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EXCURSIONS

Report and notes on some findings

29 April

Bentley Hall, seat of Tollemaches before they married into Helmingham, comprises two separate timber-framed, jettied and brick-nogged houses standing side-by-side, in unusual parallel alignment. Fine restoration by present owner, Mr Richard Harwood, with architectural advice of Mr Ronald Geary, now complete, clarifying relationship between the two. In 1974/5, main house won award for outstanding restoration in European Architectural Heritage Year. 1977/8 craftsmanship award from R.I.B.A. Suffolk branch for work on subordinate building.

Subordinate building, stylistically late 15th- or early 16th-century, clearly began as a house for family or, possibly, senior staff. Carved external jetty-brackets on side facing main building. Nogged panels between stud-work contain some original bricks—rare in nogging. Later a grinding or rolling mill was added to the former parlour, turned by man or beast walking on still visible cobblestone path. Brick chimney built into open hearth in 1764; forge established. Later still, building became part stable, part coach-house.

In main building, service wing is earliest surviving part. Hall divided horizontally in 1582 to provide upper floor. Solar wing replaced in brick, 1822.

Little Wenham Hall and church. Hall among the most remarkable houses in England. Late 13th-century, stone-and-brick built with first-floor living—a defensive form built by successors of the Norman conquerors two centuries or more after 1066 (cf. Little Chesterford, Essex). Form reminiscent of Harold's manor-house at Bosham as depicted by Normans on Bayeux tapestry; also recalls the late 12th-century plan of Moyse's Hall. Castle-like qualities probably appealed to Gilbert Debenham Esq. and his son, Sir Gilbert, residents in disagreeable third quarter of 15th century (*vide* Miss M. I. Haward on the Debenhams in *History*, 1929). Fenestration of first-floor hall was compared to that created within the (presumably) aisled St Mildred's church on Ipswich Cornhill when converted for use as Town Hall (*vide* Glyde, J., *Illustrations of old Ipswich*, 1889, p. 71).

Little Wenham church proved to have early-looking (?11th-century) stratified flint walling on N. side. Domesday mentions more than one Wenham church.

17 May

St Mary's, Newmarket. Canon May summarised his findings on the origins of Newmarket and its two parishes: St Mary's a daughter of Exning, All Saints of Wood Ditton. 15th-century flat tie-beam roof in pre-Victorianised St Mary's revealed by an old picture.

The Jockey Club Rooms, shown to the group by Mr Robert Fellowes, Agent to the Club, were rebuilt by the late Sir Albert Richardson, PRA, to incorporate, on the ground floor, the famous Coffee Room with its old 'alcove' tables. Committee Room furnished with horseshoe-shaped table and horse-hide walls. Richardson's detailing includes very fine inlay in staircase.

Tattersalls. Mr Tony Chappell, auctioneer, explained that the Fox Rotunda was originally a fountain at the Hyde Park Corner site where the firm was founded by Richard Tattersall in 1766. A fine monumental stone arch, bearing arms of a chevron between 3 lions passant, came from the firm's Knightsbridge yard in 1965.

Exning church and the Devil's Dyke at Reach were also visited.

6 July

Eye and Horham. Eye church was described by Lt.-Col. John Busby and Horham church by Mr J. Salmon. Thorpe Hall, Horham, visited by courtesy of Mr and Mrs David Mlinaric. House and garden in beautiful condition. Cookley Farmhouse, Eye, a small timber-framed house with surprising marvellously rich carved timbering in an upper room, an elaborate cambered ceiling with construction marks still visible and mouldings, on main beams and joists, of an opulence recalling grand houses: Alston Court, Nayland or Giffords Hall, Wickhambrook. Mr Salmon considered the present main range not later than c. 1540—always in two storeys. Puzzling plank-and-muntin screen in screens-passage considered 15th-century by Mrs Colman, perhaps from an earlier house here. Crosswing added in 17th century.

21 July

Stanton. Mr David Dymond outlined the social and structural history of the two parishes—presumably the two recorded in Domesday. Stanton was ancient centre of Blackbourne Hundred: the Hundred met in the open at Blackbourne Bush on the Barningham road.

St John's church, roofless since 1960s, now officially 'redundant'. Upper Church House, the old rectory standing beside the tower, was shown to members by Miss David. The apparently simple 17th-century house contains heavy 16th-century timbering. Mr Christopher Balkwill described the 1930s excavation of the Roman Villa. Members also visited Willow House, mainly Elizabethan; Street Farm, c. 1600, with impressive chimney-stack at N. end and modernised interior; Foundry House, now offices, but its style fitting its date (1576), and containing fireplace with stone jambs; The Gables, 3-cell, later 17th-century, a 19th-century school-room with coved ceiling added to back of house; and Grundle House, 1480–1550, with open hall, jettied crosswing, and large chimneystack added to back of open hall. Tie beam in solar still carries original painted decoration.

16 September

All Saints, Great Glemham. Members were joined by the late Lord Cranbrook and his family. Lord Cranbrook's Vice-Presidency of the Institute marked his deep practical interest in the human and natural history of Suffolk, and it was characteristic of him to walk, regardless of the advance of his terminal illness, to the church of his parish to take an active part in the discussion of its record in Domesday Book, its structure and the familiar details of its fittings, the tower and bells, roof, and seven-sacrament font.

Stratford St Andrew's church. No record of church in Domesday but fabric of nave walls evidently Norman. Font too late for baptism of Ranulf Glanville, Henry II's 'eyes' and founder of both Butley Priory and Leiston Abbey—a native of this parish according to Dugdale's *Monasticon*.

Farnham St Mary's church. Norman windows and doorway, but no record in Domesday. 15th-century tower unusual in being built essentially of whitish gault-clay bricks. Box pews. Fragments of rood-screen in need of care.

Snape Maltings, Butley Priory and Burrough Hill. Davy's 1827 engraving of Butley Priory Gatehouse (Pl. XVII) shows what appears to be a blind Norman arch above the heraldic frieze. It was a misleading fake, apparently by the 2nd Lord Rendlesham, replacing, c. 1812–1818, a round-headed Georgian window: cf. engraving of 1812 in Shoberl (facing p. 328) and another of 1818 in *Excursions in the county of Suffolk*. A report on the excavation on top of Burrough Hill awaits the completion of digging.

Norman Scarfe,
Hon. Excursions Secretary

LECTURES

- February 11 At Bury St Edmunds: 'Roman rural settlement in East Anglia: the excavations at Hacheston, 1973-4', by Mr T. Blagg, M.A.
- March 11 At Ipswich: 'The archaeology of Suffolk towns', by Mr K. Wade, B.A.
- November 11 At Bury St Edmunds: 'Roman London', by Mr Ralph Merrifield, B.A., F.S.A.
- December 9 At Ipswich: 'Place names and archaeology: some Suffolk examples', by Mr Norman Scarfe, M.A., F.S.A.

SUFFOLK INSTITUTE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1978

	<i>Receipts</i>	£	£		<i>Payments</i>	£	£
Cash at Bank, 31 December 1977		4,947.64	<i>Proceedings</i> : Vol. xxxiv, pt. 1:			
Subscriptions, Nett		1,766.56	Printing	1,699.00	
Excursions Receipts		30.00	Postage (part)	18.60	
Lectures Receipts		10.25	Vol. xxxiv, pt. 2			
Investment Income:				Editorial Expenses	20.00	
British Savings Bonds, 9½%	95.00		Photography	5.94	
Life Membership Fund	40.49		Postage (part)	50.00	
Bank Interest	188.81		Cumulative Index	58.80	
			324.30	Life Membership Fund capital		1,852.34
<i>Proceedings</i> :				Excursions Expenses		615.00
Sales	259.21		Lectures Expenses		31.50
Publication Grants:				Newsletter: Duplicating and Postage		60.84
Council for British Archaeology	50.00		General Printing and Stationery		129.61
Borough of Ipswich	95.00		Subscriptions and Donations to Kindred Societies		26.61
			404.21	Insurance		41.25
				Office Expenses, Postage, etc.		15.00
				Travelling and Miscellaneous Expenses		55.00
				Suffolk Archaeological Research Fund		6.05
				Cash at Bank, 31 December 1978:			204.73
				Current Account	146.72	
				Deposit Account	749.24	
				Trustee Savings Bank	2,549.07	
				British Savings Bonds 9½%	1,000.00	
							4,445.03
			£7,482.96				£7,482.96

I have audited the accounts and books of the Institute, and, in my opinion, the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the Institute's affairs as at 31 December 1978.

23 February 1979

(signed) D. E. COLYER, *Honorary Auditor*

	£	£		£
RESEARCH AND			EXCAVATIONS FUNDS	
Balances at 31 December 1977:				
Research Fund	204.73	Part cost of Iken Excavation
Excavations Fund	1,000.20	Grant: Burrow Hill Excavation, Butley
		1,204.93	Life Membership Fund capital
Grant: Borough of Ipswich	50.00	Balance at Bank, 31 December 1978
Bank Interest	50.91		
		£1,305.84		442.26
				£1,305.84

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During the year 83 members were elected and, after taking into account resignations, the net increase in membership was 55. The membership of 728 comprised: 468 ordinary members, 151 associate members, 27 life members, 6 honorary members, 76 libraries and institutions.

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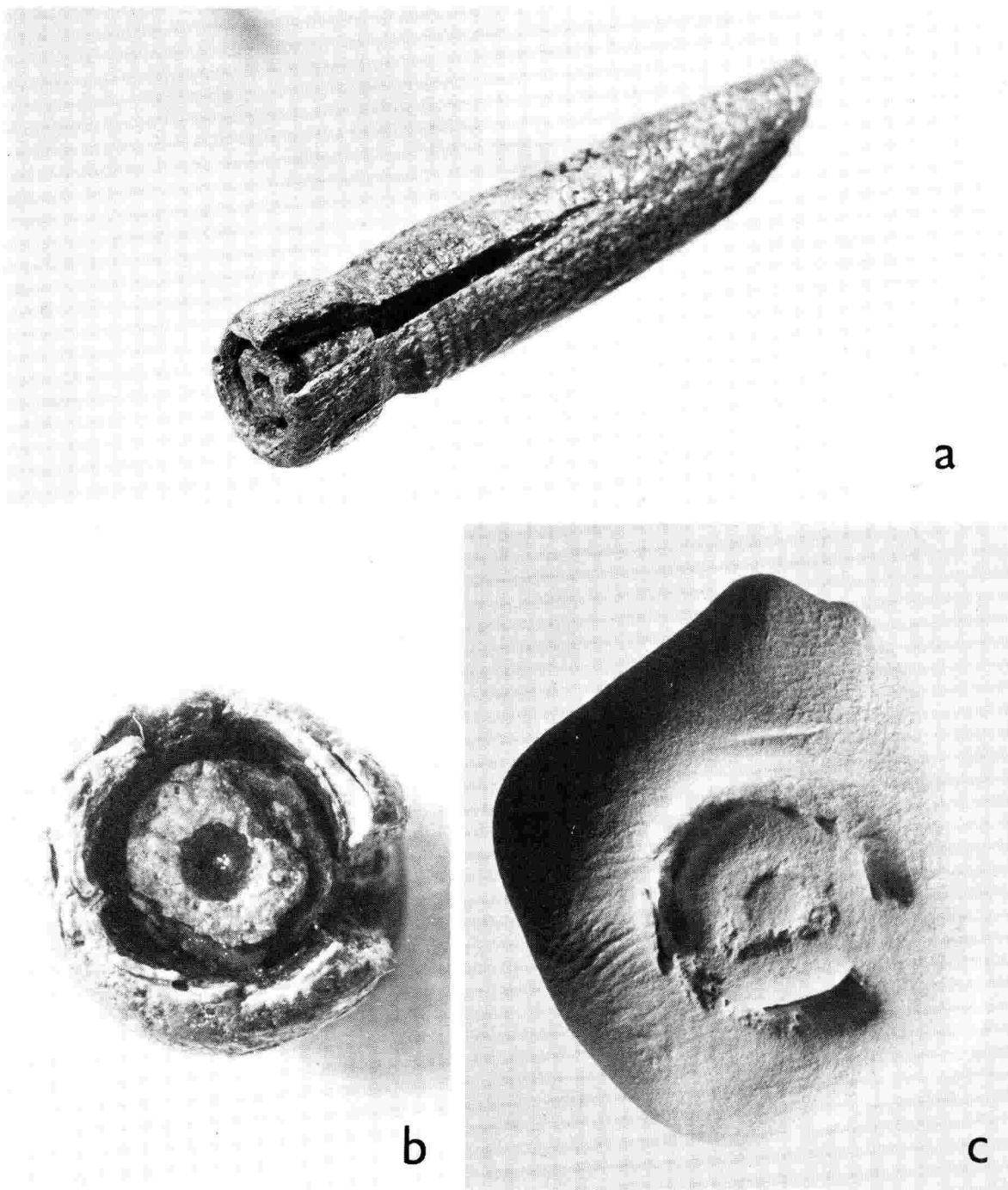
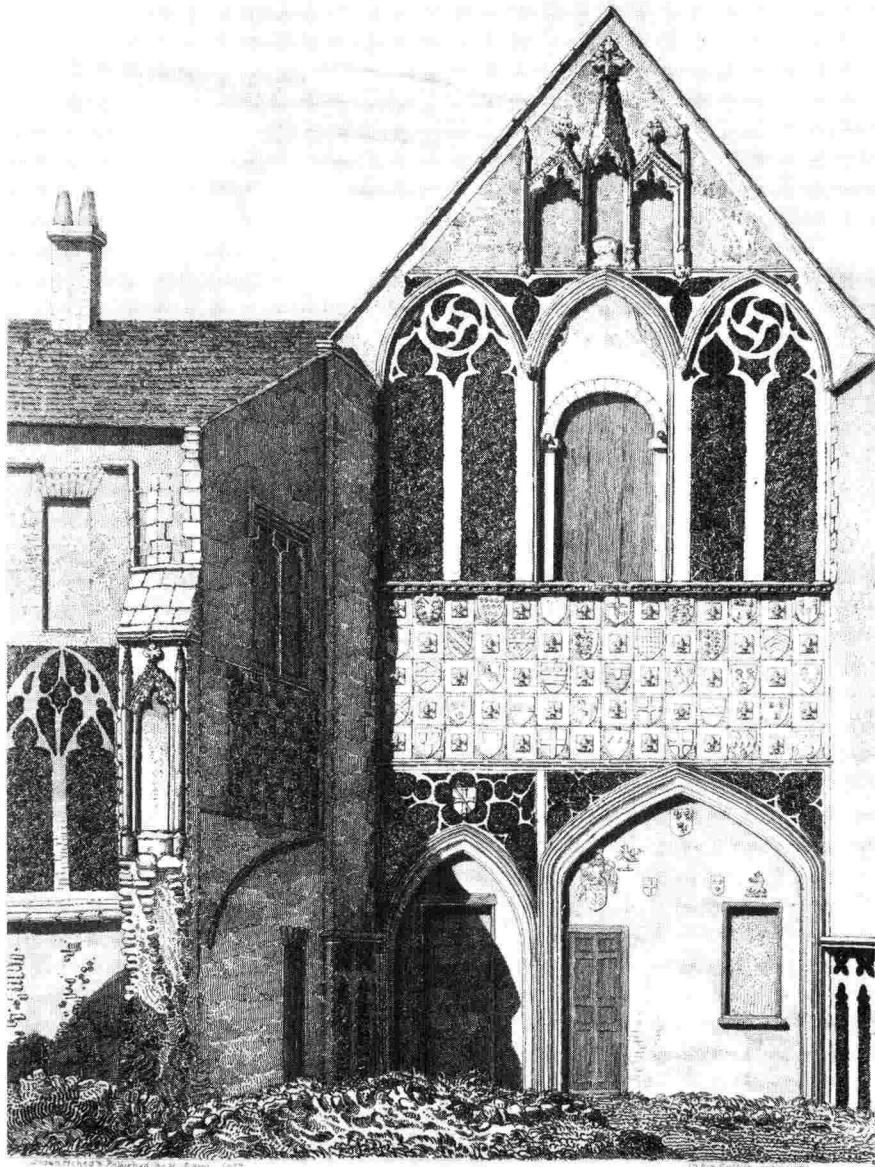


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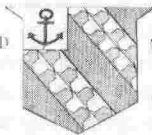
Pot-stamp in Moyses's Hall Museum, Bury St Edmunds: *a*, stamp showing split (2:1); *b*, face of insert (4:1); *c*, impression from stamp (4:1).

Mary Kippen, courtesy of Norwich Castle Museum.

T. BRISCOE



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 by his obed^t humble serv^t H. DAVY.

PLATE XVII

Butley Priory Gatehouse, engraved by Henry Davy, 1827.