ARCHæOLOGICAL NOTES

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Any members who are interested in this work and who are able to help should communicate with one of the three local secretaries, who will supply all information.

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Stone Coffin at Kettleburgh.—On the 29th of November, 1948, the Rev. Mr. Davis, incumbent of Brandeston and Kettleburgh, reported to the Hon. Financial Secretary, the discovery of a stone coffin in St. Andrew’s Church, Kettleburgh.

Work was going on in the Church including the removal of a matchboard dado in the nave. This exposed a side of a stone coffin which is built into the South wall of the nave near the return wall of the chancel arch at a height of about two feet from the floor to the top of the coffin lid. The head of the coffin is towards the West.

The coffin is shaped for the shoulders and appears to be of a late type; the ends are flush with the wall with the shoulder part slightly protruding.

The workmen, mistaking the protruding part for old cement repair work, began chipping it away and made an aperture which revealed a cavity within which a skeleton was seen.

A medical practitioner was asked to make an anatomical examination. He reported the bones to be the remains of a male, aged from 20 to 30 years at death, height in life 5 feet 8½ inches.

No remains of clothing or wrappings were apparent.

The aperture was then sealed up.

It appears that about 1450—1500 a window was made above the built-in coffin, the coffin lid forming the inner sill of the new window. From the reveal of the window, and in the thickness of the wall, a vise to the rood loft was made, the coffin lid also forming the bottom step to the vise.

ARTHUR WELFORD.

Graffito at Newbourne Church.—Mr. L. Dow, Hon. Editor of the Proceedings of the S.I.A., drew my attention, in March, 1949, to this very interesting scratch drawing on stone of a ship.

It is situated, about 4 ft. 2 ins. above the present floor level, inside the western jamb to the arch of the South porch—which is formed by the ground storey of the tower. The tower itself appears to date from the first half of the 15th century.

From correspondence which Mr. Dow has had with the Rev. J. F. Williams, F.S.A., Rector of Bucklesham in 1924, it is clear that the latter noticed this graffito in that year. Mr. Williams then sent a rubbing of it