

## ARCHAEOLOGY IN SUFFOLK 1957

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In view of the many demands on space, comment on the long list of archaeological finds in Suffolk for 1957 has been reduced to a minimum.

As in the previous year's list, notes contributed by the members of the staff of the Ipswich Museum are marked (I.M.), and the reference number is given where material is in the Museum. Material in the Museum at Bury St. Edmunds is marked (M.H.).

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*Aldham* (TM/40354470). Neolithic flakes on surface of ploughed field. (I.M.) (I.M. 957-194).

*Alnesbourn Priory* (TM/188405). Sherd of Romano-British buff ware, micaceous, resembling Wattisfield ware. (I.M.).

*Barnham* (TL/868791). Tumulus at crossroads, investigated by Mr. A. R. Edwardson, and found to contain female skeleton and incense cup (Late Neolithic or Early Bronze Age). (A. R. Edwardson). (M.H.). (See p. 186 *postea*).

*Barnham* (TL/86017667). Ingot of impure copper (*not* bronze)—probably of L.B.A. date. (A. Clarke). (I.M. 957-151).

*Barnham* (TL/873794). Road section with Anglo-Saxon pottery sherds, animal bones, etc., disclosed by excavations for sewer beds on new housing estate. (I.M.).

*Barnham, Culford Heath* (TL/859758). Late Bronze Age socketed axe found 15.11.57 in field. *Note*: Three similar ones found together in 1951 some 200 yards west at approximately TL/855757. (A. R. Edwardson). (M.H.).

*Barton, Great, Cattishall* (TL/885654). Partially destroyed mound marked on O.S. map as 'site of barrow'—excavation showed it to be a midden of late Iron Age/Romano-British date—scatter of 1st century sherds, pumice quern fragments, bones of cattle. (A. R. Edwardson). (M.H.).

*Barton Mills* (TL/712739). Second century Grave Group discovered during enlargement of small pond in garden. Six vessels; large coarse grey pot with cremated bones of young person; Samian dish, signature ATILIAN FC., (a second century Gaulish potter); two yellowish globular pots one with handle; a heavy black platter and the lower half of a thin walled Castor cup, ornamented with rows of rouletting. (Lady Briscoe).

*Bealings, Little* (TM/228464). Extensive L.B.A. urn-field exposed by stripping of top-soil at Hall & Co.'s gravel quarry, Playford Heath. Globular and bucket urns recovered. (I.M.) (I.M. 957-162).

*Bealings, Little*, Playford Heath (TM/22774638). Two hearths with cooking stones, charcoal, Iron Age 'A' pottery sherds, and flint flakes. (I.M.) (I.M. 957-18).

*Bealings, Little* (TM/230470 appr.). Romano-British pottery sherds 1st/2nd century. (H. Spruytenburg) (I.M. 957-76).

*Botesdale* (TM/04987586). Sherds of 14th/15th century pottery found during digging of pipe-line. (I.M.).

*Boyton* (TM/382475). Unpolished flint adze (Neolithic) ploughed up in a field near Dock Farm, Boyton Park. (Sir Peter Greenwell, Bart.) (I.M. 957-70).

*Bricett, Great*, Great Bricett Priory (TM/637506). A most unusual wooden screen, consisting of three large arches and one small one, all of c.1270, was discovered in a recent restoration. A further examination of the building—the western range of the cloister—shews it to be substantially a 13th century wooden framed building and one of the earliest of its kind in England. (P. G. M. Dickinson).

*Burgh* (TM/224520). Sherds of Romano-British grey ware, with some tiles (possibly mediaeval or later) discovered during excavations by W. G. Arnott aimed at establishing the site of St. Botolph's Chapel; no evidence of this was found. (W. G. Arnott) (I.M. 957-193).

*Cavendish* (TL/808485). Mediaeval pottery (13th century) sherds and metal scutcheon with gilding, found  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile N.W. of Duck's Hall. (Dr. R. Rabett).

*Clare*, Clare Priory (TL/770450). The foundations of the central tower have been exposed, shewing the tower was octagonal in form. The base of the western screen has remains of the two nave altars. Foundations have been uncovered of a later N. transept and the north aisle. The most important discovery is the small cloister practically complete. It was converted into sculleries and larders after the Reformation. (P. G. M. Dickinson).

*Coddenham*, Baylham House Farm (TM/11505270). Sherds of red ware, dark grey incised, light grey fine and coarse undecorated. Found during trials for gravel: subsequent Ministry Inquiry saved this site, air photographs of which show Roman camp crossed by road. (S. E. Rigold, M. of W., & I.M.) (I.M. 957-7).

*Creting St. Mary*, Riverside Farm (TM/106544). Romano-British pottery sherds, tiles, tesserae, wall-plaster and opus signinum discovered whilst digging field-drains. (A. G. Voss & I.M.) (I.M. 957-111).

*Denston* (TL/766529). Sherds of grey and red ware, 13th/14th century, and metatarsal of horse, found when digging foundations of new church hall. (P. G. M. Dickinson) (I.M. 957-191).

*Denston*. Roman coin (AE.4) 'Urbs Roma' type, found near tumulus, with sixpence of James I (1605) and Nuremberg counters (16th century). (P. G. M. Dickinson).

*Dunwich* (TM/479704). Ovate biface flint implement, Late Acheulean or Levallois, found on surface of cliff talus, probably from Chalky Jurassic Till. (Miss H. Ireland).

*Dunwich*. On beach, washed out of cliff, 5 tokens and a number of strap and shoe buckles (17th century). (*per* R. R. Clarke) (I.M. 957-187).

*Easton* (TM/27656000). 13th/14th century pottery sherds, calcined flints, oyster shells, etc., ploughed up on Studd Farm. (F. V. Warren) (I.M. 958-21).

*Eriswell*, Lakenheath Aerodrome (TL/731803). Found by workmen digging hole at depth of 2-3 feet. Skeleton lying on back with knees flexed, head to west. Skull crushed, molars much worn. Probably elderly man. Iron knife behind left hip, a bronze pin on left side of chest, two annular brooches at base of neck, pair of bronze tweezers with ring. 6th or 7th century A.D. (Lady Briscoe).

*Felixstowe*, Low Pasture Farm (TM/301362). Scatter of sherds of grey Romano-British ware over a distance of about 150 yards. (T. Robinson) (I.M. 957-178).

*Felixstowe* (TM/317355). Two rim-sherds of bowls and one base of red pottery, one rim-sherd of Samian bowl, much worn (2nd century). (D. Grayling).

*Fressingfield* (TM/255768). Mediaeval bronze weight container. (Finder unknown: identified Norwich Museum *per* Headmaster Fressingfield V.C.P. School).

*Harkstead*, Harkstead Hall Farm (TM/194356 *appr.*). 19 coins, Roman, 3rd and 4th centuries, ploughed up over a period of years. (A. W. Dunnett) (I.M. 957-89).

*Hartest* (TL/835525). Erosion in bank of stream caused exposure of section containing, at 2 ft. 6 in. sherds of Romano-British pottery with fragments of pumice quern, and at 4 ft. 6 in. sherds of Belgic pottery with bones of horse, sheep and dog. R-B sherds also occur on surface of adjacent land. (A. R. Edwardson) (M.H.).

*Hasketon*, Thorpe Hall (TM/238530). Ploughing revealed sherds of grey and red Romano-British pottery 1st-2nd century, with tiles, bricks and charcoal. (F. S. Morse) (I.M. 957-17).

*Haverhill*, Chalkstone Hill (TL/682456 appr.). Antoninianus of Gordian III (M. & S. 92) and bronze coin of Licinius II, with Rev: PROVIDENTIAE. Also Irish farthing token of Charles I (1626). (P. G. M. Dickinson).

*Haverhill* (TL/677452 appr.). Denarius of Augustus (M. & S. 56) (G. Ransom).

*Henham* (TM/450795). Sherds of mediaeval pottery (?14th century). Turned up within the moat-enclosed area when this was ploughed for the first time in living memory. (Simon Loftus).

*Hepworth* (TL/995751). A large oval area of blackened soil with many calcined flints. (I.M.).

*Hinderclay*, Elms Farm (TM/018275). Around this point trenches for land drains revealed black patches and sherds of grey and red Romano-British pottery, with animal bones and teeth. (I.M.) (I.M. 957-150).

*Hinderclay* (TM/019763 appr.). Land-drain trench exposed sherds of coarse red and buff R-B pottery (I.M.) (I.M. 957-153).

*Hinderclay* (TM/02237660). Digging for a post-hole behind a cottage revealed pottery dating from 13th to early 15th century, including one almost complete pot, also kiln-wrappings with grass-marks. This may have been the site of a kiln making pottery for the Abbey of St. Edmundsbury, on whose land it lay. (Mr. & Mrs. Rose, & I.M.) (I.M. 957-45).

*Hintlesham*, College Farm (TM/700435). Dark patches revealed by ploughing, with sherds of grey and red coarse and fine mediaeval pottery. (Mrs. M. E. Reid) (I.M. 957-80).

*Hunston* (TL/975685). In garden. Roman glass unguentarium 5.7 in. high. (A. R. Edwardson). (M.H.).

*Icklingham* (TL/780729). Iron arrowhead, socketed, mediaeval hunting type. (Lady Briscoe).

*Ipswich* (TM/190443). In gardens of Coplestone Road School (possibly not *in situ*), *As* of Matidia, mother-in-law of Hadrian. (Colin Minter).

*Ipswich* (TM/138466 appr.). Dug up in garden of 6 Wexford Road, *As* of Faustina II. (A. T. Arnold) (I.M. 957-167).

*Ipswich*, Buttermarket (TM/162445). Site of Martin's Bank. Pottery of Late Saxon date, with bone skates, etc., also pottery of 13th-17th centuries, and mammal, bird and fish remains. Excavated 1955-6, but, not previously recorded. (I.M.).

*Ipswich* (TM/166423 appr.). Dredged from River Orwell near Power Station, vessel of Middle Saxon 'Ipswich' ware. (Ivan Bull) (I.M. 957-99).

*Ipswich* (TM/16464443). Sherds of grey decorated ware, 13th/14th century, found during alterations to the shop of Messrs. Price, Tacket Street. (J. F. Price) (I.M. 957-77).

*Ipswich* (TM/16254452). Found during demolition of Alliance Assurance building, corner of Buttermarket and Queen Street, sherds of pottery and glass, animal and human bones, Anglo-Saxon, mediaeval and later, and coin of James I. (I.M.) (I.M. 957-109).

*Ipswich* (TM/16614452). Behind Co-operative Society's premises, Cox Lane, Anglo-saxon kiln site with pottery, caltrops, etc. Excavation by M. of W. (M. of W. *per* S. E. West).

*Ixworth*, Ixworth Priory (TL/931703). An examination of the house shews that a large part of the canon's dormitory over a vaulted under-croft, and the eastern half of the refectory are included in the building. An exceptional feature is the open 13th century arcade at the southern end of the dorter subvault. Parts of the priory church were discovered, and there are remains of three of the bases of the central tower—of 13th century date—bases of the choir arcades and a single base of the N. aisle of the nave. Some ruins of the west end of the church still stand in a field adjoining. (P. G. M. Dickinson).

*Kenton*, N.E. of Kenton Corner (TM/198654). Romano-British grey ware, in small pit or ditch, found during cutting of pipe-line. (I.M.).

*Lakenheath*, Eriswell Warren & Lakenheath (TL/780795 to TL/783800). Large area scattered with R-B sherds. Trial trench disclosed black area (36 ft. diameter) containing remains of walls, painted plaster, 2nd century Samian, Form 45, and coins (Sestertius Hadrian). (Lady Briscoe).

*Lakenheath* (TL/728834). Decorated sherd on surface gave clue to small kiln. A patch of black soil,  $2 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$  ft.,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ft. deep, connected with another patch,  $2 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$  ft., 3 ft. deep, by passage (presumably flue) 3 ft. long, 15 in. wide—3 ft. 3 in. deep—all contained in holes dug into the side of a chalk slope, and packed with pottery sherds, mostly grey with combed decoration, corners of baked clay, flat pieces of lining material, some with vents, and clay reddened by heat. Two feet to the north, mass of soft pink sherds proved to be much underfired remains of an imitation Samian bowl (Form 38) with well marked flange. Attempt to imitate Samian colour by applying red iron oxide to surface. 5 coins (4th century) in excavation soil. (Lady Briscoe).

*Lakenheath*, North Fen (TL/736844). Polished Neolithic 'A' flint axe. (A. R. Edwardson) (M.H.).

*Lakenheath* (TL/729836). Deep ploughing on outskirts of known R-B site brought up over 100 sherds of a large grey urn with face mask on shoulder. The restored pot is 14 in. high, diameter  $11\frac{1}{4}$  in., mouth 7 in.\* Sharply everted rim. Five zones of decoration in addition to the mask. Face is sculptured by applying strips of

clay to the surface. Whiskers are well marked giving lionlike appearance. Fabric is medium grey, fine and hard. No handles. (Lady Briscoe). (See p. 176 *ante*).

*Lakenheath* (TL/716843). After ploughing E.I.A. ('A' type) sherds, rims with internal bevels. Associated large honey-coloured scraper of flint. (Lady Briscoe).

*Leiston* (TM/446629). Found during the digging of a trench for a gas main in Carr Road, Leiston, in the vicinity of the Gas Works, two cinerary urns of the Late Bronze Age, the larger inverted over the smaller which contained ashes. (C. R. Fowler) (I.M. 957-82).

*Levington* (TM/23834033). Ploughed up on a field to N.E. of Whitehouse Farm, Neolithic flint axe with polished cutting edge. (C. Nunn) (I.M. 957-19).

*Lound* (TM/519994). Sherd of Middle Saxon pottery and sherds of early Mediaeval pottery from ploughed down rectangular structure. (C. Wright) (Norwich Museum).

*Martlesham* (TM/484464). During digging for foundations of house at corner of Laurel Avenue and Edminton Close, at a depth of 20 in. (appr.), Neolithic flint axe polished on cutting edge only. (H. J. Clarke) (I.M. 957-98).

*Mickfield* (TM/128616 & TM/131617). Found as a result of deep ploughing of two fields on either side of White House, sherds of grey ware, probably 13th century, also red and buff ware. (D. P. Reid) (I.M. 957-92).

*Mildenhall*, Burnt Fen. Shoe or strap buckle, 17th century. (G. O. Read).

*Mildenhall*, Undley Common (TL/691800). Small bronze socketed celt, 2½ in. long, square socket with rounded corners, one loop. (Lady Briscoe).

*Mildenhall* (TL/688800). Neolithic chipped axe of brown flint, 5 in. long. (Lady Briscoe).

*Mildenhall* (TL/689802). Brass signet ring, 14th or 15th century. Initial 'I' surrounded by leaves. (Lady Briscoe).

*Mildenhall* (TL/707743). E.I.A. iron spearhead, 17 in. long, socketed, from bank of R. Lark. About 150 B.C. (Lady Briscoe).

*Mildenhall* (TL/653773). Bronze dagger, 5½ in. long. 3 rivet holes. (Lady Briscoe).

*Mildenhall* (TL/691800). Three fine leaf-shaped arrowheads. (Lady Briscoe).

*Mutford* (TM/48858900). In face of sand-pit in hole at least 6 feet deep with traces of fire at bottom, off Pond Farm Road between Mutford Big and Little Woods, red and grey pottery sherds, bones, etc., of Late Saxon or early Mediaeval date. (A. Cross & B. Baker). (I.M. 957-10).

*Needham Market* (TM/80705515). During digging of a drainage trench in garden of 111, High Street, sherds of grey ware with squared rim and sagging base, and rim-sherd of red ware, mediaeval. (G. Ewart Evans).

*Pakenham* (TL/93706945). In stackyard of Pakenham Water Mill Farm, Neolithic perforated quartzite mace-head. (A. Archer) (I.M. 957-179).

*Pakenham* (TL/931699). During digging of building foundations, Priory Farm, pottery sherds of 2nd and 3rd centuries (some Samian), wall-plaster (coloured), coin (4 Ae) of 4th century. (I.M.) (I.M. 957-86 & 90).

*Pakenham*, Grimstone End pit (TL/93666930). Denarius of Trajan (A.D. 114-117—M. & S. 354). (I.M.).

*Pakenham* (TL/93146975). Site of Roman fort (?) recognised from the air by Flt.-Lt. Riley in 1945 and later photographed by Dr. J. K. S. St. Joseph—trial trench confirmed presence of ditches and pottery of 1st century and later. (I.M. & Norwich Museum) (I.M. 957-182 & 188).

*Pakenham*, Grimstone End (TL/936693). Further work on this site revealed upwards of a dozen further sites of Anglo-Saxon and Romano-British date, an inhumation (R-B), a fine Anglo-Saxon brooch, and the foundations of a building of the 16th century. (I.M.) (I.M. 957-139/47, 149, 177, 184/5, 189).

*Pakenham*, The Owell (TL/92556735). Sherds of grey, red and green-glazed ware (13th/14th century). (T. Bird) (I.M. 957-183).

*Rattlesden* (TL/96955825). During digging for house foundations—sherds of mediaeval red and grey ware. (B. H. Milne) (I.M. 957-73).

*Rickinghall Superior* (TM/04557508). Excavation for pipe-line revealed pits with charcoal and pottery apparently of the Middle Bronze Age, and one sherd of Beaker pottery. (I.M.).

*Rickinghall Inferior* (TM/04037520). Digging for septic tank in garden—upper portion of large two-handled jar (13th/14th century). (E. W. E. Winstanley). (I.M. 957-47).

*Rushmere St. Andrew* (TM/194456). In garden 100 yards east of Rushmere Road, two Neolithic scrapers and waste flakes. (R. A. E. Calver) (I.M. 957-44).

*Saxmundham* (TM/387632). In garden plot at 3 ft., Roman lamp, red ware. (H. R. Hurn).

*Shadingfield* (TM/443842). Spread of Romano-British sherds, calcined flints and animal bones, also sherds of 13th/14th century pottery. (R. W. Knights) (I.M. 957-78).

*Shottisham* (TM/321452). After ploughing, sherds of light grey mediaeval pottery. (O. H. Cantrell). (I.M. 957-154).

*Shottisham* (TM/34054590). Sherds of grey and black ware with indented and applied strip decoration, also red glazed ware—mediaeval. (E. J. Guymer) (I.M. 957-180).

*Sutton*, Sutton Hall (TM/306454). Sherds of Romano-British pottery, and brick. (W. G. Arnott) (I.M. 957-46).

*Thurston* (TL/913654). Section of Roman road verified by excavation. (I.M.) (I.M. 957-75).

*Tuddenham* (TL/749706). Sestertius. Lucilla (wife of Verus) A.D. 183. (Lady Briscoe).

*Wattisfield*, Peartree Farm, King's Lane (TM/01527255—TM/01507254—TM/01467253). Three hearths, one with pottery sherds of Iron Age 'A'. (A. T. Calton) (I.M. 957-108).

*Wattisfield*, Peartree Farm, off King's Lane (TM/01497266). Site of clamp-kiln, Late Flavian, with red and black pottery, including wasters. (A. T. Calton & I.M.) (I.M. 957-63).

*Wattisfield*, Beech Tree Farm (TM/014741 appr.). Antoninianus of Maximinus. (J. W. Blake).

*Wattisfield*, Beech Tree Farm (TM/014751). During cutting of a drainage trench—sherds of grey Romano-British pottery and traces of kiln. (C. Cook) (I.M. 957-148).

*Weston*, near Beccles. Exact site unknown. Two Roman coins found while operating mechanical excavator (Antoninianus of Postumus and sestertius of Antoninus Pius). (W. S. Pipe: identified Norwich Museum).

*Wetherden*, Fox Farm (TM/009652). Iron barrel-lock with bronze strapping, 13th/14th century. (John Ellis) (I.M. 957-87).

*Weybread*, Shotford Heath Pit (TM/247814). Base-herd of large Romano-British vessel in grey-buff ware. (I.M.) (I.M. 957-8).