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This volume is dedicated to John Evans in celebration of his contribution to conchology and environmental archaeology. John was the leading proponent of land snail analysis in archaeology having published his seminal book *Land Snails in Archaeology* in 1972 and an appreciation of him was published in *J. Conch.* 2006, no.29. Indeed one of the last public meetings he attended was one of our meetings in February 2005 when the lecture was on 'Molluscs in Archaeology' by Mike Allen. This new book papers cover many aspects of research he engaged in during his career; typically a number of papers relate to land snails and marine shells, but a series of other aspects of prehistoric environmental archaeological and ideas of texture and social order are considered. Two papers provide key discourse in significantly developing and revising John's work on the chalkland.

Papers by Paul Davies and Mark Robinson examine land snails in particular, with Paul discussing the nature of modern recording and ecology of woodland and Mark examining the palaeoecology of *Ena montana*. Palaeoecological sequences of land snails are discussed from Roman colluvium at Rock Roman villa on the Isle of Wight by George Speller, Richard Preece and Simon Parfitt, and from sediment cores from mire in Orkney by Terry O'Connor and Jane Bunting. Data derived from land snail evidence provide the basis of arguments of prehistoric land-use of the chalklands of southern England by Mike Allen and Julie Gardiner, and to a lesser extent by Charly French. Land snails were used in some of the preliminary work examining the prehistory of the Wylye valley, Wiltshire (Gardiner & Allen).

Marine shells, in the form of prehistoric middens, are discussed to examine continuity and change in the Mesolithic – Neolithic of the west coast of Scotland, by Nicky Milner and Oliver Craig. Their study included isotope and radiocarbon analysis of the shells.

These chapters cover geographical, methodological and thematic areas that were of interest to, and had been studied by, John Evans. In some instances papers have been inspired by John's approaches to landscape and landscape analysis and their application to new or wider areas than John himself studied in detail. Others take forward, re-examine or elaborate on some of his specific theories and interpretations, looking at new or improved datasets. As a collection, the papers in this volume provides a diverse and cohesive picture of how archaeological landscapes are viewed within current research frameworks and approaches, while also paying tribute to the innovative and inspirational work of one of the leading protagonists of environmental archaeology and the holistic approach to landscape interpretation.

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