

## Elms Farm Heybridge

### Area R Features/contexts requiring dating evidence sections:

\* denotes a fully-quantified group

#### Period II

##### Hearth construction 12288

12288*	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GROG
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This feature contained Late Iron Age grog-tempered pottery.

#### Period III

##### Layers 12037, 12047, 12065, 12066, 12068, 12071, 12088, 12119, 12123, 12127, 12136, 12139, 12172, 12173, 12373

12037	<b>Pottery</b> jar G5.5 (GRS)
12127	<b>Pottery</b> fabric BSW

Just two deposits yielded pottery. Context 12037 is reasonably well dated; it contained a jar that dates from the mid 2nd to early/mid 3rd century AD.

#### Well 12245

12245	<b>Samian Other pottery</b> dish B1 (BSW), bowl C7 (GRF) mortarium D2.2 (BUFM) <b>Coin</b> Sestertius (SF 6384) 60-199
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The presence of a D2 mortarium suggests that the well was out of use by the second half of the 2nd century AD. Most of the pottery, including grog-tempered ware, is somewhat earlier, dating from the mid 1st to early 2nd century AD. However, some of this may derive from features cut by the well.

#### Pits 12278, 12282, 12293, 12297, 12295, 12311, 12313

12293	<b>Pottery</b> jars G5.3 (GRS) G26 (GRS)
12297	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GRS
12311	<b>Pottery</b> jars G44 (STOR), fabrics BSW GRS

These features produced little or no dating evidence. Pit 12293 is the best dated, yielding a G5 jar belonging to the 1st and 2nd centuries AD. The G26 jar is attributed to the 3rd century, although its abraded condition suggests that the jar is intrusive here.

#### Gully 12291

12291	<b>Pottery</b> Fabrics BSW GRS
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Pottery dated no closer than Roman was recovered.

#### Ditch 12236

12236	<b>Samian</b> f31 f33 <b>Other pottery</b> dishes B1 (BSW) B3 (GRS) B4.2 (BSW), jar G24.2 (BSW), fabric NVC
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With the exception of a sherd of Nene Valley colour-coated ware, which may be intrusive, 3rd century material is absent. Filling is likely, therefore, to have occurred during the second half of the 2nd century AD, a date suggested by the presence of samian and coareware dishes.

#### Post-holes 12270, 12243, 12272, 12241

12272	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GRS
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These features produced little in the way of dating evidence. While Roman pottery was recovered from 12272, post-hole 12241 yielded residual grog-tempered wares.

#### Post-holes 12224, 12227, 12232

12224	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GRF
12227	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GRF
12232	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GRS

Small quantities of undiagnostic Roman pottery were recovered.

#### Cremation pits 12003, 12006, 12038, 12105, 12120, 12203, 12208, 12219

12003	<b>Samian</b> f18/31 <b>Other pottery</b> jar G36 (GRS) G40 (GRS)
12006	<b>Samian</b> f33 <b>Other pottery</b> beaker H35 (RED)
12038	<b>Pottery</b> jar G40 (BSW)
12105	<b>Pottery</b> jars G5.5 (GRS) G9 (GRS)
12120	<b>Pottery</b> jar G5.5 (GRS)
12203	<b>Samian</b> f18/31 <b>Other pottery</b> jars G40 (GRF) G45 (GRS), beaker H20 (COLC), flagon J3.3 (COLB)
12208	<b>Pottery</b> jar G22.1 (BSW), miniature R3 (BSW)
12219	<b>Pottery</b> jars G29.1 (BSW) G40 (GRF) G45 (GRS)

The earliest burials, dating to the first half of the 2nd century AD, include 12203, 12203 and spread 12208. Burial 12006, producing an early to mid 3rd century folded beaker, was deposited up to a century later. **No – not H35 – a mid to late 2nd C H20.3 would fit the evidence better.** The pottery from the remaining burials, while not particularly well dated, is consistent with a mid to late 2nd century date range.

#### Period IV

12041, 12056, 12057, 12063, 12064, 12075, 12078, 12079, 12104, 12111, 12114, 12115, 12124, 12190, 12061, 12371, 12040, 12048, 12055, 12067, 12089, 12103, 12118

12041	<b>Samian f37 Other pottery</b> dishes B4 (BSW) B5 (GRS), bowl C18 (NVC), beaker H32/H33 (NVC)
12056	<b>Samian Other pottery</b> dish B2/B4 (BSW), fabric NVC
12057	<b>Pottery</b> dish B2/B4 (GRS) fabrics NVC NVM
12075	<b>Samian f31 Other pottery</b> dishes B2 (BSW) B3 (BSW) B5.1 (GRS), mortarium D14.1 (NVM), jar G5.5 (GRS), fabric NVC
12078	<b>Pottery</b> dishes B1 (BSW), B4 (BSW), beaker H32 (NVC)
12104	<b>Samian Other pottery</b> fabrics GRS BSW
12111	<b>Pottery</b> dish B3 (GRS), beaker H32 (NVC)
12114	<b>Samian f31 Other pottery</b> dishes B2 (BSW) B3 (GRS), fabric NVC
12115	<b>Pottery</b> fabrics COLC NVC
12061	<b>Pottery</b> fabric BSW GRS
12371	<b>Pottery</b> dishes B2/B4 (GRS) B3 (GRF), jar G5.5 (GRS), beakers H32 (NVC) H35 (GRF)
12040	<b>Samian f32 Other pottery</b> jar G5.5 (GRS)
12048	<b>Pottery</b> dish B2 (GRS) jar G5 (GRS)
12055	<b>Pottery</b> dishes B1 (BSW) B2/B4 (BSW)
12118	<b>Pottery</b> dish B1 (BSW), fabric COLC

The range of Nene Valley products, well supported by samian, provides an early to mid 3rd century AD date for feature deposition. Contexts absent of strong dating evidence nevertheless contained pottery consistent with this date. Context 12103 yielded residual early Roman pottery.

#### Pits 12020, 12025, 12034, 12022

12020	<b>Samian Other pottery</b> dishes B1 (HAB) B2 (BSW) B3 (GRS), beaker H32 (NVC)
12025	<b>Pottery</b> fabric COLC
12034	<b>Pottery</b> dishes B1 (GRS) B2 (GRF), jar G5.5 (GRS), fabric NVC
12022	<b>Pottery</b> dish B4 (BSW), mortarium D11 (BUFM), beaker H32/H33 (NVC)

The presence of Nene Valley colour-coated ware, supported by dishes, dates the infilling of these pits to the first half of the 3rd century AD. Colchester colour-coated ware, now approaching the end of production, may be residual in 12025.

#### Ditch 12027

12027*	<b>Samian f37 Curle 21 Other pottery</b> Dishes B5.1 (GRS) B6.2 (GRF) B6.3 (BB1), jars G24 (RET) G38 (BSW), beakers H39 (GRS) H41 (NVC)
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A large volume of good quality pottery was recovered. The latest forms, principally dishes and beakers, provide a late 3rd to early 4th century AD infilling date. That the ditch received material after this date is suggested by the presence in the top fill of late 4th century Oxford red colour-coated ware.

12061, 12371 – see gravelly dumps

#### Ditch 12046, 12182

12046*	<b>Samian f31 f33 f37 Other pottery</b> dishes B2 (GRS) B3 (GRS) B4 (BSW) B5 (GRF) B6 (BSW) B10 (HAX), mortaria D11.1 (BUFM) D14.1 (NVM), jar G24 (RET), fabrics LSH OXRC <b>Coin</b> Denarius (SF 4776) 100-230
12182	<b>Pottery</b> dish B3 (GRS), fabric RET

In addition to the late 4th century+ pottery, a larger amount of predominantly 3rd century material was collected from the ditch. This was very fragmented and abraded and may have been redeposited as backfill.

**River channel deposits** 12093, 12094, 12096, 12097, 12098, 12099, 12100, 12101, 12142, 12157, 12158, 12159, 12160, 12163, 12164, 12165, 12167

12093	<b>Samian f33 Other pottery</b> dish B2 (GRS), fabric NVC
12094	<b>Pottery</b> fabric STOR
12101	<b>Samian f45 Other pottery</b> jar G5.5 (GRS), fabrics NVC NVM
12159	<b>Pottery</b> fabric NVC

Only small quantities of pottery were recovered, though generally consistent with a 3rd century date.

#### Period V

**Gullies 25185** (12213, 12352, 12353), **25186** (12238), 12301

12213	<b>Samian Other pottery</b> jar G44.5 (STOR), fabric GRF
12238	<b>Samian</b> Curle 11 <b>Other pottery</b> jar G40 (BSW), fabrics COLC NKG

The presence of Colchester colour-coated ware and samian suggests that gully 25186 was infilled by the end of the 2nd century AD. The pottery from 12213, though not closely datable, is consistent with 2nd century deposition.

**Post-holes** 12011, 12013, 12015, 12017, 12032

12011	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GRS
12013	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GRS
12032	<b>Pottery</b> fabric BSW

Small amounts of poorly dated Roman pottery were recovered.

**Period VI**

**Building 67** (12062, 12082, 12084, 12086)

Cut 12062 yielded residual 2nd and 3rd century Roman pottery.

**Building 86** (12191, 12192, 12193, 12194, 12195, 12228, 12230, 12364, 12365)

Cuts 12191, 12193, 12228, 12230 and 12364 produced residual Roman pottery. 12228 and 12230 yielded the most, over 1.5kg between them. The pottery from the former was very abraded and was possibly redeposited for the purpose of backfilling the feature.