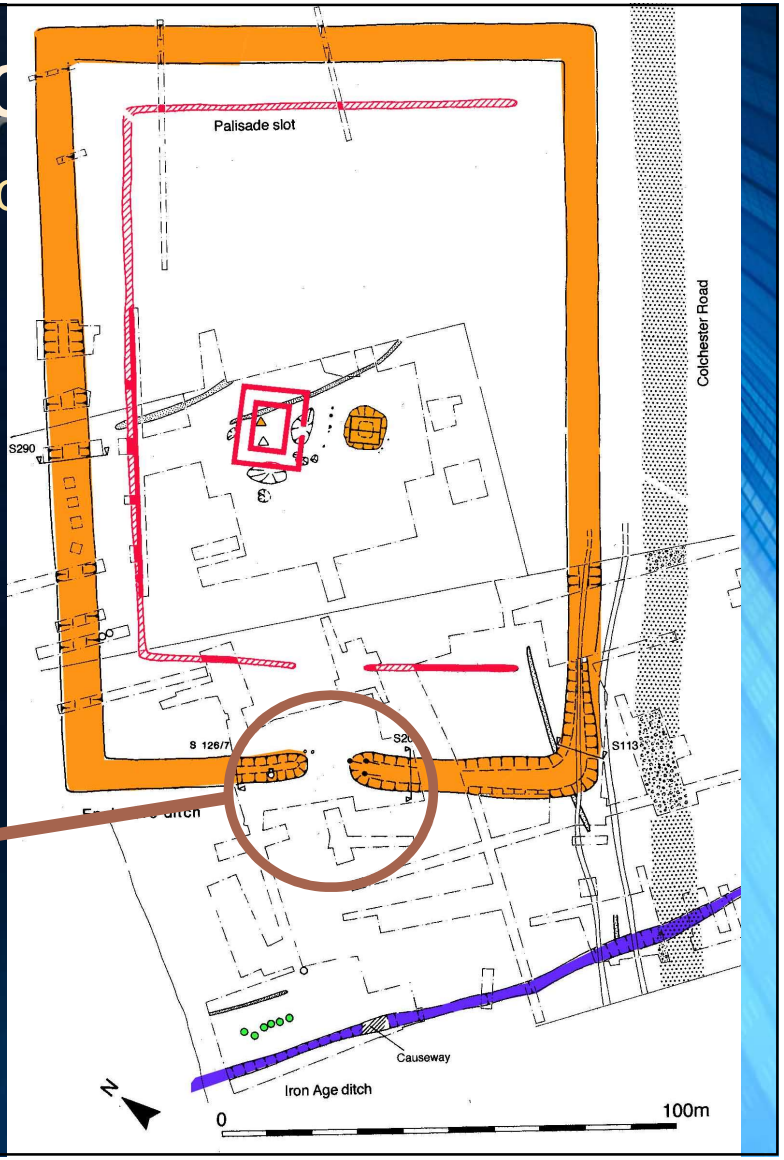




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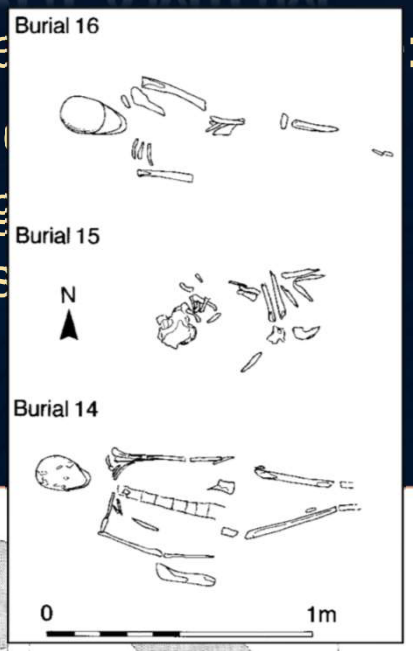
- On the site of the pyre: co
- Temple surrounded by large ceremonial enclosure

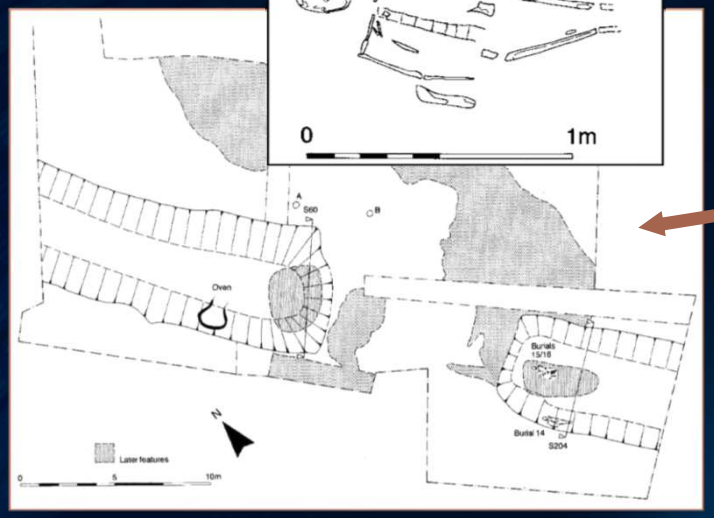


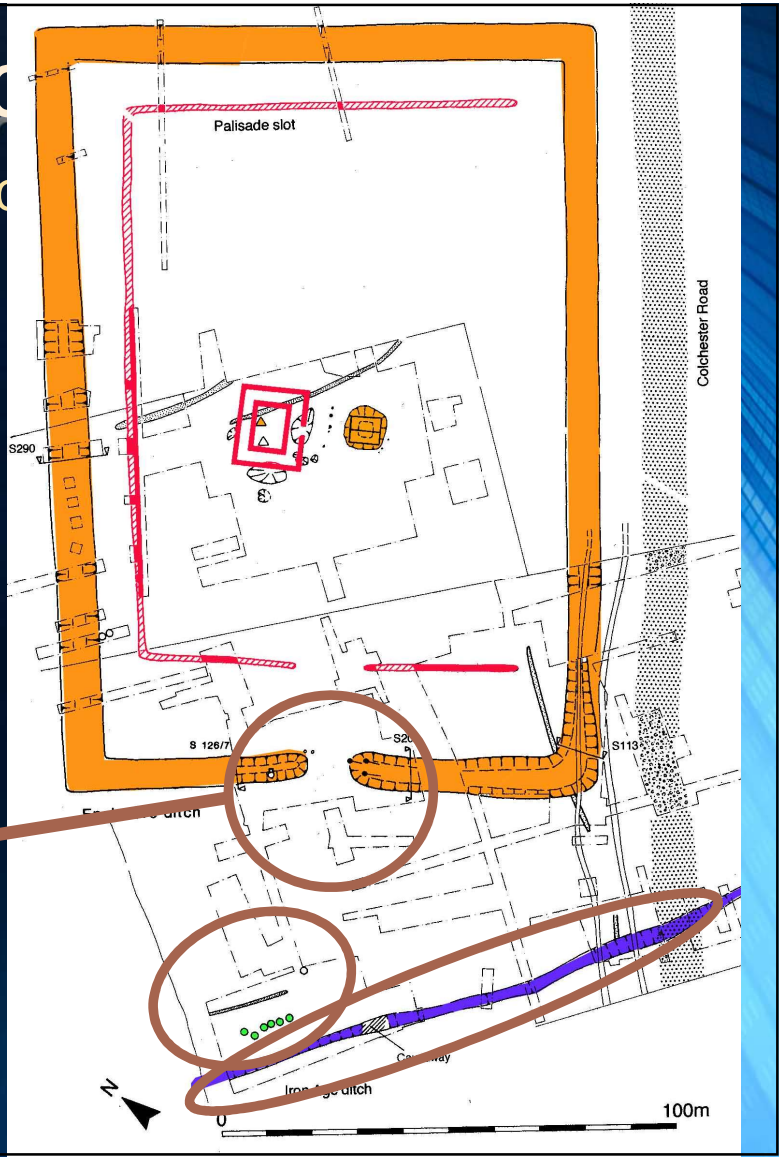


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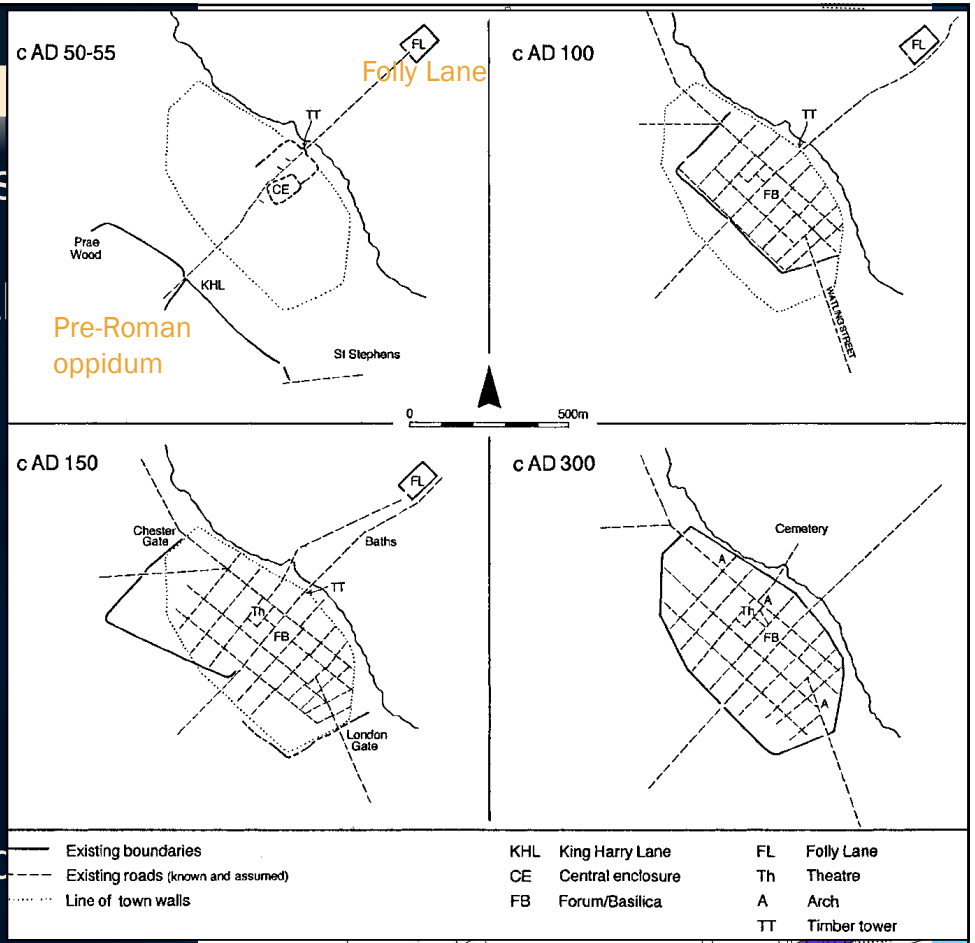


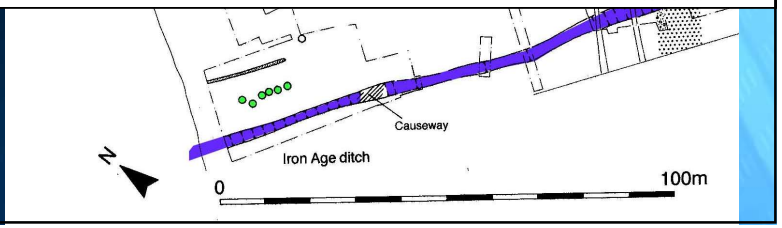


VERULAMIU

- This sanctuary was
  heart of Roman
  Verulamium until t
  century
  → a "state" cult

- Location
- Visibility
- Inter-visibility
- Alignment
- Processional Roac
- ? bath for purification

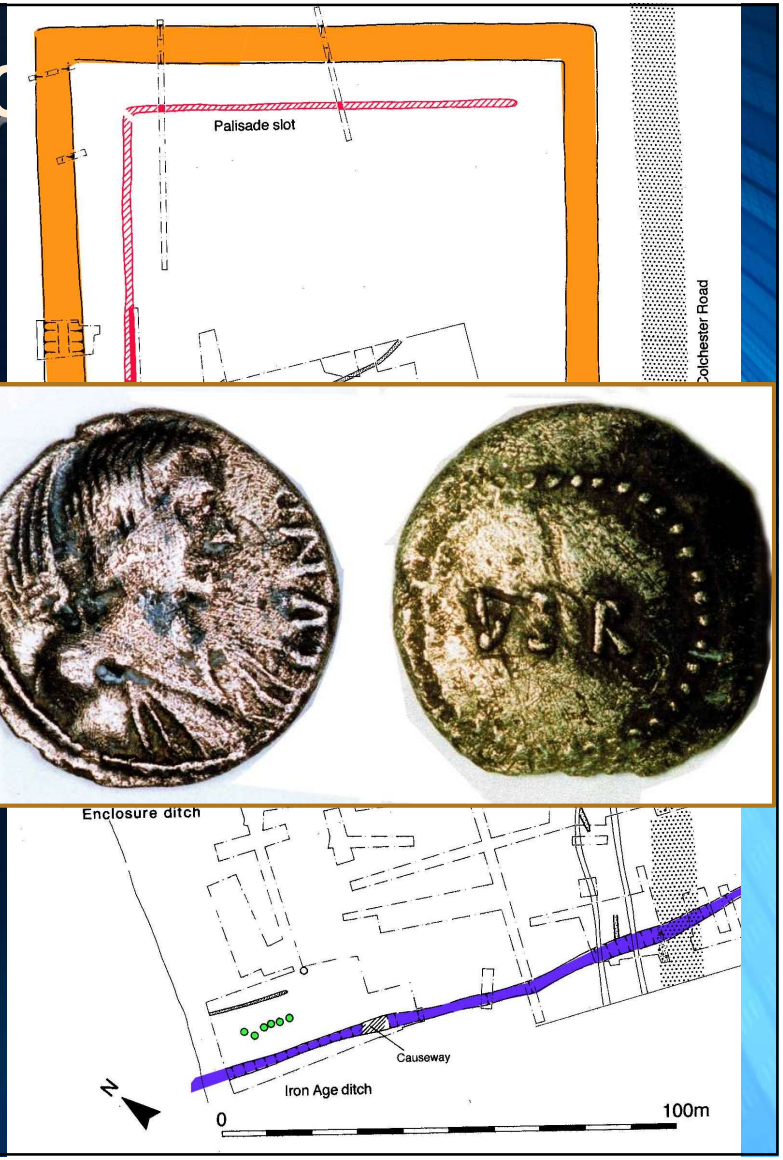




VERULAMIUM – FO

- Not just another LPRIA "chiefdom burial"
- Complexity of funerary rituals
- No other burial in enclosure
- Construction of R-C temple
- Processional road; continu worship down to 3rd c. A.D.

- The situation: conquest period
  - Stress
  - Hero-worship
  - The last "king", e.g. Cunobeline



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Roman forum, Verulamium


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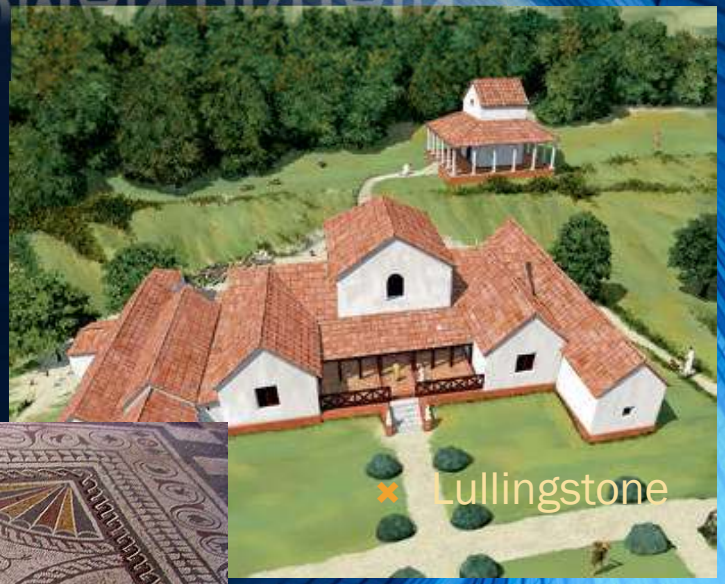

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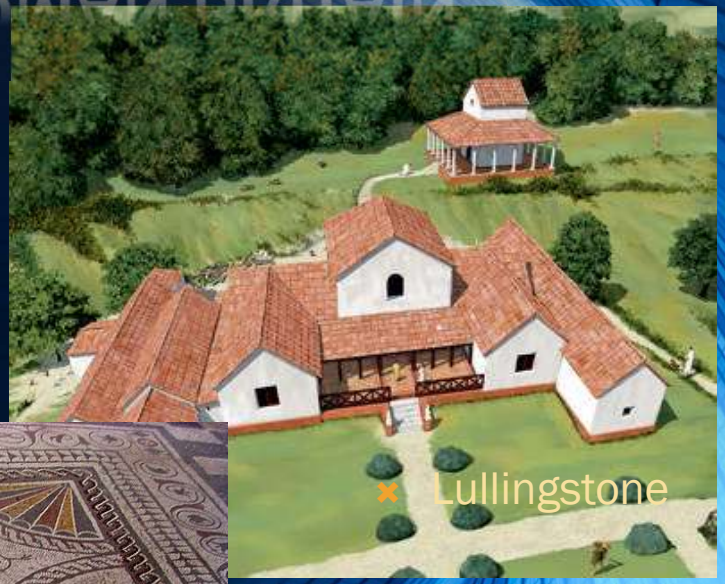




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- Roman - Global economy
  - Trade; Monetisation
  - Specialisation on certain products: e.g. monocultures
  - Interdependence of regions
- Spatial mobility
  Exchange of information
- a "global" discourse about one's place in the Roman empire

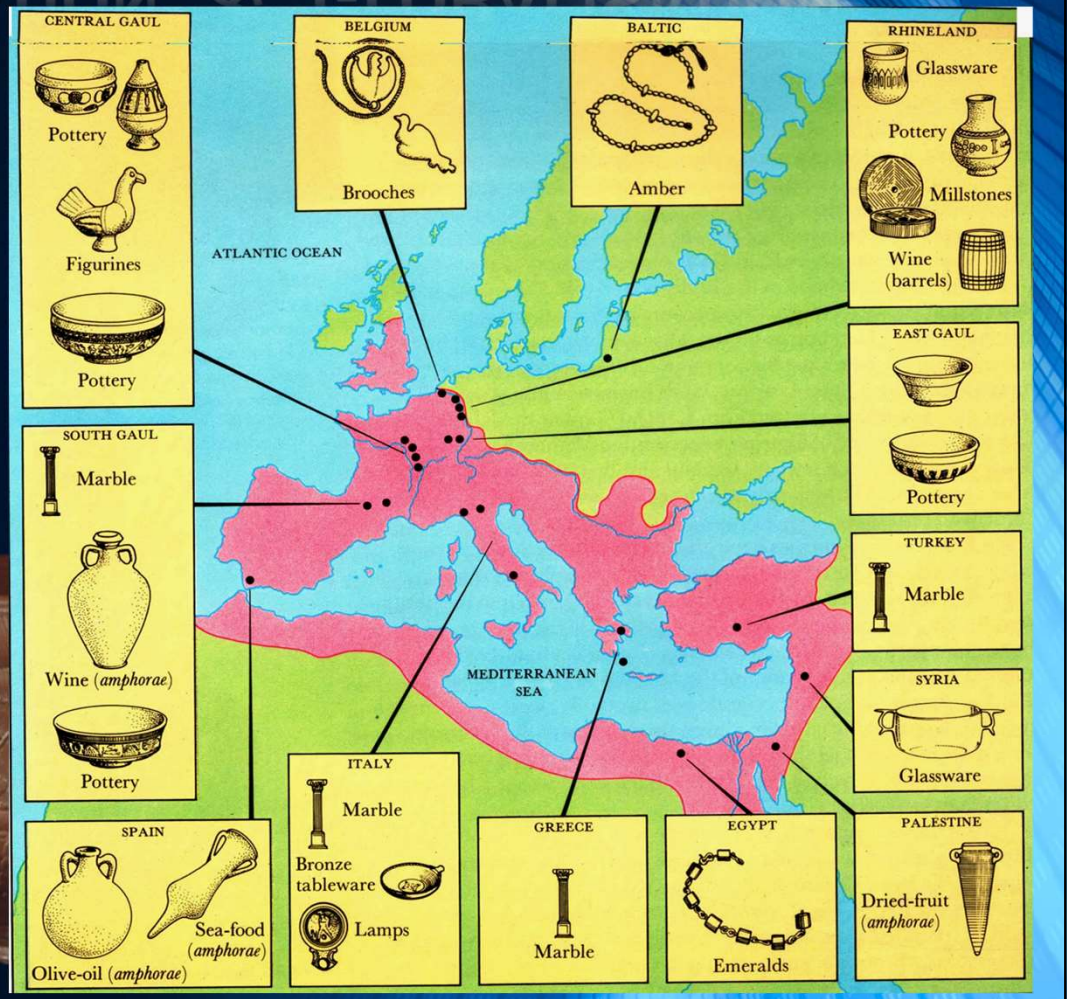


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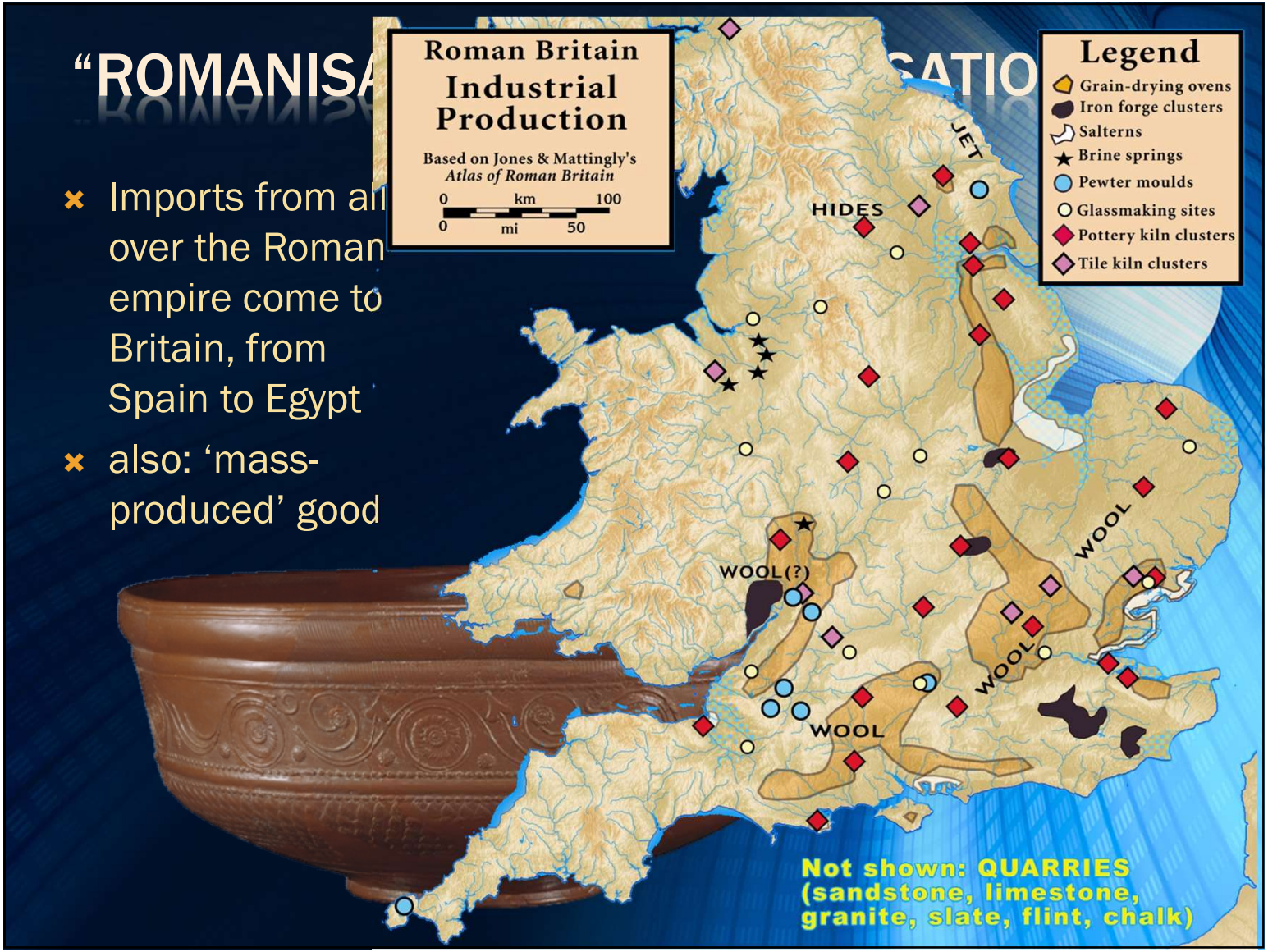
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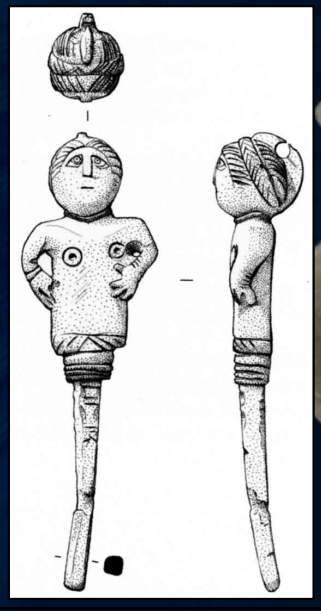
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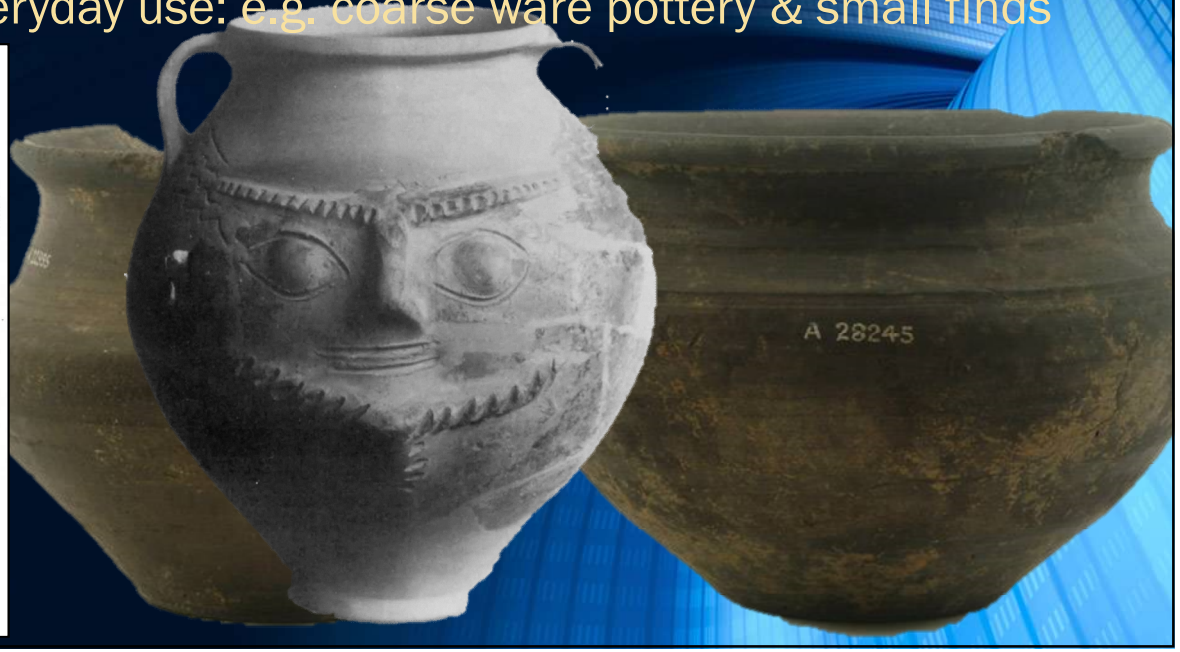


Romano-British beaker made at Colchester, 2nd c. A.D.

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  - + Everyday use: e.g. coarse ware pottery & small finds

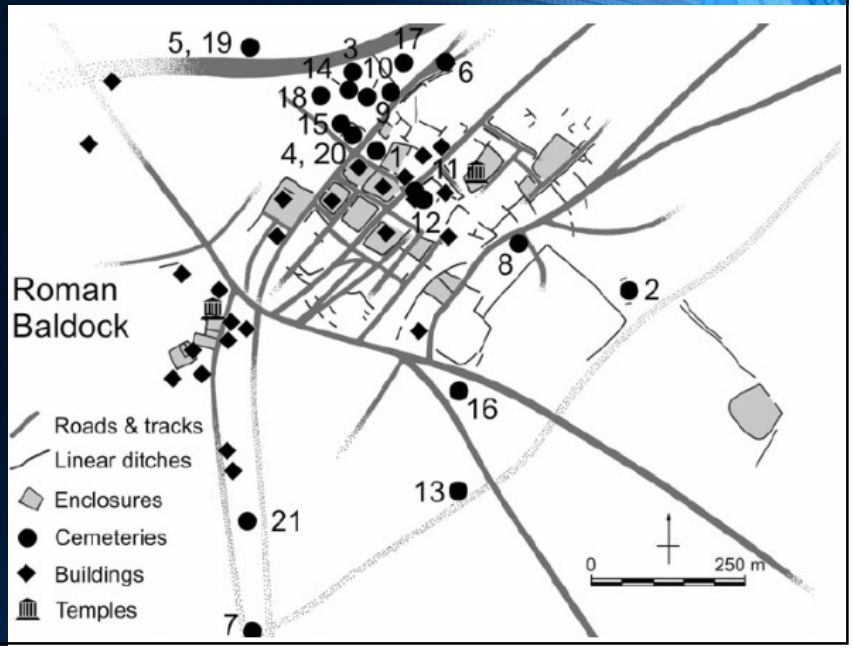




BALDOCK: LIFE IN A VILLAGE

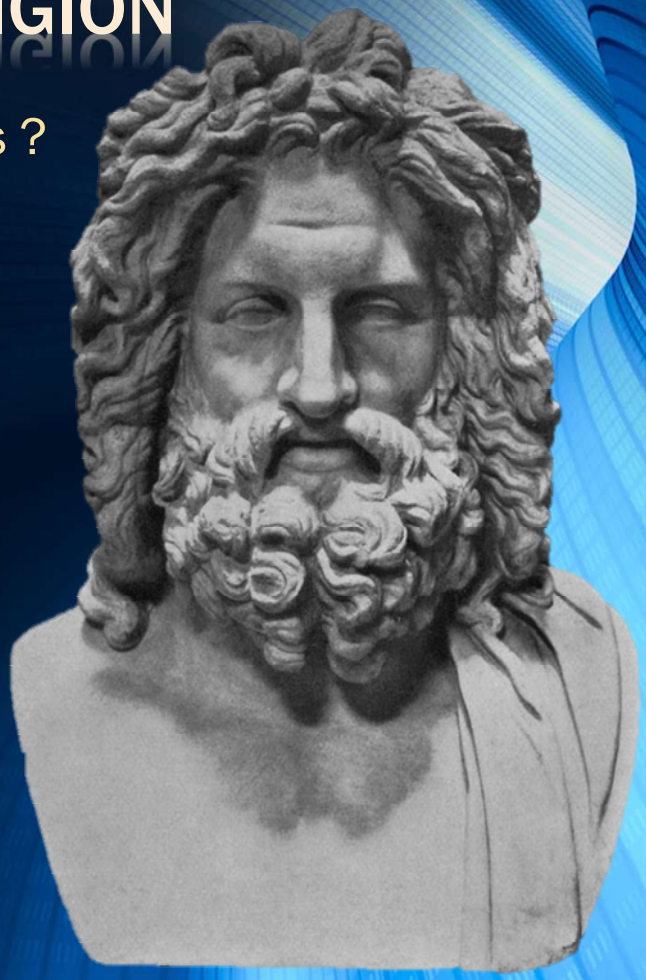
- Life in a Romano-British village of pre-Roman origin
- Subculture and sub-group identity
- adapting to life in a global empire…





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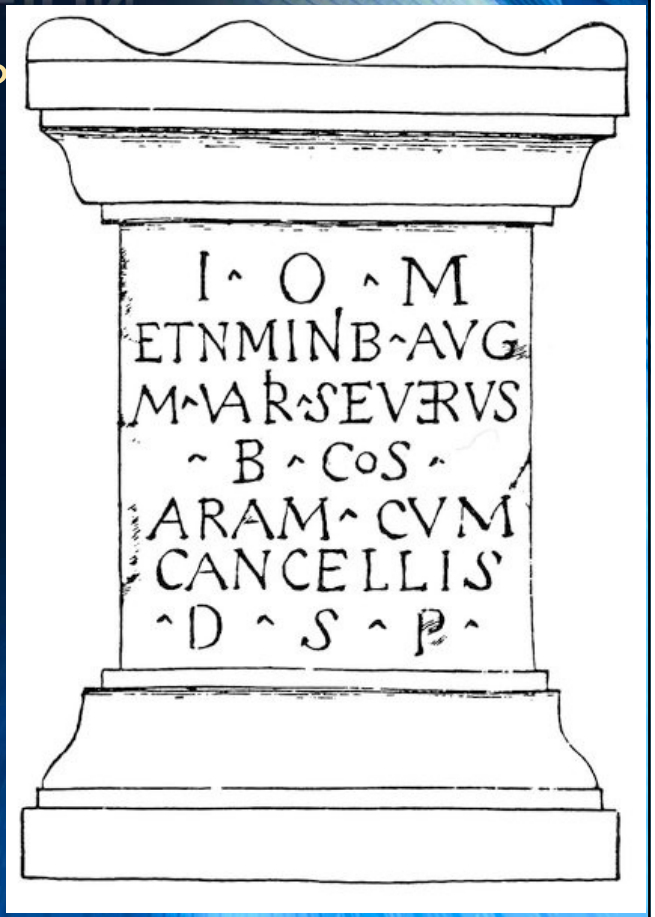
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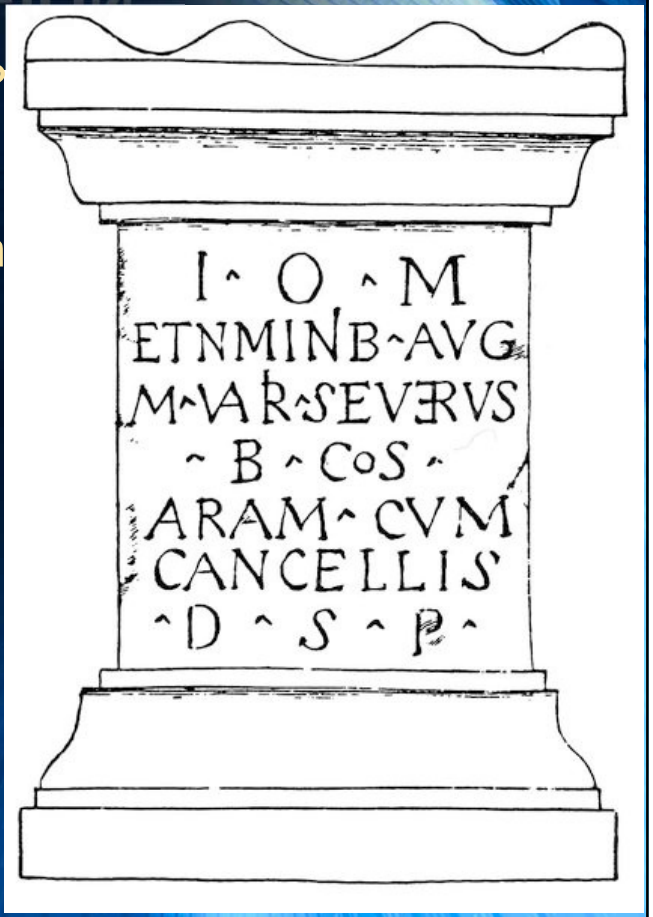
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et N(u)minib(us) Aug(ustorum) /
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b(eneficiarius) co(n)s(ularis)
aram cum /
cancellis /
d(e) s(uo) p(osuit).



BRITANNO-ROMAN RELIGION

- Did the Romans impose their gods ?
- Religion shows most vividly cultural developments, the interaction between people from different cultural and ethnic background
- Cultural / religious resistance ?
- Creating something new which was neither “Roman” nor “Celtic”:
  - + a new religious language
  - + new cults and cult practices
  - + new deities



BRITANNO-ROMAN RELIGION

- Religious freedom in the Roman Empire…
- But persecution of the druids, island of Mona (Anglesey)
- But even without the druids, religion(s) in Roman Britain have certain particularities…



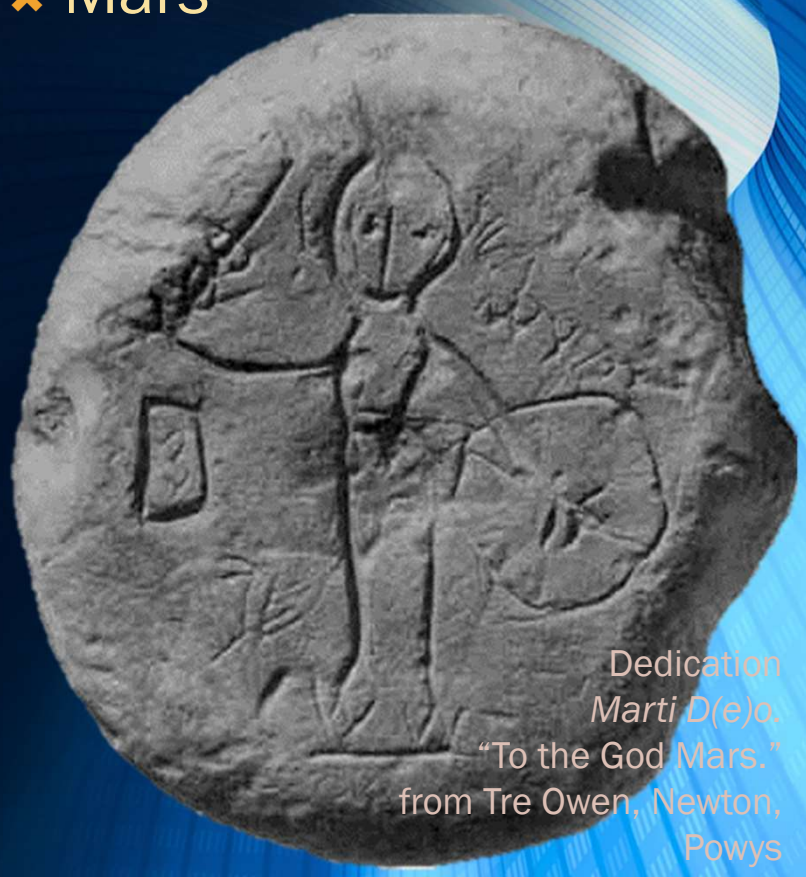

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BRITANNO-ROMAN RELIGION



→MARS COCIDIOS
Bewcastle, RIB I 986

- Mars



Dedication
Marti D(e)o.
"To the God Mars."
from Tre Owen, Newton, Powys

BRITANNO-ROMAN RELIGION





„conflation“ Mars & Belatucadros

Belatucadros/-us

an indigenous British deity?

(cf. M. Green, p. 113: „the strength of the native British cults“!)

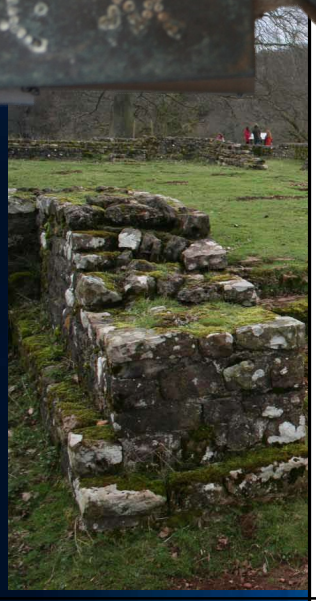
Was Belatucadrus already worshipped in pre-Roman times?

„Mars, strong in battle“

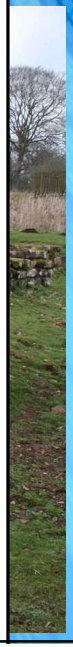
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- Mars Nodons, Lydney









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Celtic names for deities… e.g.,

- *Ancasta* 'the Very Holy [goddess]'
- *Arciacu* 'the Prayer [god]'
- *Niska* 'the Purifying [goddess]'
- *Suleviae* 'the Well Leading [goddesses]'
- *Sucellos* 'He who strikes well'
- Toutatis…?
- Tanarus...? (=Jup. Tonans)

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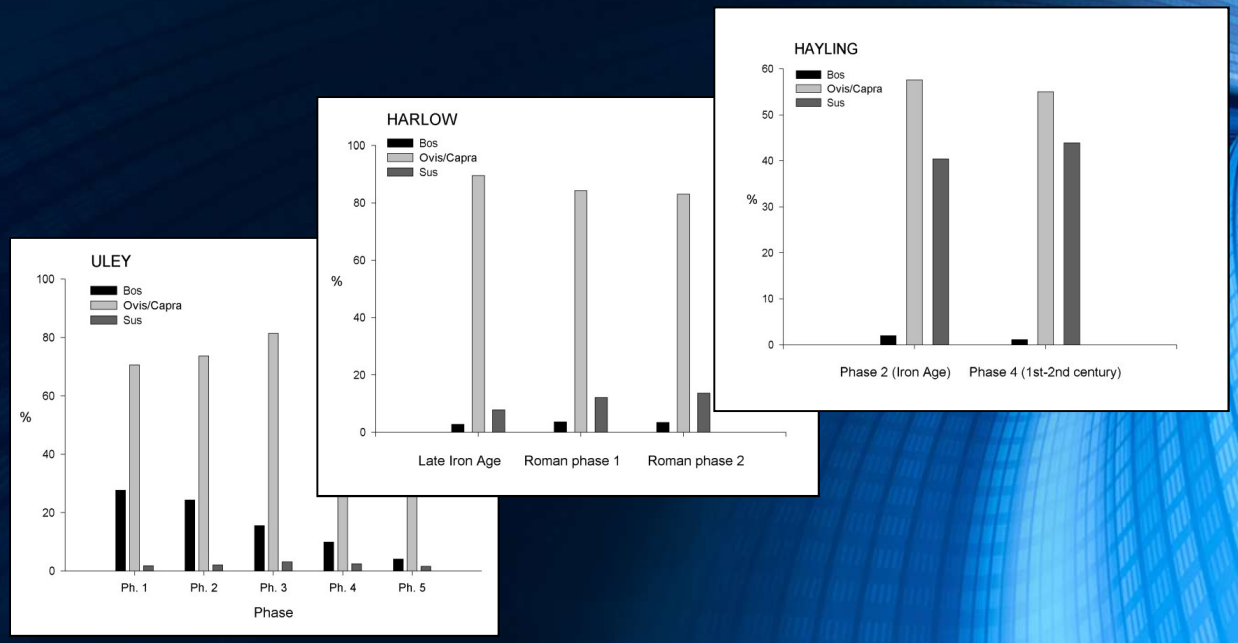
Romano-Celtic temples / 'fanum'

Dedications



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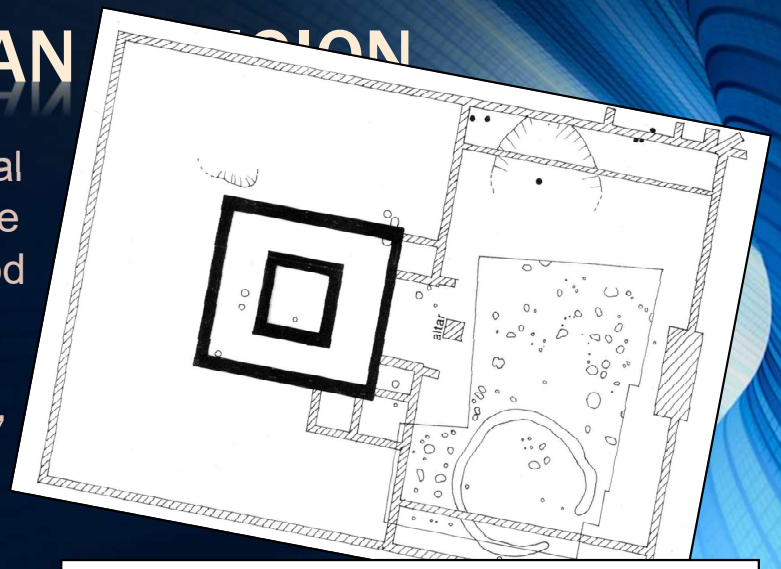
- Cult continuity between Iron Age & Roman period
  - What does the archaeological record tell us?
  - What do we know about people's religious beliefs in the late Iron Age and Principate?
  - Can we recognise the import of new, foreign rituals by immigrants?

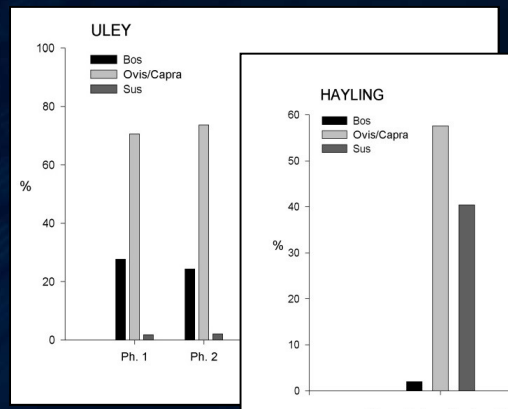


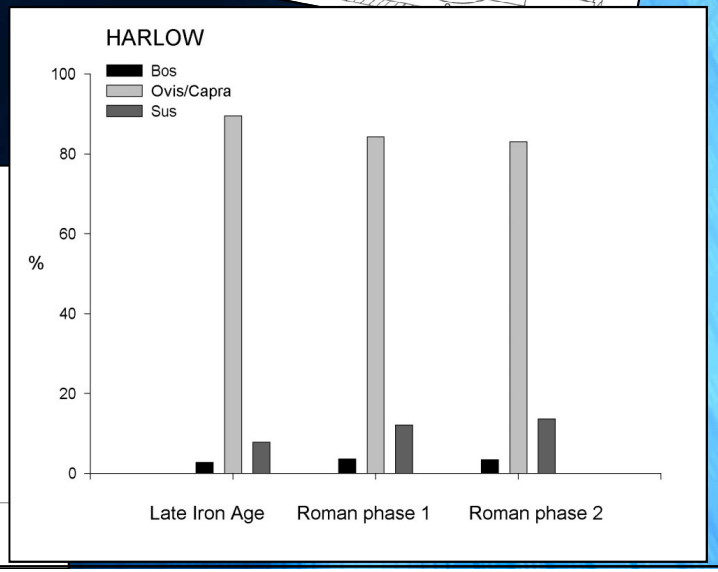
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For example: no change in animal sacrifice between late Iron Age (1st c. B.C.) and Roman period (1st-4th c. A.D.)

- Continuity of cult practices, indigenous population, local knowledge, no epigraphy!








BRITANNO-ROMAN RELIGION
Bath / Aquae Sulis
a sacred spring
a healing sanctuary
SULIS MINERVA
an indigenous, pre-Roman cult
or a Roman creation?

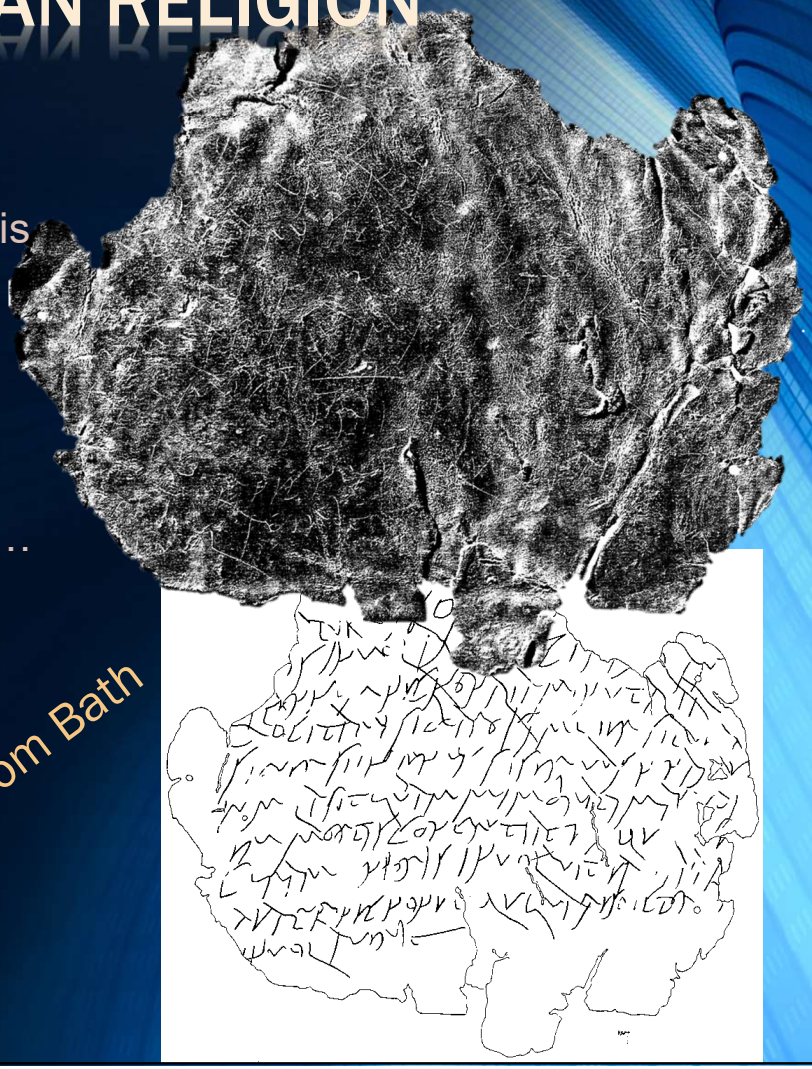
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'Curse' tablets:

- everyday people making 'curses' to the goddess Sulis
- it shows people's
  - literacy, writing skills
  - everyday language
  - religious beliefs
  - their names, concerns,…
- 2nd-4th century A.D.



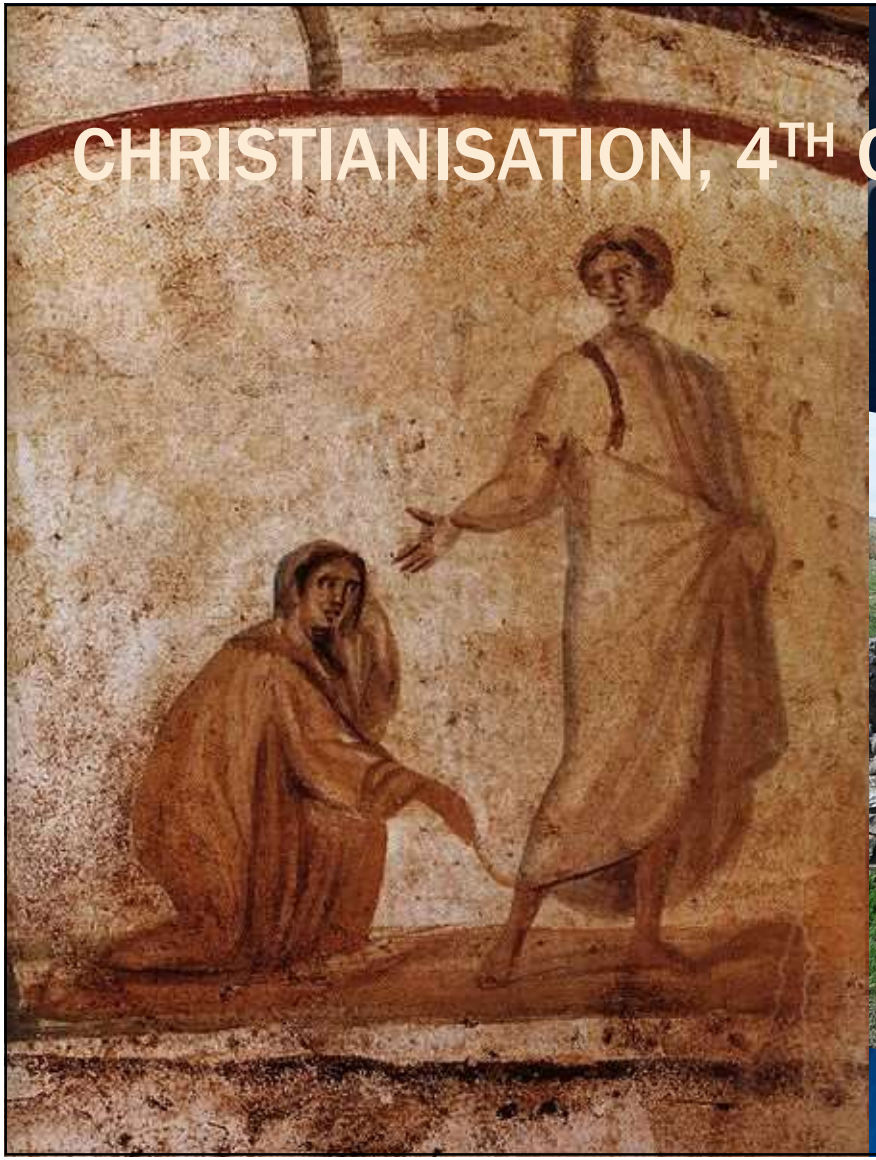
130 curse tablets from Bath



MITHRAS CULT



CHRISTIANISATION, 4TH CENTURY





4TH CENTURY / LATE ANTIQUITY

- Notitia Dignitatum





THE END OF ROMAN BRITAIN





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Roman Canterbury, 4th century

BRITAIN – A "FAILED" ROMAN PROVINCE ?

- Evidence ?
- Why did it fail ?


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picti Meatef.
BRITANNIA
Bremenio
Serduno
Vindovala
Catarractonio
Ebvracv
Derventione
Belgouicia
Lindv col.
Segeloci
Cambodvno
Mancunio
Margidvno
Verometo
Venonis
Deva
Condate
Rutunio
Vxacona
Vriconio
Bovio
Segontio
Conobio
Magnis
Clevo col
Durocornovio
Caleba
Verolamio
Sullomacis
Londinio
Regentium
Clavsentum
Durnovaria
Isca dvg.
Aquilonis
Venta Belgar
Venta Icenor
Cambrim
Cambracum
Sarbaqvirum
Segiſamone
Virovesca