

OBITUARY

LESLIE DOW, F.S.A.

Leslie Dow, F.S.A., who died on 4 December 1979 in his eighty-first year, was President of the Suffolk Institute from 1958 to 1965 and for twenty-two years the Honorary Editor of the *Proceedings*, a rôle in which he maintained a reputation for meticulous accuracy and a high standard of scholarship. In 1958 also he became the founder-Chairman and inspiration of the Suffolk Records Society and Deputy Chairman of the Suffolk Records Committee. He was a member of the St Edmundsbury Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches, and for thirty years on the Executive Committee of the Suffolk Preservation Society. Keenly interested in natural history and particularly in bird life, he was from 1952 to 1962 a member of the Council of the Suffolk Naturalists' Society and for twenty-five years on its Editorial Committee. He was also a member of the Council of the Harleian Society.

Leslie Dow was born on 21 July 1899, only son of Roderick Dow and Gertrude Agnes, née Howden. His great-grandfather had established in Oporto the firm of port wine shippers which bore his name, but Leslie did not go into the business, which had passed out of family control. He nevertheless inherited an educated palate and relished the rare vintages in his small but excellent cellar, which he delighted to share with family and friends. Educated at Repton in the headmastership of the future Archbishop Fisher (where he demonstrated an early independence of character by refusing to be confirmed), he saw war service in the Royal Horse Artillery and after the war returned to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he read first medicine and then economics but became better known as a talented steeplechase rider than for academic distinction. In 1922 he went to Ceylon as a tea planter and in 1924 married, in Colombo, Nora Ruth Durlacher. In 1933 he was in South Africa in the tea exporting business but after three years returned to England and settled in Suffolk at Newbourne, not far from his boyhood home at Hasketon. Before the second world war he worked voluntarily in London amongst the Basque refugees from the Spanish civil war; and later for AMGOT (the Allied Military Government in Occupied Territories), UNRAA (the United Nations Refugee and Rehabilitation Association) and the IRO (International Refugee Organisation), in Greece and Yugoslavia.

Leslie Dow was regarded as an authority on many aspects of Suffolk life and history, but particularly on its churches and genealogy. He had a deep interest in heraldic matters and in historical genealogy, reflected in his membership of the Council of the Harleian Society. His own published work was chiefly in the form of notes and articles on heraldic manuscripts, monuments, hatchments and other such matters, published in *Notes and Queries*, the *Proceedings* of the Suffolk Institute, the *Archaeological Journal* and various Aldeburgh Festival *Programmes*. Of special note are his editing and seeing through the press for the Harleian Society (1959) of *Edward Elmhirst's collection of merchants' marks*, and his transcription of the Suffolk Committee book (of which he owned the manuscript) which appeared as part of the volume *Suffolk and the Great Rebellion, 1640-1660*, published by the Suffolk Records Society. His notes covered such subjects as the Howard tombs at Framlingham, Ipswich churches, William Tillotson's manuscript of 1594, 'Heraldic church notes', 'The Rosier family', 'The Savage hatchment at Long Melford', and similar matters. He wrote for the Harleian Society the foreword to Miss Joan Corder's edition of the Herald's Visitation of Suffolk of 1561 conducted by William Harley – a volume still awaiting publication.

It was an expression of his concern for everything to do with East Anglian history that he encouraged and helped Miss Joan Corder, F.S.A., in every way he could in the production

of her work, *A dictionary of Suffolk arms*, published by the Suffolk Records Society, a most useful work and the only such dictionary to exist for any county. He was a close student of the *Complete Peerage* and proud of the complete run which he had succeeded in building up of the *Almanach de Gotha*; he presented the Cambridge University Library with the volumes it lacked, thus enabling it to complete its set at the expense of his own.

Of his heraldic and genealogical knowledge no less an authority than Sir Anthony Wagner, until recently Garter King of Arms, has commented that Leslie Dow was 'very knowledgeable in these matters, well acquainted with his subject, and "no amateur"'. It was characteristic of him to make sure that the utmost use was made, by his friends and contacts, of any fresh material, document or printed reference of unusual interest that came his way and that any manuscript he acquired was deposited in a library where it would always be available. He spent a good deal of the time which early retirement enabled him to enjoy in the listing and transcribing of Suffolk wills in the local record offices.

Amongst his useful work, deposited in the Ipswich Branch of the Suffolk Record Office, are eight files of the most interesting ephemera covering the activities of the Suffolk Institute from its foundation to 1965, collected and most professionally ordered by him. To mark the centenary of the Institute he wrote its history and compiled the composite general index to the notes and articles for the first twenty-four volumes of its *Proceedings* which was printed in the 1949 volume.

Leslie Dow was an imposing man, handsome, strongly built, with a neat pointed beard, humorous eyes and an attractive smile. He enjoyed nothing more than good conversation with friends, liberally spiced with argument and anecdote. He had a strong sense of humour, accepted uncritically the weaknesses of his fellow-humans, and was a good listener, sympathetic and attentive and eager for all kinds of news. He enjoyed entertaining at the Old Rectory in Newbourne with his remarkable wife, a much loved person, full of compassion, gaiety, brightness, humanity, righteous indignation and good sense, who was well known in her own right as *inter alia* Chairman of the Felixstowe magistrates. His down-to-earth common sense, which always marked his advice on boards and committees, was always in evidence, as was a perennial fascination with the quirks and peculiarities of the English language. Leslie enjoyed his rôle as President of the Suffolk Institute and is remembered by its members, apart from all that he did for the Society in so many ways, as having frequently embellished its outings by apt and amusing quotations from the Society's *Proceedings* recording earlier visits of that body to the same locality or stately home, in the days when strenuous cross-country journeys by train and brake were undertaken by the members, 'fortified *en route* by lavish cold collations'.

Thanks to his strong constitution and his wife's care (she predeceased him in 1970) Leslie Dow survived for nearly thirty years the loss of one lung, removed in an operation for lung cancer, and retained his health to the end, being spared the illness and incapacity which he feared. He is survived by his two sons, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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This paper, which had hitherto appeared under one title, acquired its present sub-title in 1979. The amendment was relevant, since archaeology in Suffolk has far outgrown the scope of these notes since their first introduction. Active fieldwork in Suffolk continues apace, and the number of archaeologists has increased considerably. The incorporation of all the new information would be a most expensive undertaking, yet would scarcely serve any useful purpose in the wider historical field.

A second change has also been made to the traditional format, in the provision of abbreviated grid references. This is a regrettable step, necessitated by the growing misuse of metal detectors on archaeological sites. At a time when books are being published to provide treasure hunters with a guide to the best places to look, the provision of full grid references here is a disservice rather than an advantage to archaeology.

All these considerations have contributed to the necessity of shortening this paper and of publishing only selected aspects of archaeological fieldwork in Suffolk. This is not to say that the work is unimportant, but to draw attention to the fact that some aspects are more important than others. It is important that new sites and finds should be well documented and drawn to the attention of local museums and of the Suffolk Archaeological Unit. It is important, too, that their precise location should be recorded, even if not fully published; and that certain finds should be drawn and photographed if not acquired by local museums. In the long run these steps will contribute positively to historical research in Suffolk and beyond.

As usual, information has been kindly forwarded by Miss E. Owles, Moyses Hall; Mr E. A. Martin, Miss J. Plouviez and Mr K. Wade, Suffolk Archaeological Unit; Mr J. J. Wymer; Mr D. Sherlock; and Mr T. Fleming.

Abbreviations:

I.M.	Ipswich Museum
M.H.	Moyses Hall Museum, Bury St Edmunds
N.C.M.	Norwich Castle Museum
S.A.U.	Suffolk Archaeological Unit

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

Aldeburgh (TM/4557). **BA**. Barbed and tanged flint arrowhead. (Miss R. Strobe; S.A.U. ADB 015).

Barham (TM/1351). **IA.**, **AS**. Gold quarter stater of Addedomaros (Mack 270), found in ploughsoil. (T. Marsh; I.M. 1979.26). Hammered silver penny of Eadwig, A.D. 955-959. Obverse: EADWI REX. Reverse: ASMANETH. Two-line type. (Photo at I.M. Retained by finder, T. Marsh).

Barnham (TL/8675). **RB**. Pottery scatter, mainly 4th-century, in ploughsoil. (J. Stamper; S.A.U. BNH 028).

Brandon (TL/7285). **IA**. Pottery, pits etc. found in areas of heath being bulldozed for cultivation. (J. King; S.A.U. BRD 034).

Brandon (TL/7986). **RB.** Large bronze cauldron, containing bronze wine strainer, bronze skillet, bronze-mounted wooden situla. First century A.D. (J. Bennett; M.H. 1979.173).

Bungay, Trinity Street. **PM.** 19th-century bronze lead copy of a medallion of Savonarola found by chance in the garden of no. 7. (P. F. K. Ling who retains possession; *per* D. Sherlock).

Bury St Edmunds (TL/8663). **Md.** 12th-century bronze animal head from censer (M. Taylor; M.H. 1979.288). 13th-century silver ring brooch with inscription A VOS MO TRE PEN (M.H. Retained by finder, Mr M. Taylor).

Bury St Edmunds (TL/8462). **Md.** 13th (?) century, French, bronze corner of book or box, decorated with red, white and blue enamel. Length 6cm. (A. M. Trelford; M.H.1979.2).

Bury St Edmunds (TL/8764). **Md.** 13th (?) century bronze buckle with carved decoration of seated figure, with attendant figure on either side holding lamps (?) aloft. Length 2.5cm. (M. Taylor; M.H. 1979.196).

Cavenham (TL/7670). **RB., AS.** Roman bronze twisted bracelet (M.H. 1979.151). Top of bronze short long brooch, length 3.2cm. (M.H. 1979.175). (Both presented by D. G. Stimson; S.A.U. CAM 011).

Clopton (TM/2154). **RB.** Two samian sherds, one of which has graffito mark)MINA. (G. H. Bye; I.M. 1979.47).

Clopton (TM/2354). **RB., LS.** Pottery scatter, including samian and Thetford ware. (R. Basham *per* L. Elmhirst; S.A.U. CLO 006).

Exning (TL/6263). **BA.** Barbed and tanged arrowhead. (A. Swift *per* J. Shaw; S.A.U. EXG 026).

Eye (TM/1474). **PM.** Iron spearhead, probably of the Civil War period. (A. Kluz *per* K. Wade; S.A.U. EYE 020).

Fressingfield (TM/2777). **RB.** Pottery scatter, 1st–2nd century. (P. Warner; S.A.U. FSF 021).

Great Livermere (TL/8871). **AS.** Bronze ear-ring, diameter 2cm. (J. A. Turner; M.H. 1979.158).

Haverhill (TL/6844). **Pa.** Flint handaxe found in garden (Fig. 43a). (J. Trower *per* B. B. Charge; S.A.U. HVH 013).

Haverhill (TL/6645). **Pa.** Late Acheulian or Mousterian flint handaxe. White patina (Fig. 43b). (K. Kitchener; M.H. 1979.285).

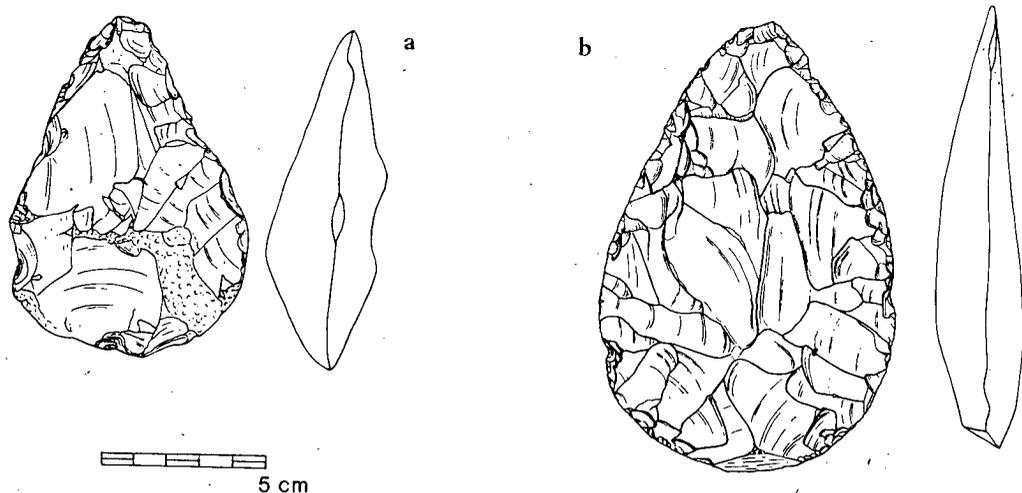


FIG. 43a and b—Handaxes from Haverhill.

- Hepworth* (TL/9875). **Ne.** Brown flint axe, length 12.5cm. (M. Clark; M.H. 1979.130).
- Holbrook* (TM/1636). **BA.** Bronze looped spearhead, length 9.5cm, found in a garden. (R. Brockman; I.M. 1979.134).
- Horringer* (TL/8363). **Ne.** Flint scrapers and flakes. (D. Ridgeon; S.A.U. HGR 004).
- Icklingham* (TL/7871). **RB.** Gilt belt tag, length 3cm. (G. Marston; M.H. 1979.139).
- Ingham* (TL/8571). **Ne.** Flint scraper; cores and flakes. (M. Taylor; S.A.U. ING 006).
- Ipswich IA., RB., MS., LS., Md.* Prehistoric sherds and flints from Cemetery Rd and Vermont Crescent. Roman brooch from Whitehouse Rd. Mid-Late Saxon pottery from Foundation St, Upper Barclay St, Vermont Crescent and New Cut West. A skeleton of unknown date found in Star Lane. Section of corduroy road observed below Westgate St, and timber from it submitted for radiocarbon dating (S.A.U.).
- Ixworth* (TL/9069). **AS.** Fragment of brooch in the form of a bird with blue glass eye and silver gilt interlace decoration. Length 2.5cm, probably about half the original size. (B. Stutters; M.H. 1979.194).
- Kessingland* (TM/5385). **AS.** Dark blue glass bead with marvered decoration. (R. Gardner per N.C.M.; S.A.U. KSS 014).
- Lackford* (TL/7771). **RB.** Fourth-century coin hoard containing 251 bronze coins and 20 fragments, found in and below ploughsoil. Date A.D. 330-360. Also woollen fragments from a sewn container. List of coins and report by Miss Elizabeth Crowfoot at M.H. (G. Marston; M.H. 1979.132).
- Lakenheath* (TL/6780). **BA.** Copper tanged dagger, 30cm long and 3mm thick. (R. Brown per C. Pendleton; S.A.U. LKH 068).
- Lakenheath IA.* Silver coin (variant of Mack 411). (G. Marston; M.H. 1979.143).
- Lakenheath* (TL/7383). **AS.** Top of a bronze brooch, engraved with zoomorphic forms. Broken clasp for pin on the back. Length 2.7cm. (R. Morley; M.H. 1979.286).
- Long Melford IA.* Gold quarter-stater, c. 40-20 B.C. (Mack 64). (Photo at I.M. Retained by finder, F. G. Mitchell).
- Metfield* (TM/2980). **Md.** 14th-century jeton, one side with figure of a king standing under stonework canopy, the other with bold cross fleury. (Rebecca Iles per J. J. Wymer).
- Mildenhall* (TL/7074). **IA., RB.** Brooches and coins, including an Iron Age silver coin (Mack 438), an intaglio of a head in relief on a dark stone, a bronze duck brooch and a head of a lead figurine. (G. Marston; S.A.U. MNL 141).
- Mildenhall* (TL/6880). **BA.** Bronze rivetted knife, two rivet holes, 12.7cm long, butt 2.8cm wide. (R. Brown per C. Pendleton; S.A.U. MNL 159).
- Mildenhall* (TL/6979). **RB.** Hoard of denarii found scattered over about 100 yds. Mainly Vespasian (88), also Domitian (5) and earlier Imperial and Republican coins. (J. King and D. Tilbrook; S.A.U. MNL 160).
- Oakley* (TM/1478). **RB., AS.** Pottery, red tesserae, 105 RB coins (mainly 3rd-4th-century, brooches, rings, two miniature bronze axes and a bronze foot. Merovingian gold coin of Theodobert II, minted at Clermont Ferrand by the moneyer Avibordus, A.D. c.605. Anglo-Saxon bronze brooches and wrist-clasps. (R. Morley; S.A.U. OKY 010).
- Saxham, Great* (TL/7865). **RB.** Scatter of pottery, coins (late 2nd-4th-century) and brooches found in moving topsoil for a hard-standing. (Mr. Parrott; S.A.U. SXG 003).
- Snape* (TM/4157). **RB.** Burnt clay feature exposed by tidal erosion. Pottery also found. (Mrs Harrison; S.A.U. SNP 023).
- Ubbeston* (TM/3171). **RB., Md.** Pottery scatter, including samian. (Mrs J. Drummond; S.A.U. UBB 028).

Waldingfield, Little (TL/9444). **Ne.** Ground flint axe found during sugar-beet hoeing. (G. A. Holdsworth per J. J. Wymer; S.A.U. WFL 004).

Wattisfield (TM/0073). **IA.** Icenian gold stater (Mack 397). (I. D. Savory; S.A.U. WSF 043).

West Stow (TL/7971). **Me.** Flint tranchet axe. (E. Pieksma; S.A.U. WSW 031).

Winston (TM/1660). **AS.** Silver penny of Aethelred II, A.D. 978-1016, sceptre in front of bust. Moneyer Tuna, mint Exeter. (I.M. Retained by finder, A. G. Jennings).

NEWLY SCHEDULED ANCIENT MONUMENTS

The following list is contributed by Mr E. A. Martin. These sites are legally protected and it is an offence to damage or to interfere with them. If any members observe damage or interference they should report the matter to the police or to the Suffolk Archaeological Unit, Shire Hall, Bury St Edmunds.

A.M. no.

- 196 OCCOLD, moated site north-east of Occold Hall (TM 150 708).
- 198 LINSTEAD MAGNA, moated site south-east of Linstead Hall (TM 322 760).
- 199 EYE, Eye Priory Guesthouse (TM 152 740).
- 200 LETHERINGHAM, Remains of Priory, including Gatehouse (TM 268 586).
- 201 WOOLPIT, Lady's Well (holy well and moat) (TL 976 626).
- 202 SHOTLEY, Martello Tower (TM 248 336).
- 203 SHOTLEY, Martello Tower (TM 251 341).
- 204 EYE, barn at Rook Hall (TM 133 727).
- 205 MARTLESHAM, round barrow in Portal Avenue (TM 242 462).
- 206 CAPEL ST ANDREW, round barrow in Tangham Forest (TM 345 477).
- 207 LACKFORD, round barrow called Cuckoo Hill (TL 786 694).
- 208 KEDINGTON, interrupted ditch system west of Hall Farm (TL 702 473).
- 209 BARNHAM, round barrow at Mill House (TL 868 791).
- 210 BRIGHTWELL & FOXHALL, round barrows south-west of Dobbs Corner (TM 236 450).
- 211 ROUGHAM, Roman building south-west of Lake Farm (TL 901 614).
- 212 ROUGHAM, Eastlow Hill tumulus (TL 899 617).