A color photograph of a man sitting on a low, dark stone wall in front of a brick building. He is wearing a light-colored, vertically striped sweater over a collared shirt, dark trousers, and brown leather boots. He is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. The building behind him is made of reddish-brown bricks and features a white-painted wooden porch area with a small set of steps. There are windows with diamond-patterned glass panes on either side of the entrance. Some greenery, including small bushes and a potted plant, is visible in the foreground and around the base of the wall.

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# SIR JOHN HOLCOMBE

Knighted on the field of battle

Died of wounds received in the Holy Land

*circa 1270*



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# LINEAGE OF THE HOLCOMBES OF HOLE, DEVON

\* SYDNEY DE HOLCOMBE, last Lord of the Manor of Farington, County Devon, left here according to the statements of various early writers, shortly after the year 1086, and subsequently by reason of confiscation of his lands and estates by William the First. He led several  
sons of arms and endurance attended



SYDNE DE HOLCOMBE

Sydney de Holcombe, or Holcombe of Hole living 1055 - Lady unknown  
Walter de Holcombe of Hole, living 1056 - Lady unknown  
Thomas de Holcombe of Hole, living 1095 - Lady unknown  
Sydney de Holcombe of Hole, living 1255 - Lady unknown  
Walter de Holcombe of Hole, died about 1300 - Lady unknown



SIR GEOFFREY LE BRUER:

Reginald, Earl of Cornwall  
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Sir Ralph Downe - Isobell le Bruer



Hugh Downe Esquire of Downe, Ralph - Lady unknown

Amy - Henry Ladred

SIR JOHN HOLCOMBE died about 1230 of wounds received in the Holy Land - Isobell (co-heiress with her father)



John Holcombe, son, daughter of William Folkeray Esquire

Reg. Holcombe d. inc. and p.m. Edward IV 1460 - Margaret Aveson, n. 30 Henry VI 1451 d. inc. and p.m. 15 Henry VII 1500

The Holcombe Arms. A shield containing three roses in pale, crest of the shoulder of a boar.

The boar's head, a heraldic animal, which was the badge of the family.

Charles Holcombe, died 1527 - Jane, William Holcombe, d. about 1488, Elizabeth Holcombe - John Basington, John - Jane - Wm. Pery of Upotterton, Devens

Ellis Holcombe, b. 1488 - Elizabeth, b. of that Sydne 1500, Roger, living 1500, Elizabeth "William Gislen" - Thomas Giseler, Katherine - Sydonie Bradbury - Edmund

The two Holcombes, died 1518, John, Mary, d. about 1515, Thomas, 1518-1519, Griselda Peter - Peter, John, Robert - Philippa George, Walter

Giseler, d. 1520, - Courtenay - Christopher, b. 1518 - Mary wife of Ireland, Jesus - Catherine Lovewell, Robert, John, Nicholas, 1519-1518, Margaret

Wm. an Holcombe - Mary Mares of Pembrroke 1500, Thomas, 1518-1519 - John Pridaux, n. 1522, Roger, d. 1545, Gilbert 1519 - Susan Aderman, Nicholas - Elizabeth

William Holcombe - Celia Cox Meyrick, George, died 1525 an infant, Nicholas, 1518-1518, Henry, d. 1543, John, 1518-1518 - Elizabeth, Ellis, born 1518

John Holcombe, 1518-1545 - Sarah Carter, 1518-1545, Three sons, Two daughters, Six children through the Pembrroke side of the family

John Holcombe, 1518-1545 - Magdalene Burwart, 1515-1545, n. 1514, Three sons, Five daughters, The Luttrell Arms. On three towers with a label above

John Holcombe, died unmarried in the West Indies 1775, Janice, 1545-1582 - Elizabeth Bishop, 1514-1586, Three daughters, The Sydne/Coxon Arms, three bars base purpure, top sable, a cross

John Holcombe, died unmarried in the West Indies 1775, Janice, 1545-1582 - Elizabeth Bishop, 1514-1586, Three daughters, heraldic book, added chapter.

John Holcombe, 1570-1651 - Sephus Dyle, 1581-1583, n. 1500, The West Country, a heraldic book, added chapter.

James Bishop Holcombe, 1611-1621 - Charles Thacher, n. 1521, John Augustus, Edward Alfred Heriot Walter, Philip Wright, Wm. Henry Philip Giseler, James Joseph Jonathan, D. Joseph Horney, Mary Anna Dyle, 1596, Elizabeth Sophia Jean

James Bishop Holcombe, 1611-1621 - Elizabeth Catherine Fox, n. 1591 1648, 1 son, Charles Jones, Flora Win Wisach, William Agnes Palmer, Sephus Eliz. Fox W.Miller, 4 sons, Harry Octavius, Peter Young, James, Mary Anna, James Marham Verst, 3 sons,

Harry Holcombe - Maud Blawfield Schafield, 3 sons, 4 daughters, Margaret Kathleen, Gerald Wynn, Philip G. Holcombe Miller - Ethel Cook, Mabel, Gilbert, Cork, Hilda, Eric, Ernest, Tom, 1 daughter, Jessie, Peter Joseph, Dorott Ethel Phyllis, 2 sons,

Harry Christopher Holcombe - Elizabeth Cherry Page, Phyllis May, John Holcombe, Hilda Margaret, Philip Prangwyn, Eric D. Brangwyn, John A. Oliver Clarke, Mary, b. 1911, n. 1917 - Alfred Norman Birbeck

The Holcombe family would appear to be of very early origin, but whether the original Holcombe stock was Saxon or Danish, it has not been possible to discover. The name Holcombe is composed of the Saxon words, or a corruption thereof, *hol* - a wood, and a *combe*, a valley between two hills. The word *hol* sometimes means, *to cover, or enclose as a roof* in Danish, *mæle*, *a hollow*. Between her hills, joined together at Holcombe, credibly known as Holcombe, lies a hollow. Prior to the Normans, there were two distinct families of Holcombe, one a native of the west of England, the other of Normandy. After their death, one son of the former, went to Flanders, and a descendant of the whole of the west of England branch, is still there. His son, Walter, had been styled in the *Manor of Farington*, and a knight of one of the whole of the west of England by descent, by a man of his name. In 1086, when the *Curia Regis* was held at *Devon*, he affixed the fortresses of the *Family Holcombe* to the crown, and was granted to him the *Manor of Farington*, and the *Manor of Holcombe*. His son, *John Holcombe*, was made a knight of the *Order of the Garter* in 1421, and he was buried in *Dartmouth*, *Devon*, where he had resided. The posterity of the *Family Holcombe* in this country were numerous, and were scattered widely over the top of the land from the *Hebrides* to the *Severn*. The *late Holcombe of Hole* was *Baron Holcombe*, the eldest son of *Eliza Holcombe* and *Elizabeth* his wife, and he sold the property in the year 1626, to *William*.



This Genealogy was compiled from data collected by the late Walter Holcombe and Harry Holcombe, Esq.



HOLCOMBE

1875



























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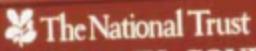












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## Hill-Forts

Over 1000 sites are known in the UK. Hill-forts were built between 2000 BC and 100 AD, often on prominent ridges or hilltops. They were built by the British tribes, the Celts, during the Iron Age. The first fortifications were simple enclosures made of earthworks and timber palisades. As time went on, more complex structures were built, including stone walls and towers.



## Maiden Castle

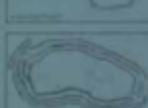
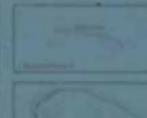
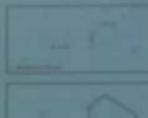
From the Neolithic period to 200 BC, Maiden Castle was a major centre of British life. It was built on a hilltop overlooking the Dorset plain. The castle consists of several concentric stone walls and towers, with a total area of over 100 acres.

The castle was built in several phases, starting around 2500 BC. It was used as a settlement, a fort, and a burial ground. The castle was eventually abandoned around 100 BC.



Timeline of Maiden Castle's construction:

1. Construction of the innermost wall (c. 2500 BC)
2. Construction of the second wall (c. 2300 BC)
3. Construction of the third wall (c. 2100 BC)
4. Construction of the fourth wall (c. 1900 BC)
5. Construction of the fifth wall (c. 1700 BC)
6. Construction of the sixth wall (c. 1500 BC)
7. Construction of the seventh wall (c. 1300 BC)
8. Construction of the eighth wall (c. 1100 BC)
9. Construction of the ninth wall (c. 900 BC)
10. Construction of the tenth wall (c. 700 BC)
11. Construction of the eleventh wall (c. 500 BC)
12. Construction of the twelfth wall (c. 300 BC)
13. Construction of the thirteenth wall (c. 100 BC)



## The Neolithic & Bronze Age Phases

Neolithic people in 3000-2000 BC settled in small villages and built long barrows, some of the earliest known stone structures. In 2000-1000 BC, the Bronze Age began, with the introduction of metal tools and weapons.

The Neolithic and Bronze Age periods are good times for learning about our past.



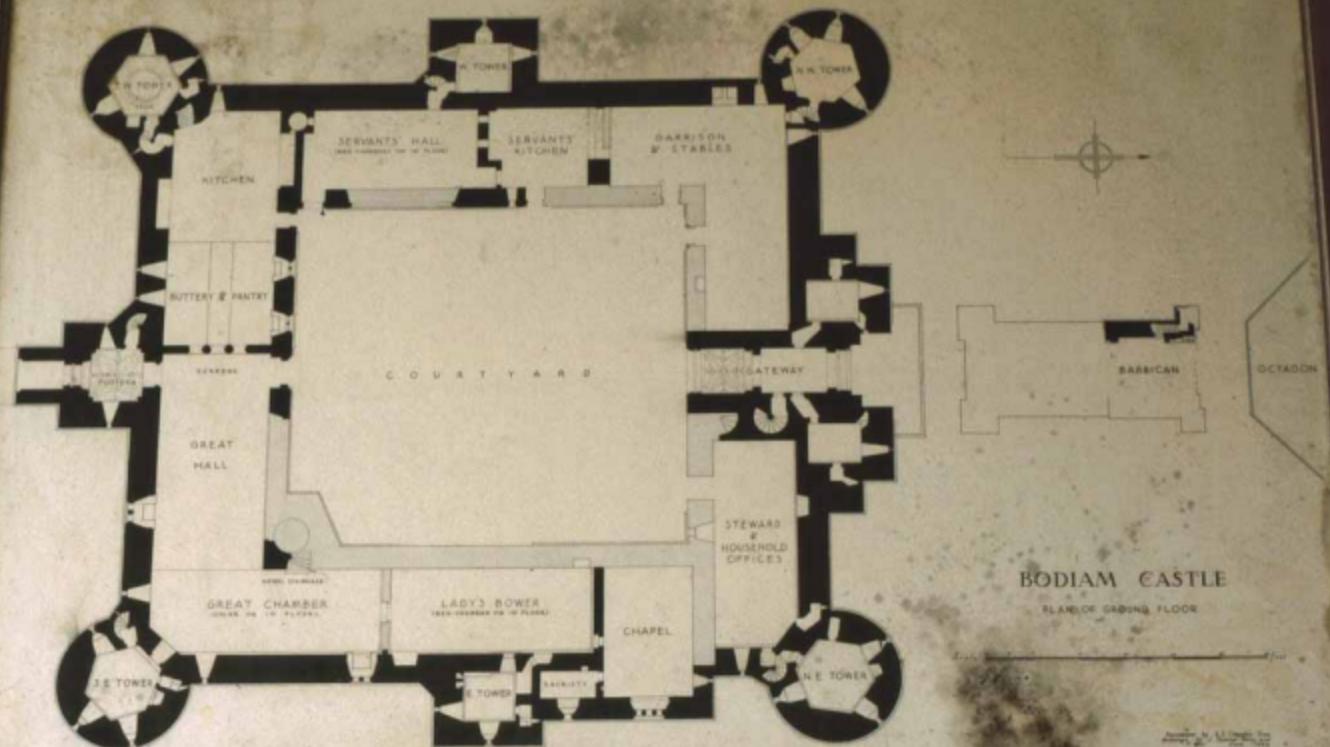












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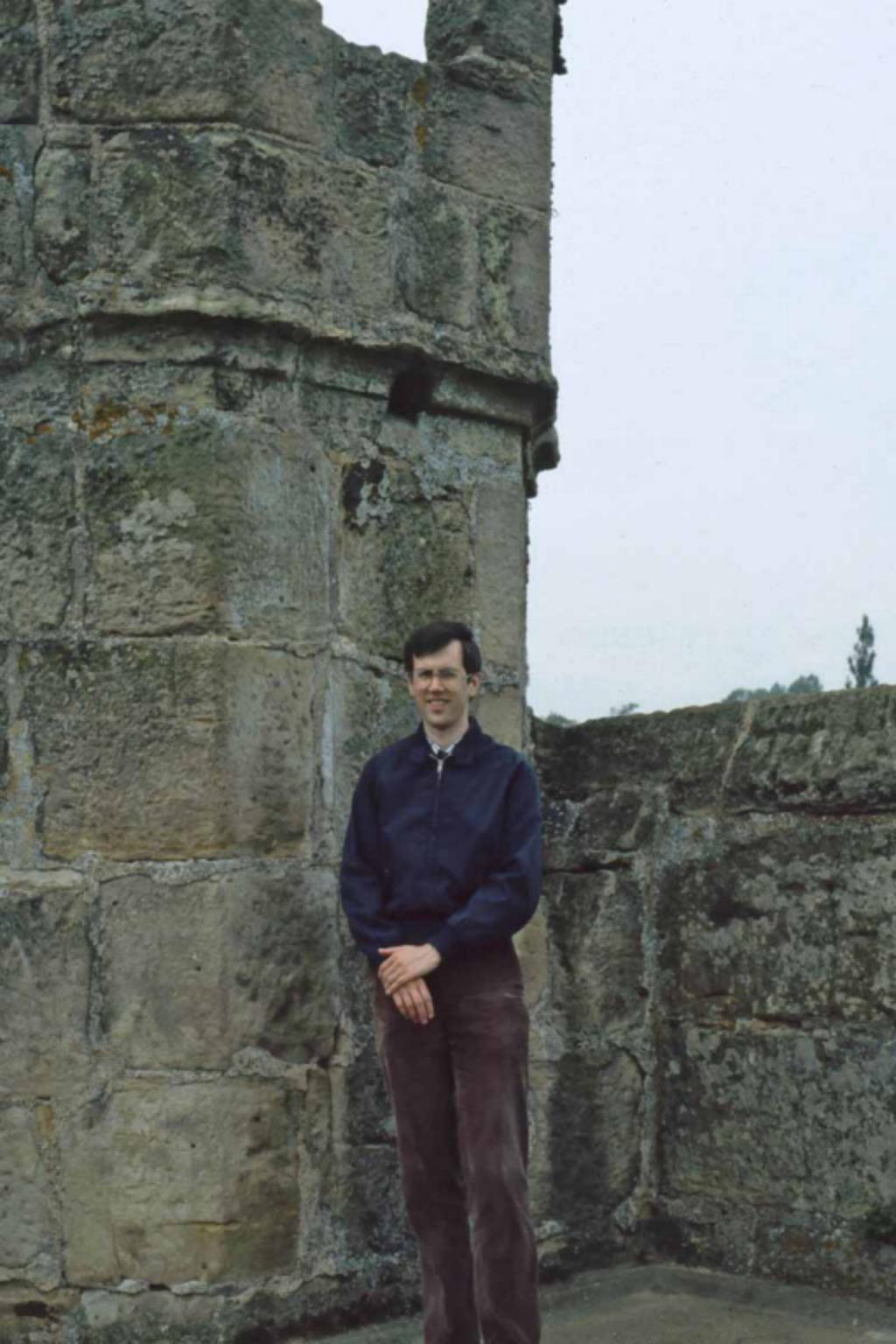










































St Augustine's  
Abbey

## St. Augustine's Abbey (Founded 598)

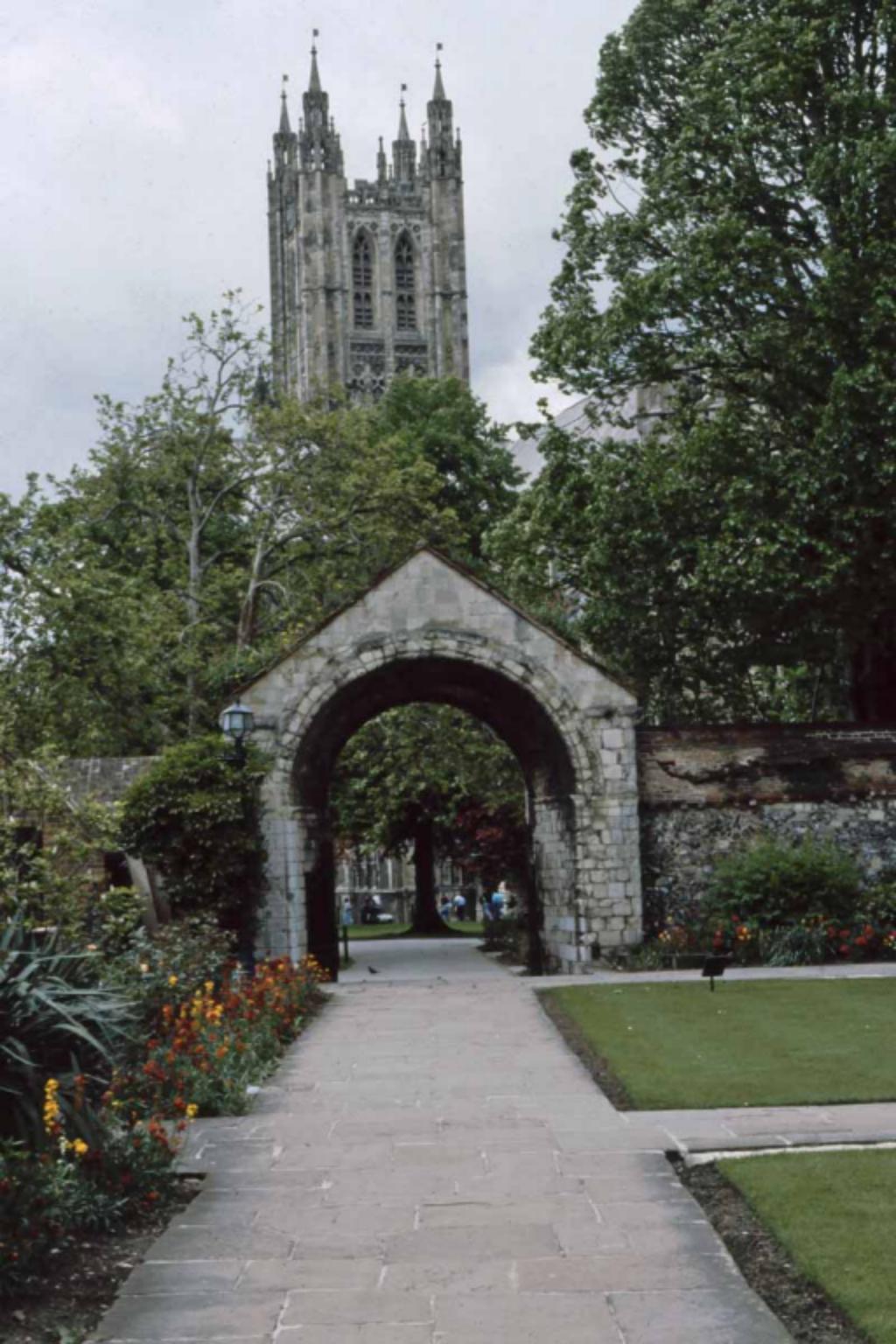
In 597 Pope Gregory the Great sent Augustine to Britain to re-introduce Christianity to these islands. The abbey of Saints Peter and Paul, later rededicated to St Augustine, was founded here the following year. It is possibly the oldest identifiable Christian site in Canterbury.















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