

Return to

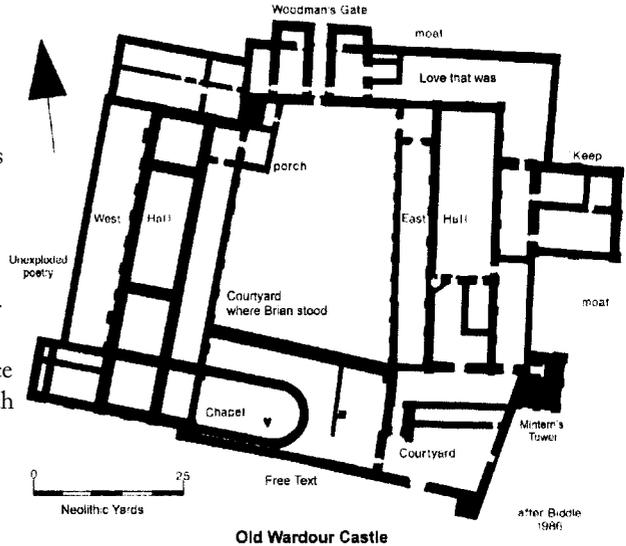
OLD WARDOUR CASTLE

Sunday 26th September 1999

The New Map of Old Wardour

After the Second World War much 'Neolithic' architecture was demolished to make way for "a material Eden." The blueprint for a 'new society' was to be designed, incrementally, by Ludor Rous Hudibrass, tutelary King of the Atrebatas and "architect trapped in a man's body." Jonathan Meades, in his 1952 *History, Civil and Ecclesiastical, and Survey of the Antiquities of Portsmouth*, notes that Ludor refounded this project and attempted to align it on himself, "...that his magnificence [might] be reflected in the turfed hills, each scarp a textured mirror, his face a hidden 'device'..." This view is supported by other sources. Nennius tells us that "the first 'brutalists' took the aboriginal 'ground', which hovered just above abstraction, and raised it 28 ['Neolithic'] 'yards' above the plane below." (See *Nonism and the Mundane Egg*, Dr. Charles Mintern, Rune Wurzel Press, 1996.) Although engineering techniques have improved, the fundamentals of landscape construction have not altered since.

Now, after an extensive period of research, Dr. Mintern reveals little known facts about the early work and interior processes of Ludor, celebrated architect of the Tricorn (Portsmouth). He exposes the Romantic ideal at the heart of 'Brutalism', *the light in being, a built space*. Ludor sought to conceal this 'illuminating essence' throughout his life. Ironically, the Tricorn - his most powerful mature work and "the paradigm of Brutalism" - was based on a much earlier Romantic design. Whilst a young man, and very much in love, Ludor penned a material ode, he called it **OLD WARDOUR CASTLE**.



HOW TO GET THERE

Meet at the **South Western** pub next to Tisbury station between 1pm - 3pm. We will walk from the pub to the castle (40 mins approx).

Train times in **bold** are recommended.

Going: take the train from Southampton via Salisbury

Depart Soton: 11.55am Arrive Salisbury: 12.24pm

Depart Salisbury: 12.40pm Arrive Tisbury 12.54pm

Depart Soton: 12.56pm Arrive Salisbury: 1.25pm

Depart Salisbury: 2.33pm Arrive Tisbury: 2.47pm

Returning: to Southampton via Salisbury

Depart Tisbury: 6pm Arrive Salisbury: 6.21pm

Depart Salisbury: 6.35pm Arrive Soton: 7.05pm

Depart Tisbury: 7.31pm Arrive Salisbury: 7.46pm

Depart Tisbury: 8.00pm Arrive Soton: 8.29pm

"It is Ludor's masterpiece, as lyrical as concrete . . ." (Dr Mintern)