

2A. Two adjoining fragments of 2 mm thin glass, now having a slight bluish tinge, but almost completely denatured and undecorated. May be domestic and post-medieval.

'*Boy-Bishop*' Token, by S. E. Rigold

Layer 2

1A. Cast in lead-alloy; diam. 19–20 mm. Traces of channel for metal at base. *Obv.*: roughly outlined mitre with infulae, in three-quarter view, with crozier to left, crook outwards; two strokes at cardinal points in border, forming a cross, wavy scrolls in quarter (these might be read as S N S N, etc. for St. Nicholas. *Rev.*: 'sterling penny' type (long cross and three pellets in quarters), single wavy scroll in each quarter of border. This is the 'penny' size (there were also 'groats') of the token or *méreau* series, found commonly at Bury but very rarely at other East-country religious towns (there was one from St. Neots) and, beyond reasonable doubt, to be connected with the 'Boy-bishop' ceremonies that began on St. Nicholas's day. The fullest account of them, by J. B. Caldecott, in *Transactions of the International Numismatic Congress* (1937), pp. 366–371, divides them into neater, legible (but not in every case earlier) and cruder, garbled or anepigraphic, groups, illustrating a 'groat' of this general complexion (No. 11) and describing 'pennies' (Nos. 19, with S N:, and 20, with scrolls on both sides, including this one). Nearly all those that he describes must be late 15th or early 16th century, though others may be a little older. (Fig. 74, b.).

Tile

Layer 2

1A. One fragment of roof-tile 130 x 40 x 40 mm thick with traces of dark brown glaze on one surface.

Animal bones, by R. T. Jones

Layer 2

Sheep. Humerus, right, humerus, left, tibia, right, radius, left (all butchered).

Pig. Humerus, right, radius, left.

Mammal. Unidentified species, vertebra fragment and scapula fragment.

Domestic Fowl. Tarsometatarsus, left, humerus, left.

Goose. Humerus, left.

Due to the small volume of material found little can be said except some of it seems to be butchered.

Drain Trench (Fig. 68, E. end, 9)

Cow. Mandible, right, butchered.

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