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Abbreviations:—

B.M.	British Museum
I.M.	Ipswich Museums
L.A.S.	Lowestoft Archaeological and Local History Society
M.H.	Moyse's Hall Museum, Bury St Edmunds
N.C.M.	Norwich Castle 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

Barham (TM/1351). **RB**. 18 coins as follows: (i) as of Vespasian; (ii) denarius of Vespasian; (iii) sestertius of Hadrian; (iv) sestertius of Commodus; (v) third century radiate; (vi-xviii) coins of the period 306-346 (latest certain date). Fuller identifications where possible recorded at I.M. (Found by T. Marsh and retained by landowner, L. P. Scott).

Barnham. **Pa**. 12 worked flints from Barnham gravel pit. From a larger collection owned by the donor, and given by him in 1974 to J. Wymer for presentation to I.M. (D. G. Lawrence) (I.M. 1976-134).

Barnham (TL/8679). **Md**. Silver penny in two pieces. Legend removed by clipping. (W. Newton) (M.H. 1977-396).

Benhall (TM/3861). **Ne**. Partly polished axe of yellow-green flint, found in 1974. Shape as B.M. guide Pl. VIII, No. 11. Length 14cm, width 5cm at blade. (Mr Boast who retains possession).

Bradfield Combust (TL/8858). **BA**. Barbed and tanged flint arrowhead. (J. Drake who retains possession).

Brandon (TL/9786). **RB**. Bottom stone of puddingstone quern. Diam. 32cm. Central hole. (J. T. Gibson) (M.H. 1977-161).

Brantham (TM/0934). **BA**. Hoard, consisting of four complete axes, 11 axe fragments of which two belong to one axe, two joining fragments of a sword blade, 22 pieces of bronze cake, of which three join to form a single cake or ingot. Discovered after ploughing in 1976 in Spooners Field, Park House Farm. (T. F. Goodchild and M. Ely) (I.M. 1977-60).

Buckleham (TM/2541). **Ne**. Polished axe, surface not completely smoothed, one end missing. Surviving length 12cm, maximum width 7cm. (P. A. Ravenshear who retains possession).

Bury St Edmunds (TL/8664). **Md**. Silver ring brooch from the Abbey Vinefields. Mercury gilded, decorated with four almondine garnets set in collets, and engraved with inscription AVE MARIA GRACIA PLENA. Diam. 3.4cm. (K. Warren) (M.H. 1977-947).

Bury St Edmunds (TL/8562). **Md**. Papal bulla of Innocent IV, 1243-1254. Obv., S. PA. SPE. St Peter and St Paul. Rev., INNOCENTIUS P.P. III (PATER PATRIAE). (E. Taylor who retains possession).

Bury St Edmunds (TL/8562). **Md**. Lead seal, inscribed SIGILL' WILL' DE MELDIG. White infill gem or intaglia, prised out. Length 2.8cm. (A. Prigg) (M.H. 1977-944).

- Bury St Edmunds* (TL/8562). **Md.** Coin of Robert of Béthune, 1305–1322. Full reading recorded at M.H. (E. Taylor who retains possession).
- Bury St Edmunds* (TL/8663). **Md** and **PM**. Three tokens and bale seal. Full details at M.H. (B. Stutters) (M.H. 1977–676).
- Bury St Edmunds* (TL/8663). **Md.** Two silver pennies of Edward II–IV and Edward IV, former London mint, latter Canterbury. (B. Stutters who retains possession).
- Bury St Edmunds* (TL/8664). **Md.** Sherds, bones and two tokens from Abbey Vinefields. (K. Warren) (M.H. 1977–947).
- Bury St Edmunds* (TL/8664). **Md.** Bronze stamp bearing impress of Fleur de Lys, for leather-working. Length 4.7cm. (G. Richardson) (M.H. 1977–942).
- Cockfield* (TL/9054). **RB.** 3rd-century coin. (S. Griffiths who retains possession).
- Corton* (TM/5397). **Ne.** Scatter of secondary flakes, some trimmed. Single platform core. Unfinished leaf arrowhead, borer and two scrapers. Pyramid core. (L.A.S.).
- Covehithe* (TM/5280). **Ne.** Small, well-worked spearhead in light brown flint. Squared butt. (L.A.S.).
- Covehithe* (TM/5281). **Md.** Greater part of large 15th-century cooking-pot in grey fabric. Other sherds. (L.A.S.).
- Creeping St Mary* (TM/0955). **RB.** Follis of Diocletian. Full reading recorded at M.H. (Mrs Overton who retains possession).
- Debach* (TM/2554). **RB** and **Md.** Concentrated group of sherds. (R. Pirkis) (Deposited at I.M.).
- Elveden.* **Pa.** Flint handaxe, bifacially worked. Broad butt, short point. Length 19cm, maximum width 11cm. (Canon Peter Binnall) (I.M. 1976–135).
- Eriswell* (TL/7879). **Ne.** Flint adze, length 8cm. (E. Barfield) (M.H. 1977–326).
- Eriswell.* **Md.** Bronze strap union with incised pattern, c. 13th/14th century. Length 6.3cm. (R. B. Hanslip) (M.H. 1977–945).
- Eriswell* (TL/7278). **Md.** Ten sherds, 13th/14th century. (J. T. Munday) (M.H. 1977–834).
- Freckenham* (TL/6672). **RB.** Sherds of coarse pottery including one sherd of Romano-Saxon type with bosses and dimples. (Mr Ghilbert *per* N.C.M.).
- Fressingfield* (TM/2875). **Md.** Sherds, c. 14th century. (N. Evans who retains possession).
- Gisleham* (TM/5086). **Me.** Flint graver. (L.A.S.).
- Gisleham* (TM/5186). **Me.** Scatter of flakes and flaked cores. (L.A.S.).
- Gisleham* (TM/5188). **Ne.** Cutting end of partially polished small flint axe in light grey flint. (L.A.S.).
- Hawkedon* (TL/7952). **RB.** Ten Roman coins found scattered over a mound, as follows: (i) dupondius of Claudius; (ii) as of Domitian; (iii) dupondius of Trajan; (iv) as of Antoninus Pius; (v) dupondius of Antoninus Pius; (vi) sestertius probably of Faustina I; (vii) as or dupondius; (viii) 3rd-century antoninianus; (ix) unidentifiable Æ 3; (x) Wolf and Twins A.D. 330–335. Fuller identifications recorded at M.H. (R. Davidson who retains possession).
- Henstead with Hulver Street* (TM/4687). **Ne.** Light grey, ground and polished flint axe. (L.A.S. Retained by finder, S. Lockwood).
- Hepworth* (TL/9874). **RB.** Coin, antoninianus of Carinus. (P. A. Hammond who retains possession).
- Hitcham* (TL/9851). **Md.** Seven sherds. (L. J. Bull) (M.H. 1977–191).
- Icklingham.* **BA.** Barbed and tanged arrowhead. Length 3.5cm, estimated maximum width 2.6cm. One barb broken. Barbs are blunt and not as long as the tang. (Miss Spalding, who retains possession).

Ipswich (TM/1844) Britannia Road. **RB.** Coin, Æ 2 of Magnentius. Full reading recorded at I.M. (M. Noble who retains possession).

Ipswich (TM/1443) Chantry Estate. **RB.** Coin, denarius of Balbinus. Full reading recorded at I.M. (D. Ottywill who retains possession).

Ipswich Dales Road. **Ne.** A sherd of allegedly Palaeolithic pottery from Bolton's brickpit, Ipswich, was submitted to the Oxford Research Laboratory for thermoluminescent dating. The test was carried out at the request of Dr Paul Bahn, Cambridge, by arrangement with Dr M. Aitken. It was conducted by Ms J. Huxtable.

The sherd in question was found and illustrated by J. Reid Moir (*Journal of the Royal Anthr. Inst.* 47, 1917, Fig. 41), and was associated with a Mousterian flint industry. Both the sherd and a surviving piece of clay matrix were tested (Oxford number 200g 12). The result was a date of 4970 ± 340 B.P., i.e. 3000 B.C.

The sherd appears to be a very coarse example of the Grimston-Lyles Hill series, confirming the claim by Zeuner (*S.E. Nat. and Ant.* 55, 1950, 5-16) that the deposits in Bolton's brickpit were caused by comparatively recent hillwash.

I am grateful to Dr Bahn and the Oxford Research Laboratory for permission to include the result in this note. The implications will be further discussed by Dr Bahn in a forthcoming issue of *Antiquity*.

Ipswich Fircroft Road. **Pa.** Flint arrowhead, fine bifacial working with short haft. Length 6cm, width 3.5cm. Type as B.M. 1956 *Flint Implements*, Pl VI, 5. Similar size, but broader and sharper at widest point. (A. Williams who retains possession).

Ipswich (TM/1740). River Orwell. **Md.** Top part, including handle and portion of rim, of glazed pitcher. Traces of yellow-glazed design on green background. Rim diam. 11cm, surviving height 15cm. (J. Kingdon) (I.M. 1977-63).

Kessingland (TM/5385). **Me.** Quantity of flint implements and cores, including a Thames pick and a tribrach in yellow-brown flint. (L.A.S.).

Kessingland (TM/5285). **RB.** Remains of three roofing tiles. (L.A.S.).

Kessingland (TM/5285). **RB.** 48 pieces of roofing tiles. (L.A.S.).

Kessingland (TM/5386). **RB.** Coin of Constantius II. (L.A.S.).

Kessingland (TM/5385). ? **Md.** Circular lava millstone with square central hole and finely grooved flutes. Diam. 25cm, width 5cm. (L.A.S.).

Lackford (TL/7970). **RB** and **Md.** Irish penny of Edward I or III. Roman coins as follows: (i) antoninianus of Victorinus; (ii-iii) coins of Crispus; (iv-viii) coins of the period A.D. 330-346. Fuller readings recorded at M.H. (C. B. Marshall who retains possession).

Lakenheath. **RB.** Bronze military pendant with traces of niello inlay, length 4.2cm. (M.H. 1977-285).

Livermere, Great (TL/8770). **Me.** Thames pick with white patina, length 18.5cm. Grey flint scraper, 6cm long, 5.5cm wide. (P. Rayson who retains possession).

Martlesham (TM/2446). **RB.** Follis of Maximinus. Full reading at I.M. (C. Wood who retains possession).

Mutford (TM/4788). **Ne.** Ground and polished orange flint axehead. (L.A.S.).

Mutford (TM/4989). **Ne.** Butt of chipped axehead with re-touched edge. Dark brown flint. (L.A.S.).

North Cove (TM/4690). **Pa.** Chipped flint axe of almond shape. (L.A.S.).

North Cove (TM/4690). **Md.** Scatter of 15th-century sherds, bone, teeth, fragment of lava stone. (L.A.S.).

Pakenham (TL/9369). **RB.** Six coins as follows: (i) as of Domitian; (ii-v) 3rd-century antoniniani; (vi) Æ 3 of A.D. 341-346. (B. Stutters who retains possession).

Pettistree (TM/2953). **Me.** Five flakes, including portions of long blades. (P. A. Froste who retains possession).

South Cove (TM/5079). **Md.** Concentration of sherds, 15th-century, including bung-hole spouts and two dark green-glazed corded handles. Nearby place-name Pottersbridge suggests a kiln site. (L.A.S.).

Southwold. **Md.** Two-handled bronze cauldron, height 23cm, diam. of mouth 16cm. Trawled up about one mile off Southwold. (L.A.S.).

Southwold. **PM.** 17th-century chamber pot in red fabric with internal buff glaze. Trawled up about two miles off Southwold. (L.A.S.).

Sternfield (TM/3860). **Ne.** Flint axehead found 1974. Type as B.M. guide Pl. VIII, No. 6. Grey flint, length 16cm, width 5cm at blade. (Mr Boast who retains possession).

Stoke Ash (TM/1170). **RB.** Four coins as follows: (i) as of Domitian; (ii) as of Domitian; (iii) 3rd-century antoninianus; (iv) denarius of Alexander Severus. (T. Marsh who retains possession).

Stuston (TM/1478). Sherds, including mortarium of 3rd/4th century and fragment of flue tile. (R. Moody *per* N.C.M.).

Walberswick (TM/4974). **Me.** Perforated antler matlock. (E. English *per* L.A.S.).

Wangford. **Ne.** Two flint scrapers found 1871. (L.A.S.).

Wenham Parva (TM/0740). **BA.** Barbed and tanged arrowhead. (Mr Rivers who retains possession).

West Stow (TL/8170). **Me.** Tranchet axe, length 14cm; platformed prismatic core 5.5cm long; blade core with faceted striking platform, 10.5cm long; core, 5cm long; two blades 6cm long. All flint. (B. Hatson) (M.H. 1977.183).

Weybread (TM/2579). **IA.** Bronze terret ring, decorated with palmette-derivative design, scrolls and red champlevé enamel. (R. D. Webster) (I.M. 1977-29, purchased with assistance from the Government Fund administered by the Victoria and Albert Museum). See page 137.

Weybread (TM/2380). **RB** or **AS.** Tanged iron knife. (Mr Fish) (N.C.M. 312-976).

Whitton (TM/1448). **RB.** Sestertius of Antoninus Pius. (P. Masters who retains possession).

Willisham Tye (TM/0651). **Md.** Silver penny of Alexander III of Scotland. (R. Skinner who retains possession).

Wissett (TM/3580). **Md.** Horseshoe, stirrup and checkpiece from a bridle bit recovered from a rubbish pit, which also contained pottery, wasters, kiln debris, salt-glazed stoneware, glass and ironwork. Pottery made on site consists of large jugs and dishes, and frilly-based mugs resembling those made at Hinderclay. (I. Armour-Chelu). (M.H. 1977-626, Loan 18).

Woodbridge (TM/2749). **RB.** Coin of A.D. 341-346. (B. Gladwell who retains possession).

Woodbridge (TM/2748). **RB.** Pottery, fragments of roof tiles, incised floor tiles. Coins, including Hadrian, denarius of Commodus, Tetricus, Constantinian to A.D. 346. Other small metal items. Bronze figurine of Mercury or Cupid. (R. Gearing and H. Jeffery) (I.M. 1977-48).

No provenance. **PM.** Large stoneware bottle with 'Bellarmine' mask, type Holmes IX. Height 44cm. Figure 3 stamped below mask. (B. G. Cresswell-Hobbs) (I.M. 1976-77).

No provenance. **IA** and **RB.** Gold stater of Norfolk Wolf Type British J. Silver coin of Cunobelin (Mack, Pl. 16, 255). Nail cleaner of bronze, length 5cm, ring at one end, blade grooved and curved. (L. R. Cross) (I.M. 1977-30, 1977-14, 1977-46 respectively. Coins purchased with assistance from the Government Fund administered by the Victoria and Albert Museum).

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