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As in previous years, the report on archaeological finds during 1962 owes much both to individual observers and to those who have supplemented their own observation by collecting information in the areas in which they live or work. Their names are given in the 1961 report, and their contributions are again gratefully acknowledged.

At the time of writing, no information is forthcoming for the area covered by the Felixstowe Archaeological Movement, and no doubt many finds in other areas have not been reported, but as those living in the countryside become aware of the desirability of maintaining this survey in order to build up a picture of the past, so the completeness of the record may be expected to increase.

Perhaps special mention may be made of the recent work of Mr. P. G. M. Dickinson in examining and recording Suffolk monastic sites, and of the increased results of Mr. R. H. Farrands’ aerial surveys. Work by the Ancient Monuments Department of the Ministry of Public Building & Works continues at Bury Abbey.

The names of those originating reports appear in brackets and abbreviations used are as follows:

C.M. Clare Museum.
I.M. Ipswich Museum, the reference number following if the material is in the Museum.
M.H. Moyse’s Hall Museum, Bury St. Edmunds; material is in that Museum unless otherwise stated.
Mild.M. Mildenhall Museum.

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9. Bricett (TM/036507). Foundations of the north-west transeptal tower of the Priory were discovered during levelling operations when laying a lawn. There appeared to have been an apsidal chapel opening eastwards from the east wall. (P. G. M. Dickinson).


21. **Clare** (TL/770450). The foundations of the Friary church which were uncovered during recent excavations have been covered in again, but the outline of the church is now laid out in a grass lawn. Part of the north-east buttress of the chancel was found embedded in the garden at the east end. The reredorter drain has also been traced. (P. G. M. Dickinson).

22. **Clare** (TL/77284528). Groat of Edward IV, 4th Issue, Type 'B' London Mint, found in Mill Road garden. (T. Wells). (C.M.).


24. **Coddenham** (TM/11315293). Sestertius of Philip I found on spoil heap left by Ipswich School excavations. (B. Wilson, who retains possession).


27. **Cratfield** (TM/30217653). Late mediaeval buckle, brass ring, bone pendant and reckoning counter. (J. Greenard). (I.M. 962-73).


29. **Dennington** (TM/290663). 15th century sherds found under the floor of the dining-room at Parkgate Farm during alterations. (Mrs. E. A. Mann). (I.M. 962-259).


33. **Eriswell** (TL/721807). Small building overlooking Bear's Mouth, usually called 'St. Edmund's Chapel', now used for storage. After a prolonged dry spell cutting of pasture around the building showed in brown grass the outline of an old church. The standing building is the east end of the nave and the chancel appears with an apse internally and buttresses at the north-east and south-east corners. Plan of tower at the west end is very clear, north and south walls of nave are indicated, length of building about 90 feet. As two churches are mentioned in Domesday Book in Eriswell, this may be the remains of the second possible ‘Coccelesworda’. (Grace, Lady Briscoe).

34. **Eyke** (TM/31725180). 'Bellarmine' probably used as a witch-bottle, found under the hearth of Church Cottages. (V. C. Fenton). (I.M. 962-87).


36. **Finningham** (TM/06676948). Barbed and tanged flint arrow-head, sestertius of Vespasian, and groat of Mary, found in the garden of Yew Tree House. (H. D. Toomey, who retains possession).


39. **Freston** (TM/172393). Three barrows in one field.
   (TM/178373). One barrow.
   (TM/174368). One barrow.
Crop-marks photographed from the air. (R. H. Farrands).


42. **Gislingham** (TM/073718). Two or three buildings of clay and stone, with floors of clay or chalk, associated with 12/13th century sherds. (B. J. W. Brown).
43. Glemham, Little (TM/359599). Hone of semi schist of Type I, Morey & Dunham, probably Anglo-Saxon, found in the bed of the River Alde. (J. Todd). (I.M. 962-110).


46. Henstead (TM/49158690). Base of Romano-British cooking pot and skull of Bos longifrons found at a depth of 14 feet during road widening operations at Rushmere Bridge. (F. G. Alderson). (I.M. 962-12).

47. Hepworth (TL/97847436). Coin of Constantine I VRBS ROMA Wolf and Twins, Mint Aquileia. (J. Blake, who retains possession).


49. Hinderclay (TM/02257661). Excavation continued on the site of a probable 15th century kiln discovered in 1957. A large quantity of pottery, including wasters, has been recovered, but the kiln itself has not yet been found. (I.M.). (I.M. 962-86).


52. Hollesley. 18th century pewter dish trawled up in Hollesley Bay. (F. J. Pearce). (I.M. 962–116).

53. Hoxne (TM/212738). In carrying out alterations to Thorpe Hall, a garderobe was discovered on the first floor with a wall-niche, probably for a pitcher of water, beside it. The walls of the ground floor storey are 3 feet thick, of the upper storey 2 feet. (C. W. Tew).


56. Ipswich (TM/16254451). Sherds found during building operations, 15 Queen Street. Finds include sherds of Ipswich, Thetford and Pinsdorf ware, two handles from 11th century handled ladles, and 16th and 17th century sherds including Italian majolica, French polychrome and Delft. (Eastern Counties Building Society). (I.M. 962–28).


60. Ipswich (TM/16054427). Wooden water pipe 7 feet long with square spigot-hole and bung at one end. Found in an upright position 30 feet down with 17/18th century pottery, during building operations on the site of the Civic College. (Pressure Piling (Parent) Ltd.). (I.M. 962–11).


62. Ixworth (TL/931703). Bases of the north arcade of the nave of the Priory church have been uncovered, indicating the bays were very wide. Three of the four crossing bases are exposed but they are too slight to have supported a central tower. Fragments of the north aisle wall have been discovered in a party ditch. Two 12th century windows of the Canon’s dormitory have been found behind the 19th century panelling in the house. (P. G. M. Dickinson).

63. Kentford (TL/715666). Polished flint axe 11½ inches long with the long edges ground flat, actually found in 1961 on ploughing up pasture at the Medler Stud. (A. R. Edwardson). (M.H.).

64. Kersey (TL/999444). A tentative excavation disclosed the east wall of the Priory church, showing the building to have been 156 feet long. The foundations of three of the pillars of the central tower have been located. There was apparently a south aisle to the nave of six bays, but none on the north as the cloisters were on this side. (P. G. M. Dickinson).


68. **Lakenheath** (TL/712841). Brown flint axe, re-chipped, from Grimes Fen. (Grace, Lady Briscoe).

69. **Lakenheath** (TL/713845). Neolithic axe-head, re-chipped. (Grace, Lady Briscoe).

70. **Lakenheath** (TL/718842). Beaker rim sherd from spoil of New River Cut. (Grace, Lady Briscoe).

71. **Lakenheath** (TL/782835). Leaf-shaped arrow-head, thin, colourless. (Grace, Lady Briscoe).

72. **Lakenheath** (TL/695803). Sestertius of Crispina, wife of Commodus, from Peterhouse Farm. (Grace, Lady Briscoe).


77. **Lowestoft** (TM/541933 approx.). Coin (3AE) of Constantine I PROVIDENTIAE AVG Camp Gate, Mint Trèves. (T. Grimble, who retains possession).

78. **Mildenhall** (TL/704793). Ploughing disclosed spread of flint artifacts, several thousands, of late Palaeolithic type. This type has only previously been found in this country at Swaffham Prior, Cambridgeshire. In course of excavation. (Grace, Lady Briscoe). (Camb.M.).


83. *Rumburgh* (TM/346819). The Priory has now been planned and the area presumably covered by the choir and transepts is open but no foundations have been discovered, implying that though planned, they were never built. The plan clearly indicates that the western 'tower' is in the nature of a narthex and unique, though its purpose is not so apparent. (P. G. M. Dickinson).


87. *Stonham Aspal* (TM/13095964). The cutting of a sewerage trench revealed evidence of Roman occupation, including a portion of a wall. Excavations carried out by the Ipswich Museum, with the help of volunteers, revealed the remains of a bath-house probably attached to a villa. Further work will be undertaken in 1963. Operations were largely financed by the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology, with help from the Excursion Group of the Southwold Archaeological & Natural History Society. A hut was loaned by the Ancient Monuments Department of the Ministry of Works. Finds include sherds, painted wall plaster, fragments of window-glass and roofing tiles, knife with antler handle, As of Severus Alexander (M. & S. 543), key and fragment of shale bracelet. (I.M. 962–25 and 126). *Sæ. vet. xxx.*

88. *Sutton* (TM/29564649). Collared urn of Early Bronze Age containing cremated male bones, three flint knives and a barbed-and-tanged arrow-head, found in irrigation trench at Methersgate Hall. (Sir A. Quilter). (I.M. 962–115).


90. *Walberswick* (TM/503747 approx.). Sherds including 13/14th century face and fragment of figure of mounted knight found on beach. (W. G. Buncombe, *per* G. Burroughes).
91. *Waldringfield.* Six soil marks of round barrows on Heath Farm: (1) TM/26804475 45 ft. diameter.  
(2) TM/26764484 28 ft. diameter.  
(3) TM/26734480 44 ft. diameter.  
(4) TM/26734490 50 ft. diameter.  
(5) TM/26654495 67 ft. diameter.  
(6) TM/26784504 102 ft. diameter.  
(N. Winram & I.M.).


94. *Wetheringsett* (TM/12686687). 15th century French token Ave Maria Gracia Plena, and 17th century ‘bellarmine’ probably used as a witch-bottle, found underneath fire-place in Bridge Cottage. (Mrs. E. R. Scott, who retains possession).
