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Once again this is a selection of the new sites and finds discovered during the year. All the sites on this list have been incorporated into the County's Sites and Monuments Index; the reference to this is the final number given in each entry, preceded by the abbreviation S.A.U. Information for this list has been contributed by Miss E. Owles, Moyses Hall Museum; Mr C. Pendleton, Mildenhall Museum; Mr A. Pye, Lowestoft Archaeological Society; and Mr D. Sherlock. The drawings of the axes from Covehithe were kindly supplied by Mr P. Durbridge.

Abbreviations:

I.M.	Ipswich Museum		
L.A.S.	Lowestoft Archaeological and Local History Society		
M.H.	Moyses Hall Museum, Bury St Edmunds		
M.M.	Mildenhall Museum		
S.A.U.	Suffolk Archaeological Unit, Shire Hall, Bury St Edmunds		
T.M.	Thetford Museum		
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

Aldringham (TM/4760). **Ne**. Flaked flint axe, found in a garden several years ago. (F. B. Macrae; S.A.U. ARG 008).

Aldringham (TM/4759). **Md**. The disturbed remains of a skeleton, lying in an east-west grave, were found in a gas mains service trench at the end of the archway between the Thorpeness Almshouses. At least one other skeleton was intact beneath it and there may have been more. These are probably associated with the medieval St Mary's Chapel, Thorpe, which formerly existed in that area. Local residents indicated that the cemetery was quite extensive in the gardens on either side of the driveway. (C. J. Balkwill, I.M.; S.A.U. ARG 004).

Bardwell (TL/9478). **RB**. Scatter of grey ware sherds and tile fragments. (C. B. Drummond; S.A.U. BAR 023).

Bardwell (TL/9377). **RB?** Upper stone of a sandstone rotary quern, found in plough soil. (C. B. Drummond; M.H. 1980.205; S.A.U. BAR 024).

Barham (TN/1350). **IA.**, **RB.**, **MS**. Icenian silver coin (Mack 429) and silver coin of Cunobelinus (Mack 218). Scatter of Roman brooches and coins. Scatter of Anglo-Saxon sceattas, including one of King Beonna of East Anglia (*fl.* 758). obverse BENNA, reverse WILRED (now in the British Museum); a Quentovic tremissis and bronze items. (J. Short, T. Marsh and N. Scott; S.A.U. BRH 016, 018).

Beccles (TM/4391). **Pa**. Acheulian hand-axe, found in dredged material from a marsh drain. (A. S. Pye, L.A.S.; S.A.U. BCC 010).

Beccles (TM/4389). **Ne**. Partly polished flint axe. (J. Lane *per* M.H.; S.A.U. BCC 007).

Benacre (TM/5184). **Md**. Scatter of pottery (?13th century), building flint and burnt clay. (S.A.U. BNC 013).

Boxford (TL/9640). **Me.** Half of a flint tranchet axe and a sharpening flake, found on ploughed land. (K. W. Jarman *per* J. J. Wymer; S.A.U. BXF 006).

Bradfield St George (TL/9159). **RB.** Scatter of pottery, including samian, and tile (M. Baker; S.A.U. BSG 006).

Brandon (TL/7786). **RB.** Pottery scatter. (D. Pocock; S.A.U. BRD 035).

Brandon (TL/7686). **RB.** Pottery, including samian, found in plough soil, also a worn sestertius. (D. Pocock; S.A.U. BRD 036).

Bury St Edmunds (TL/8663). **Pa.** Broken ovate hand-axe, found in garden. (R. H. Ballam *per* M. H.; S.A.U. BSE 049).

Coddenham (TM/1152). **IA., RB.** Contemporary bronze forgery of a stater of 'Norfolk Wolf' type (Mack 49a); also coins of Cunobelinus and the Iceni. Roman coins (1st–4th century), brooches and other metalwork. (J. Short; S.A.U. CDD 017).

Corton (TM/5498). **RB.** Headstud brooch, with remains of red and blue enamel, and knee brooch found on ploughland. (A. Nichols *per* L.A.S.; S.A.U. COR 008).

Covehithe (TM/5181). **Ne.** Flint flaked axe, found on ploughland nine years ago. (Mr Stone *per* L.A.S.; S.A.U. COV 011).

Covehithe (TM/5281). **BA.** Thin-butted bronze flat axe, found at the foot of a cliff. (Fig. 22a). (C. Eickert *per* L.A.S.; S.A.U. COV 010).

Covehithe (TM/5281). **BA.** Thin-butted bronze flat axe. (Fig. 22b). (R. Phillips *per* L.A.S.; S.A.U. COV 009).

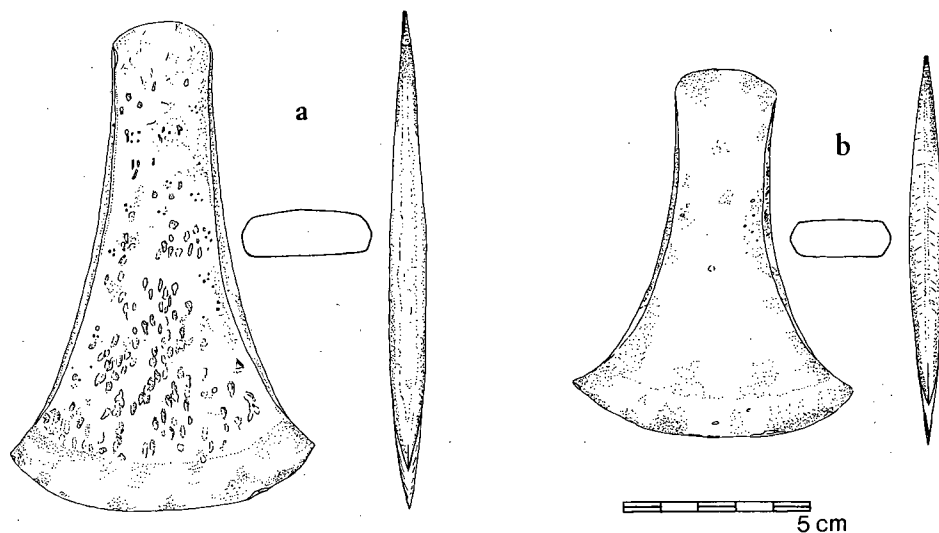


FIG. 22—Bronze flat axes from Covehithe.

Covehithe (TM/5181). **RB.** Concentrated scatter of pottery, including samian (stamp of MACRINVS), and tile fragments, from ploughland. (L.A.S.; S.A.U. COV 012).

Covehithe (TM/5279). **RB., Md.** Tile with impression of deer foot. Concentrated grouping of 14th–15th-century pottery. (L.A.S.; S.A.U. COV 013).

South Elmham St Michael (TM/3582). **Md.** Concentration of pottery sherds, early medieval to 18th century. (P. Watkin; S.A.U. SEL 005).

Elmsett (TM/0448). **Md.** 13th/14th century pottery found in a feature, probably a ditch. (J. Hesketh; S.A.U. ETT 007).

Euston (TL/9378). **Ne.** Edge-polished 'discoidal' flint knife, found in a ploughed field. (Fig. 23a). (C. B. Drummond; M.H. 1980.185; S.A.U. EUN 008).

Freckenham (TL/6671). **IA.** Scatter of flint-tempered pottery. (C. Pendleton; S.A.U. FRK 015).

Gazeley (TL/7064). **BA.** Bronze palstave (Group iv 'Transitional'). (K. Potter *per* M. W. Madden; S.A.U. GAZ 013).

Hacheston (TM/3158). **Md.** Human bones were reported, after ploughing, from a field called Chapel Pightle. Trial excavation of a small area revealed the remains of about five individuals at a depth of about 20–25cm. They had been buried extended on their backs, with their heads to the west. All of the skeletons had been damaged by ploughing and had been further disturbed by a recent pipe-trench. (R. Bowden-Smith and E. Martin; S.A.U. HCH 004).

Icklingham (TL/7373). **BA., IA.** Decorated jet spacer bead (Fig. 23b), pottery, flint flakes, burnt daub and burnt flints found in rabbit workings. (J. King; M.M. 80.42 and 80.43; S.A.U. IKL 081).

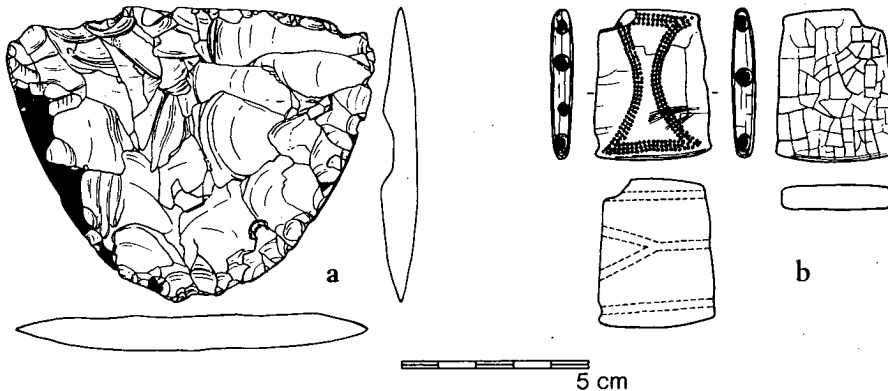


FIG. 23—Flint discoidal knife from Euston and jet bead from Icklingham.

Ingham (TL/7069). **RB.** Bronze toilet set on ring. (N. A. Marsh; M.H. 1980.200; S.A.U. ING 007).

Ipswich (TM/1744). **BA.** Blade of a bronze flat axe, found in a garden. (A. J. Jessup *per* I.M.; S.A.U. IPS 086).

Ipswich, MS., LS., Md. Kiln floor with Mid-Saxon pottery from Union St. Mid–Late Saxon pottery from 13 Upper Brook St and 41–43 Fore St. Late Saxon pottery from 30 Buttermarket and Westgate St. Medieval flint and mortar walls from Cox Lane and Christchurch Mansion. (K. Wade, S.A.U. IAS).

Kessingland (TM/5387). **Me., RB., Md., PM.** Small tranchet axe. Roman pottery (including Oxfordshire ware). Spread of medieval and post-medieval sherds and a spread of cobbles. (A. Charlton and L.A.S.; S.A.U. KSS 015).

Knettishall (TL/9680). **BA.** Broad-butted bronze flat axe. (A. O'Brian; T.M. 979.182; S.A.U. KNE 010).

Lakenheath (TL/7182). **RB.** 2nd–4th-century pottery found in and above a small ditch. (D. Tilbrook; S.A.U. LKH 076).

Little Livermere (TL/8772). **Ne.** Large flaked flint axe, found in a field. (S. Cooke; M.M. 80.2; S.A.U. LML 013).

Mildenhall (TL/6576). **BA.** Scatter of pottery and flintwork. (C. Pendleton; S.A.U. MNL 164).

Mildenhall (TL/6576). **BA.** Scatter of pottery, flintwork and split bone. (C. Pendleton; S.A.U. MNL 165).

Mildenhall (TL/6577). **BA.** 'V'-perforated jet button. (C. Pendleton; S.A.U. MNL 178).

Mildenhall (TL/6580). **BA.** 'V'-perforated jet button. (Mr Bonnet *per* C. Pendleton, S.A.U. MNL 180).

Mildenhall (TL/7079). **BA., IA.** Bronze tanged chisel. Gold stater (Mack 401). (R. Morley and D. Tilbrook; S.A.U. MNL 171).

Mildenhall (TL/6979). **RB.** Bronze casting waste, probably from brooch manufacturing. (Mrs Rains; S.A.U. MNL 136).

Mildenhall (TL/6774). **PM.** Debris from the manufacture of platform gun-flints. (A. Pendleton; M.M. 80.56; S.A.U. MNL 188).

Monks Eleigh (TL/9648). **RB.** Pottery, including samian, and bronze objects. (Mr Green; S.A.U. MKE 005).

Needham Market (TM/0954). **Md., PM.** A section was excavated by machine across a mound *c.* 40m in diameter and 1m high on ancient pasture known as 'Townland' in advance of a housing development. Local tradition has it that the victims of the Needham plague were buried here in the 17th century. The section revealed the mound to be natural. Three pits, cut into the natural subsoil, contained medieval pottery sherds. Two fragments only of human bone were recovered. (K. Wade; S.A.U. NDM 003).

Pakenham (TL/9267). **AS.** Bronze brooch. (A. Moulding *per* M.H.; S.A.U. PKM 016).

Rougham (TL/9061). **Me.** Tranchet axe. (F. Turner *per* M.H.; S.A.U. RGH 015).

Sapiston (TL/9377). **Me.** Half of a quartzite pebble macehead. (C. B. Drummond; M.H.; S.A.U. SAP 002).

Stanningfield (TL/8756). **RB.** Scatter of pottery, tile and tesserae. (M. Baker and M. Taylor; S.A.U. SNN 005).

Thorndon (TM/1569). **BA.** Dispersed Late Bronze Age bronze founder's hoard. (D. E. Gooderham *per* I.M.; S.A.U. THD 014).

Trimley St Mary (TM/2836). **LS., Md.** Scatter of 11th–12th-century pottery, including Thetford ware. (J. Roberts; S.A.U. TYY 016).

Washbrook (TM/1243). **Md.** Human bones found in a pipe trench, from the vicinity of the destroyed church of *Felchurch*. (S.A.U. WSH 006 & 008).

Wattisfield (TL/9973). **Ne.** Polished flint axe, found in ploughsoil. (I. Savorey; S.A.U. WSF 045).

Wattisfield (TM/0073). **RB.** Scatter of pottery. (I. Savorey; S.A.U. WSF 044).

Whitton (TM/1348). **BA.** Bronze tanged knife with a ribbed blade and a single rivet in the middle of the tang. (K. Gage *per* J. J. Wymer; S.A.U. WHI 002).

Wisset (TM/3779). **RB.** Pottery found in ploughsoil. (P. Warner; S.A.U. WSS 008).

Woodbridge (TM/2749). **RB.** Thirty-eight 4th-century coins found scattered on a new road development, probably from a hoard. (R. J. Dolan; S.A.U. WBG 012).

NEWLY SCHEDULED ANCIENT MONUMENTS

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A.M. no.

- 213 ICKLINGHAM, Civil War sconce near Farthing Bridge (TL 772 725).
- 214 FAKENHAM MAGNA, enclosure in Burnthall Plantation (TL 912 761).
- 215 BLYTHBURGH, Blythburgh Priory (TM 452 754).
- 216 REDLINGFIELD, Redlingfield Nunnery (TM 185 706).
- 217 ERISWELL, Galley Hill round barrow (TL 743 779).
- 218 MILDENHALL, remains of dovecote (TL 708 745).
- 219 DENSTON, mound south of Wickham Street (TL 759 538).
- 220 LAVENHAM, iron gasholder, Lavenham Gasworks (TL 918 491).
- 221 BROME, moated site south-east of St Mary's church (TM 146 764).
- 222 OTLEY, moated site east of Otley Hall (TM 205 564).
- 223 FRAMSDEN, moated site south of Bastings Hall (TM 205 577).
- 224 HAWSTEAD, site of Hawstead Place and associated fishponds (TL 843 600).
- 225 GREAT ASHFIELD, stone cross in grounds of Ashfield House (TL 999 682).

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