

ARCHAEOLOGY IN SUFFOLK, 1976

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Abbreviations:—

D.O.E.	Department of the Environment
H.A.G.	Haverhill & District Archaeology Group
I.A.S.	Ipswich Archaeological Survey
I.M. (L)	Ipswich Museum (loan)
L.A.S.	Lowestoft Archaeological & Local History Society
M.H. (L)	Moyses's Hall Museum, Bury St Edmunds (loan)
S.A.U.	Suffolk Archaeological Unit
M.M.	Mildenhall Museum

Pa	Palaeolithic	RB	Romano-British
Me	Mesolithic	AS	Anglo-Saxon
Ne	Neolithic	MS	Middle Saxon
BA	Bronze Age	LS	Late Saxon
IA	Iron Age	Md	Medieval

PM Post-Medieval

Ashley (TL/711614). **BA**. Middle Bronze Age socketed spear head, ploughed up on Elm Farm. (J. Burroughs who retains possession).

Bardwell (TL/93707278). **Ne**. **RB**. Partly polished flint axe and base of 2nd-century, rough-cast beaker, found on fields of Bardwell Hall Farm. (K. Chittock who retains possession).

Bardwell (TL/934746). **RB**. Dolphin-type bronze brooch, found in mud recently dredged from the bed of the Black Bourne. (M. Field and G. Holden). (M.H. 1976-433).

Barham (TM/13505130 approx.). **IA**. Seven fragments of pottery, animal bone, one flint pot-boiler, one flint flake, found in a dark layer 60cm below modern deposit in new gravel pit. (M. Osborne who retains possession).

Barnham. **BA**. Late Bronze Age socketed axe, found in plough soil. (C. Hoggett who retains possession).

Barton, Great (TL/883669). **Ne**. Leaf-shaped arrowhead of brown flint found in plough-soil. (M.H. 1976-434).

Barton Mills (TL/746579). **RB**. 3rd-century sestertius of Gordian or Philip. Male figure standing left, orb in right hand. Too worn for closer identification. (A. Bingham who retains possession).

Bealings, Little (TM/22854810). **RB**. 5 coarseware sherds picked up in field. (J. Pawsey who retains possession).

Blythburgh (TM/47437653 to 47167611). **RB**. Large quantities of Roman tiles and kiln bars with only a very few pottery sherds eroding from edge of Bulcamp Marshes. At east end of the distribution is a patch of red burnt clay exposed in the bank. Probably range of kilns on edge of marsh. (S.A.U.).

Brandeston (TM/24786024). ?**Ne**. Broken flint blade, found on footpath near Brandeston Hall. (P. Arbon who retains possession).

Brandon (TL/7886 approx.). **Ne/BA**. Three barbed and tanged arrowheads; one hollow-based arrowhead; bifacially-worked point; finely worked hand axe; patinated blade; hollow-based spearhead and blade fragment. (G. Speke who retains possession).

Brandon (TL/759864). **RB.** Æ2 of Constantius II, figure on prow of galley, Trier mint. A.D. 346–350 (Carson, Hill and Kent, 40); found where a bank had been dug away. (T. Jolley who retains possession).

Brantham (TM/11733445). **Md.** 14th/15th century silvered bronze medallion or badge with double-headed eagle (?Hapsburg), Low Countries or Germany. (K. H. Brown) (I.M. 1976–67).

Bucklesham (TM/24704175). **Ne.** Small flint axehead from topsoil in field at Red House Farm. (K. Ablitt who retains possession).

Bungay (TM/33788997). ? **LS, Md.** Possible fragment of Thetford ware, two fragments of medieval coarseware and sheep bone found in boreholes immediately north of Falcon Bridge beside the A143 from alluvium 2.3 to 3.4m high. (Suffolk Highways Department). (I.M. 1976–9).

Bury St Edmunds (TL/834641 approx.). **RB.** Sherds found in shallow ditch revealed in foundations for a new house in Kyleborne Close. (D. J. Nixon *per* S.A.U.).

Bury St Edmunds (TL/848662). **Md.** St Nicholas token: obverse, mitre; reverse, imitation penny. (Mrs. M. Marjoram who retains possession).

Bury St Edmunds (TL/857642). Abbey. **LS, Md.** An early sequence cut by the northern extension of the dorter consisted of features dug in the natural gravel and cultivated soil which was succeeded by a thin occupation layer incorporating Ipswich and Thetford-type wares. Inside the Queen's Chamber undercroft was found a one-bay-square cellar with a lining of fire-reddened re-used ashlar blocks. No evidence was found of the Abbots Lodging to the north and little material related to the period of use of the building up to the late 17th century after which it was systematically robbed of stone. (A. J. Fleming, D.O.E.).

Butley (TM/36805115). **Md, PM.** 13th-century and later pottery, tile and clay pipes found on allotments. (M. Ferguson *per* S.A.U.).

Charsfield (TM/296565). **RB.** 1st/2nd century sestertius found in stream near Glevering Bridge. (Mrs. J. Moyse who retains possession).

Chelmondiston (TM/20553742). **Md.** Late 14th-century jetton, French or Low Countries: obverse, shield with three fleur-de-lys; reverse, quatrefoil with leaves, fleur-de-lys etc.; found in bank on south side of Hollow Lane on north side of church. (S. Horsfall) (I.M. 1976–43).

Claydon (TM/13164959). **Me.** Flint tranchet axe found in garden of the Forge. (Mrs. V. Hill *per* S.A.U.).

Earl Soham (TM/26416257 approx.). **Md.** Three sherds 12th/13th century found at Dial Farm. (Mrs. S. Edmundson who retains possession).

Eriswell (TL/724805). **AS.** Bronze annular brooch found on Hall Hill. (R. Morley *per* S.A.U.).

Framlingham **RB, Md.** Small glass bottle with globular body and long neck and iron key 17.8cm long (London Museum Catalogue, type VI), found many years ago. (R. Beagen) (I.M. 1976–23 A & B).

Freston (TM/182395). **RB, PM.** One piece of Samian, 15th- to 19th-century pottery and 18th-century clay pipe stem found on the foreshore of the Orwell. (Carol Waldrige who retains possession).

Hacheston (TM/3156). **IA, RB.** Roman metalwork and *c.* 300 coins from redeposited topsoil removed from the surface of field for construction of Wickham Market by-pass. Included in the coins is a silver minim of Ecen, Ed and Symbols group (Allen, *Britannia* I, 1970, 31–2), and a silver coin of the same group, legend worn (*ibid.* 30–31) (R. Gearing and H. Jeffrey) (I.M. 1976–94).

Hacheston (TM/312568). **RB.** Two coins found in topsoil dump adjacent to roundabout at Hacheston Bridge. Small bronze Æ4: obverse, CONSTANTINVS MAX AVG; reverse, GLORIA

EXERCITVS with two soldiers and two standards; *c.* A.D. 335; mint not legible. Small bronze Æ3; obverse, CONSTANTINVS (not fully legible); reverse, two soldiers with standards; *c.* A.D. 325; mint not legible. (D. Smith who retains possession).

Icklingham (TL/779222). **RB.** Æ3 of Gratian: reverse, Emperor holding labarum and shield, GLORIA NOVI SAECVLI; Arles mint; A.D. 367-375 (Carson, Hill and Kent, 529); found in potato field. (R. Turner who retains possession).

Icklingham (TL/786717 approx.). **RB.** Antoninianus of Claudius Gothicus: reverse, AEQVITAS AVG, Justice with scales; A.D. 268-270; found in topsoil. (R. King who retains possession).

Ipswich (TM/161431 approx.) Maidenhall Approach. **Ne.** Flint pick and scraper found near Maidenhall School. (K. W. Jarmin who retains possession).

Ipswich (TM/17634424) Foxhall Road. **RB.** Coin of Faustina Senior, A.D. 138-61, dug up in garden. (T. Weir who retains possession).

Ipswich (TM/157429) Stoke Park. **RB.** Grey-ware sherds including two rims (recent breaks) found during building operations in corner of playground at Halifax County Primary School at depth of 2m just above natural sand probably beneath redeposited material used to level playground. (M. Perry who retains possession).

Ipswich (TM/14444565) Eustace Road. **LS.** Bronze circular brooch with backward-looking breast and beaded border found in donor's garden. (A. Scrivener) (I.M. 1976-66).

Ipswich (TM/166449) Christchurch Park. **PM.** Two 17th-century pipe bowls found under the floor of the study at Christchurch Mansion during capital maintenance work in the west wing. (I.M. 1976-29).

Kettleburgh (TM/25266338 approx.). **Md.** 12th/13th-century sherd of grey pottery. (Mrs Edmundson who retains possession).

Lakenheath (TL/700806). **RB.** Enamelled disc brooch of bronze found in field at Undley. (A. C. Brown) (M.H. (L). 1976-475).

Lakenheath (TL/71308287). **PM.** Bellarmine (Homes mask-type VIII) found in Anchor Lane. (R. Flack) (M.H. 1976-86).

Long Melford (TL/860450). **RB.** Pottery dish, 3rd/4th-century, found on building site on west of main road through town. (— Wright who retains possession).

Lowestoft (TM/530900 approx.). **?Me.** Flint blade found on Pakefield Cliffs. (A. Bird who retains possession).

Mildenhall (TL/72107429). **Me, Ne, BA.** Six mesolithic blade cores; leaf-shaped arrowheads, polished flint chisel, scrapers and fabricators; barbed and tanged flint arrowheads, slug knives and scrapers found on playing field of new Upper School, Kingsway. (J. King) (M.M.).

Mildenhall (TL/71027758). **BA.** Beaker pottery, flint tools and flakes ploughed out, off Fen Lane, Hollywell Row. (J. King) (M.M.).

Mildenhall (TL/72107429). **RB, MS.** RB pottery and sherd of Ipswich ware found on the playing field of new Upper School, Kingsway. (J. King) (M.M.).

Nacton (TM/220380 approx.). **Md./PM.** Bronze sheep or packhorse bell, 15th- or 16th-century, found by the river Orwell. (Mrs C. Huggins who retains possession).

Newbourne (TM/27504330). **Ne/BA.** Two flakes, one broken and reworked, five blades, one scraper, one probable arrowhead, one possible piece of composite sickle with silica gloss from rubbing with corn stalks, found in gravel pit opposite Brook Cottages. (Sister Maud) (I.M. 1976-49).

Orford. **Md.** Stone mortar with two opposed handles hauled up in Orford Bay. (D. G. Cook who retains possession).

Orford (TM/424497). **Md.** 13th/14th-century pottery (one handle, four rims, and a base) found in a garden in Quay Street. (Mrs B. Hines who retains possession).

Pakenham (TL/91156715). **Ne., Me.** Two small cores, one fragment of core, one sharpening flake from a tranchet tool, and 63 waste flakes, 78 reworked flakes, one large core and three scrapers found north of Barton Mere. (D. Ridgeon who retains possession).

Rougham (TL/91656173). **Ne.** Polished axe of brownish flint found by the back door of 41 Kingshall Street. Last owner of the house was a farm labourer who worked in Rougham Green. Probably the axe was found on the farm and brought back to the house. (K. J. Bird who retains possession).

Rougham (TL/901614). **RB.** Amphora handle with stamp L. IVN. . . Torso of lead figurine, lower portion draped, left hand resting on satchel, two stumps on shoulders probably remains of wings (?Mercury): Plain bronze brooch with four coiled spring found in plough soil. (P. Manning) (M.H. 1976-38).

Rushmere St Andrew. **RB.** Sherds of 2nd-century coarseware, one piece of roofing tile and evidence of pits found in trench for water pipe. (D. Buckley) (I.M. 1976-44).

Saxham, Great (TL/78456238). **LS.** Bronze disc decorated with cloisonné enamel, found near moat on Frizzeler's Green (M. Frost per S.A.U.). (See page 1).

Sotterley (TM/464870). Building of uncertain date; incomplete H-shape, consolidated substance made up of small stones etc., seen in field of Valley Farm. (P. Durbidge) (L.A.S.).

Stanton (TL/96657401). **BA.** ? Ring ditch. (S.A.U.).

Stowmarket (TM/033588 approx.). **RB** Sestertius, probably Trajan, found on building site. (R. Gallagher who retains possession).

Stowupland (TM/072601). **Md.** English bronze crucifix with a rectangular piece of rock crystal above the head of Christ. English work of the late 15th century. Found about 1958 under a tree stump in the garden of a new bungalow a few hundred yards from the church. (R. J. Peachment) (I.M. 1976-1).

Stutton. **Ne.** Polished axe found in field by reservoir. (S. M. Lait who retains possession).

Tattingstone (TM/146372). ?. Field system, trackway and enclosures seen as crop marks on an air photograph. (S.A.U.).

Thurlow, Little (TL/67725126). **Md.** Compact grouping of pottery including rims noticed during ploughing. (W. Lansdell who retains possession) (*per* B.B. Charge for H.A.G.).

Thurlow, Little (TL/663512). **Md.** Scatter of unglazed medieval pottery noticed during cultivation. (W. Lansdell who retains possession) (*per* B.B. Charge for H.A.G.).

Trimley St Martin (TM/266369). **Md.** Fragment of 12th/13th-century pottery with strap decoration found at Alston. (Mrs K. Rowe who retains possession).

Westleton (TM/43906906). **BA.** Bucket urn found in extension to Churchyard. (S.A.U.).

Whelnetham (TL/878604). **RB.** Denarius of Trajan; reverse Felicitas holding caduceus and cornucopia; A.D. 114 to 117; R.I.C. 332; found in garden of Riverside House. (P. J. Ashton who retains possession).

Whelnetham, Great (TL/87846032). **RB.** Two coins found during construction of Sheltered Homes: (i) As of Antoninus Pius: reverse Liberty holding pilleus and rod; A.D. 140 to 144; (R.I.C. 738); (ii) Antoninianus of Tetricus: A.D. 268-273. (L. Weston who retains possession).

Whelnetham, Great (TL/87846032). **RB.** Antoninianus of Severina, wife of Aurelian; reverse PROVIDEN DEOR, Fides holding two ensigns facing Sol holding an orb. Mint mark UXXT, Ticinvm; A.D. 270-275; R.I.C. 9; found on spoil heap on site of Sheltered Homes, Sicklesmere. (L. Weston who retains possession).

Wherstead (TM/46324910). **PM.** Late 16th-century jetton 'Nef' type of ship derived ultimately from Calais noble of Edward III, found in excavation for Fox's new boatyard between the Strand and the river Orwell by Bourne Bridge. (— Sherman who retains possession).

Wickham Market (TM/3055). **Me.** Flint pick found in topsoil from Wickham Market by-pass north of Loudham Bridge. (P. Dodwell) (I.M. 1976-65).

Wixoe (TL/709431). **RB.** Sherds including dark grey mortarium with buff slip, flagon lip, base of pedestal urn, grooved and cordoned ware, base of Samian form 18/31 and copy of Samian form 18/31 orange fabric with red slip. Surface finds on arable land. (B.B. Charge who retains possession for H.A.G.).

Woodbridge (TM/276472). **PM.** 16th-century Saintonge ware chafing dish found at low tide on mud bank of Troublesome Reach, Kingston.

(TM/272473). **PM.** (17th century). One brown glazed pipkin (?Dutch) and one Bellarmine-type salt-glazed jug found at Kingston Quay. (— Parish who retains possession).

Woolpit (TL/99026203). **Me.** Thames pick found 2m down in gravel during construction of Haughley by-pass. (K. Hall *per* G. G. Clarke for D.O.E.) (M.H. 1976-319).

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Membership: During the year 63 members were elected and, after taking resignations into account, the net increase in membership was 21.

At the end of the year membership was:

Ordinary members	431
Associate members	140
Life members	27
Honorary members	4
Libraries and Institutions	70
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Finance: The bank balance of £4,806.77 gives an unrealistic view of the position because the cost of printing and mailing the *Proceedings* came too late to be included in the year's accounts. When this item, of £2,943, is taken into account a true balance of £1,863.77 results. It should be noted, however, that the net cost of *Proceedings*, after deducting sales, and publication grants, becomes £2,447.

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It cannot be claimed that our future is rosy but with careful economy and the co-operation of all members we can survive.

J.E.M.

Lectures: The following lectures were delivered:

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| February | 7 | At Bury St Edmunds: 'Archaeology and astronomy', by Dr E. W. MacKie, F.S.A., Dept. of Extra-Mural Education, University of Glasgow. |
| March | 6 | At Ipswich: 'A modern approach to medieval archaeology', by Mr P. Mayes, F.S.A., County Archaeologist, West Yorkshire. |
| November | 6 | At Bury St Edmunds: 'Mucking, Essex: the crop mark sites and Saxon cemeteries', by Mrs M. U. Jones, B.A., F.S.A. and Mr W. T. Jones, A.R.P.S., F.S.A. |
| December | 4 | At Ipswich: 'Isaac Johnson of Woodbridge—surveyor and topographer', by the President, Dr J. M. Blatchly, F.S.A., whose study of the topographers of Suffolk has recently been published by the Suffolk Record Office. |