

are close runners-up; all these churches serve populations of under two hundred and fifty.

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The Sutton Hoo Handbook. The second edition of Dr. Bruce-Mitford's *Handbook* to the ship-burial was published while these *Proceedings* were in proof.¹ The book has been much revised and enlarged to incorporate the results of recent research, both in and outside the British Museum, which are fundamental to the interpretation of the ship-burial. Here special mention must be made of the new reconstructions of the fragments of the musical instrument (a lyre, not a harp) and the helmet. The bronze stag is shown to belong to the sceptre instead of the standard. There is fresh evidence relating to the ship itself and the new dating of the coins makes it almost certain that the burial commemorates King Raedwald.

There are still a few mis-prints but the poor colour plates of the first edition have been replaced by eight superb new ones, and the second edition is an even more splendid handbook to Britain's most marvellous archaeological find. The preface tells us that a third edition is planned to incorporate the results of research still in progress and that Volume I of the definitive publication is now in the press.

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¹ Price £1.50 paperback; £2 cloth. The first edition was reviewed by Norman Smedley in Vol. xxxi (1968), p. 210.