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KIM AARIS-SØRENSEN, KAJ STRAND PETERSEN and HENRIK TAUBER: *Danish Finds of Mammoth* (*Mammuthus primigenius* (Blumenbach)). *Stratigraphical position, dating and evidence of Late Pleistocene environment*. Geological Survey of Denmark, DGU Series B, No. 14. København 1990. 44pp.

A description of 125 finds of mammoth from Denmark, of which 14 have been C-14 dated, the most recent being 13,200 years old. The environment of the Late Pleistocene is reconstructed on the basis of faunal and floral remains.

C. J. BECKER: *Nørre Sandegård. Arkæologiske undersøgelser på Bornholm 1948-1952* (with an English summary: *Archaeological investigations at Nørre Sandegård, Bornholm*). Det Kongelige Danske Videnskaberne Selskab, Historisk-filosofiske Skrifter 13. Commission: Munksgaard, Copenhagen 1990. 200pp.

A multi-period site on the north-east coast of Bornholm with several important find complexes: Two early and one late Maglemosian settlement; settlement assemblages from the Early Neolithic and from the Battle-Axe Culture; cairns from the Early Bronze Age and a cemetery with cremation pits from the Late Bronze Age; 500 cremation pits from the Early Iron Age and two inhumation graves of the Late Migration Period.

BIRGITTA HÅRDH: *Patterns of Deposition and Settlement. Studies on the Megalithic Tombs of West Scania*. Regia Societatis Humaniorum Litterarum Lundensia, Scripta Minora 1988-1989:2, Lund 1990. Distribution by Almqvist & Wiksell, Stockholm. 107pp.

A follow-up on "Ceramic Decoration and Social Organization" (1986) by the same author, paying special attention to the stylistic and chronological variation of pottery from the megalithic tombs.

ERWIN STRAHL: *Das Endneolithikum im Elb-Weser-Dreieck*. Veröffentlichungen der Urgeschichtlichen Sammlungen des Landesmuseum zu Hannover 36. Teil 1-3. Verlag August Lax, Hildesheim 1990. 350pp text, 250pp catalogue, 119 plates, and 78 maps.

This voluminous dissertation deals with c. 4000 finds, including material from c. 900 graves, from the Single-Grave and Bell Beaker Cultures and from the Late Neolithic/Early Bronze Age in the triangle between the rivers Weser and Elb, North-West Germany.

EINAR ØSTMO: *Helleristninger av sørsandinaviske former på det indre Østlandet. Fylkene Buskerud, Akershus, Oslo, Oppland og Hedmark*. Universitetets Oldsaksamlings Skrifter, Ny rekke nr. 12. Oslo 1990. 174pp. With a summary in English.

A new registration and analysis of the Bronze Age rock-carvings in the Oslo region in South Norway. The author concludes that the carvings with figure-motifs are found in areas where Bronze Age metal finds are frequent, but cup-marks are more widely distributed.

PER ETHELBERG: *Hjemsted 2 - tre gravpladser fra 3. & 4. årh. e. Kr.* Skrifter fra Museumsrådet for Sønderjyllands Amt, 3. Haderslev 1990. 209pp. With a summary in German.

The first publication of the large excavations of graves and settlements at Hjemsted, South-Western Jutland, appeared in 1986 (see review in JDA 6, pp.237-8). This new volume presents the material from graves of the 3rd and 4th centuries AD and touches on the cultural geography of Denmark in the Late Roman Period.

LARS JØRGENSEN: *Bækkegård and Glasergård. Two Cemeteries from the Late Iron Age on Bornholm*. Arkæologiske Studier vol. VIII. Akademisk Forlag / Universitetsforlaget i København, 1990. 176pp.

The publication of two late Iron Age cemeteries on Bornholm forms the basis for a discussion of settlement organisation and social development on the island during the Migration Period and the Viking Age.

LOTTE HEDEAGER: *Danmarks jernalder. Mellem stamme og stat* (with an English summary: *The Iron Age of Denmark - Between Tribe and State*). Aarhus Universitetsforlag 1990. 430pp and 3 microfiche.

This dissertation focuses on the evidence for political centralization in the later part of the Iron Age and the emergence of the earliest state structure. The author emphasises the discontinuity from the Early to the Late Iron Age and places the division around c. 200 AD.

PENELOPE WALTON & JOHN-PETER WILD (eds.): *Textiles in Northern Archaeology. Nesat III: Textile Symposium in York, 6-9 May 1987* (North European Symposium for Archaeological Textiles Monograph 3). IAP, Archetype Publications, London, 1990. 231pp.

Twenty-five fresh reports from studies of textile manufacture, ranging from bast fibre fabrics of the Ertebølle Culture to the clothing of AD 17th and 18th century Dutch whalers found on Spitsbergen.

MOGENS BENCARD, LISE BENDER JØRGENSEN & HELGE BRINCH MADSEN (eds.): *Ribe Excavations 1970-76*, Vol. 4. Sydjysk Universitetsforlag, Esbjerg 1990. 189pp, 32 tables (text and tables in two separate vols.).

Dendrochronology dates the town of Ribe back to AD 704-710, when a regulated marketplace was established, making Ribe the oldest town in Denmark. In this volume M. Bencard and Lise Bender Jørgensen describe the excavation and stratigraphy of the earliest layers in the light of the most recent discoveries (see L. B. Frandsen & S. Jensen in JDA vol. 6, pp.175-189). The founding of Ribe is discussed in relation to the founding of other North European towns. In a separate chapter Kjeld Christensen presents the wood-anatomical and dendrochronological results.

STEFAN BRINK: *Sockenbildning och sockennamn. Studier i äldre territoriell indelning i Norden* (with an English summary: *Parish formation and parish-names. Studies in early territorial division in Scandinavia*). Acta Academiae Regiae Gustavi Adolphi 57. Studier till en svensk ortnamnsatlas 14. Uppsala 1990 (distribution by Almqvist & Wiksell International, Stockholm). 449pp.

The topic of this Uppsala dissertation is the sources relating to the conversion and parish formation in Scandinavia. The author presents a "name-semantic" analysis of parish names and produces a study of parish formation in Hälsingland, Middle Sweden.

HEIDEMARIE HÜSTER: *Untersuchungen an Skelettresten von Rindern, Schafen, Ziegen und Schweinen aus dem mittelalterlichen Schleswig*. Ausgrabungen in Schleswig, Berichte und Studien 8. Karl Wachholtz Verlag, Neumünster 1990. 136pp, 54 tables.

The book deals with more than 100,000 animal bones which were recovered during the 1971–75 excavations in the centre of Schleswig, and date from the 11th to the 14th centuries AD.

HENNING UNVERHAU: *Untersuchungen zur historischen Entwicklung des Landes zwischen Schlei und Eider im Mittelalter* (Siedlungsarchäologische Untersuchungen in Angeln und Schwansen, Band 2). Offa-Bücher, Band 69. Karl Wachholtz Verlag, Neumünster 1990. 113pp, 14 maps.

This series is dedicated to the settlement archaeology of the provinces of Angeln and Schwansen, part of the region left by the Angles and Saxons in the 5th century AD. The series reports on the progress of a research program supported by the German Research Council since 1982. The book by H. Unverhau deals with written sources from mainly the 9th to 14th centuries.

DIRK MEIER: *Scharstorf. Eine slawische Burg in Ostholstein und ihr Umland*. *Archäologische Funde* (Veröffentlichungen des Sonderforschungsbereichs 17, Band 15). Offa-Bücher, Band 70. Karl Wachholtz Verlag, Neumünster 1990. 181pp, 41 plates.

"Sonderforschungsbereich 17" at the University of Kiel deals with research concerning Scandinavia and the Baltic, which also

includes the investigation of the Slavonic settlements and forts in the eastern part of Holstein. Scharstorf is dated (by dendrochronology) to 835 AD onwards, and it ceased to function c. 900 AD. The excavations have *i.a.* produced a large amount of early Slavonic pottery.

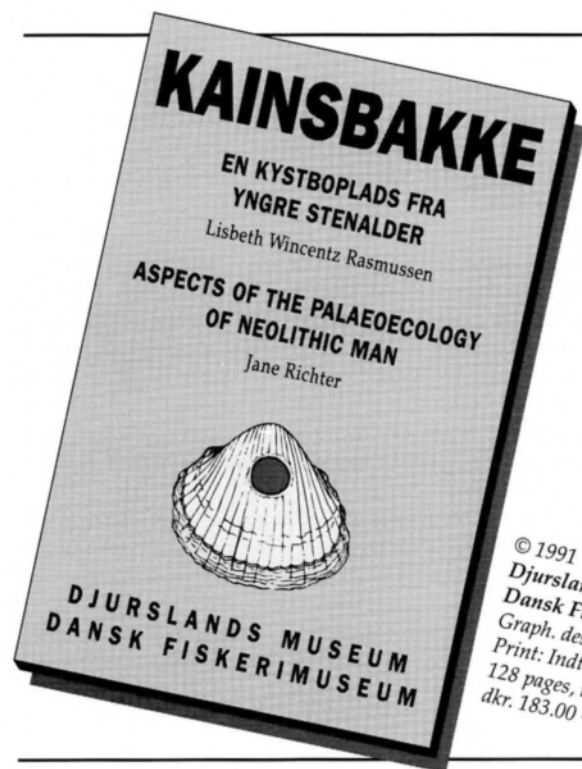
FREDERICK BAKER & JULIAN THOMAS (eds.): *Writing the Past in the Present*. Saint David's University College, Lampeter 1990. 215pp.

IAN BAPTY & TIM YATES (eds.): *Archaeology after Structuralism*. Routledge, London 1990. 314pp.

These two books present and represent the critical, post structuralist archaeology of the late 1980ies very differently. Both books are considering the practice and theory of archaeology from a contemporary and critical perspective, introducing new concepts such as discourse, deconstruction, and dominance. While *Archaeology after Structuralism* remains within the same, distancing or dominating academic tradition which it criticises, *Writing the Past in the Present* is a successful attempt to break away, offering a series of brief and readable essays, spanning from documentation and theory to museums.

MARGARET CONKEY & CHRISTINE HASDORF (eds.): *The uses of style in archaeology*. *New Directions in Archaeology*. Cambridge University Press 1990.

A series of papers from a conference held in 1985 covers the subject from a variety of theoretical and analytical viewpoints. Most case studies are ethnographic or from outside Europe. This, however, allows a better identification of the meaning and function of style, thereby serving as illustrative examples for archaeological research.



KAINSBAKKE

- En kystboplads fra yngre stenalder
- Aspects of the palaeoecology of neolithic man

Lisbeth Wincentz Rasmussen & Jane Richter

The Kainsbakke site is the first settlement from the neolithic Pitted Ware Culture in Denmark, where to find pure layers with an assemblage of varied character. The book deals with the main results of the archaeological and biological research. The cultural relations and perspectives are discussed. The subsistence strategy of the inhabitants and the adaptation to the local environment is estimated.

The biological part is written in english, the archaeological part has an english summary.

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