

## Elms Farm Heybridge

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

\* denotes a fully-quantified group

#### PERIOD II

**Ditch 25102** (2004, 2265, 2459, 2464, 2477, 2553)

Only one ditch section, 2265, produced pottery and this is prehistoric in date.

**Ditch 25199** (2400, 2336, 2539, 2864, 2935) / **25194** (2192, 2924) / **25188** (415, 496, 577, 585)

#### **Ditch 25199**

2400	<b>Pottery</b> fabrics GRS BSW
2336	<b>Pottery</b> dishes B1 B2 (BSW), fabric GRS <b>Coin</b> Dupondius/As (SF 109), 1st/2nd century
2539	<b>Samian Other pottery</b> fabric GRS

This section of ditch contained pottery dating to the mid 2nd to mid 3rd centuries, with a quantity of residual material.

#### **Ditch 25194**

2192	<b>Pottery</b> dish B1 (BSW), fabrics NVC GRS
2924	<b>Pottery</b> mortarium D11 (BUFM), jar G26 (GRS)

This section of ditch contained pottery dating to the late 2nd to mid 3rd centuries, with some residual material.

#### **Ditch 25188**

415*	<b>Amphora</b> Dr.1/Dr.2-4 (AITAL) <b>Other pottery</b> Cup <i>Cam</i> 56 (TN), jars <i>Cam</i> 254 (ESH) G19 (GROG), fabrics NGWFS GRS
496	<b>Amphora</b> Dr.2-4 (ARCAT) <b>Other pottery</b> jar G19 (GROG)
577	<b>Pottery</b> fabrics GRS BSW GROG
585	<b>Pottery</b> jar <i>Cam</i> 254 (ESH), fabrics BSW GRS GROG

This ditch section contained pottery dating to the early to mid 1st century AD.

Although the ditch sections would appear to have conflicting dates, there is evidence that the two later-dated sections probably originated in the early Roman period, either being recut or accumulating material into the 3rd century.

**Ditches 625 and 25190** (443, 520) / **25211** (438)

#### **Ditch 625**

625	<b>Pottery</b> jar <i>Cam</i> 254 (ESH), fabric GROG
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This ditch section contained pottery daing to the first half of the 1st century AD.

#### **Ditch 25190**

443	<b>Pottery</b> jar G19 (GROG), fabric GRS
520	<b>Pottery</b> beaker H1 (GRS), fabrics NGWFS GROG

This ditch section contained pottery dating to the second half of the 1st century AD.

Ditch section 25211 contained prehistoric pottery only.

#### **Cremation burial 2379**

2379*	<b>Pottery</b> jar \$ (GROG)
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This feature contained three grog-tempered jars, one of which contained the cremation, and a lid. The vessels provide a Late Iron Age date.

**Cremation-related features 2129, 2181, 2189, 2195, 2196, 2201, 2212, 2218, 2237/2908, 2254, 2332, 2422/2465 2443, 2455, 2490, 2606, 2609, 2672, 2673, 2705, 2906, 2910, 2934**

2129	<b>Pottery</b> jar G16 (GROG)
2181	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GROG
2189	<b>Pottery</b> flagon <i>Cam</i> 165 (CGFCS), fabric GROG
2195	<b>Amphora</b> Dr.1/Dr.2-4 (ABSAN) <b>Other pottery</b> fabric CGFCS
2196	<b>Pottery</b> fabric TN
2201	<b>Amphora</b> Dr.1 (AITAL) <b>Other pottery</b> fabric GROG <b>Brooches</b> Lion bow (SF 96), Langton Down (SF 56, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 237)
2218	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GROG
2254	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GROG
2332	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GROG <b>Brooches</b> Langton Down (SF 103, 104, 117)
2443	<b>Pottery</b> fabrics GROG ESH TN
2455	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GROG
2490	<b>Amphora</b> Dr.2-4 (AITAL) <b>Other pottery</b> fabric GROG <b>Brooch</b> Langton Down (SF 133)
2906	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GROG

2908	<b>Amphora</b> Dr.2-4 (ARCAT) <b>Brooch</b> Simple Gallic (SF 87)
2934	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GROG

Most of the pottery recovered consists of either burnt amphora, burnt *terra nigra* or burnt grog-tempered ware. Most features date to the Late Iron Age; 2189, 2195, 2201 and 2908 are perhaps more closely dated to the late 1st century BC to early 1st century AD, although the brooches appear to carry a first half of 1st century AD date. Only features 2181 and 2195 contain pottery which is not burnt.

#### **Other cremations 510, 537, 559, 581**

510	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GROG
537	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GROG
581	<b>Pottery</b> fabrics GROG BSW

The pottery from these cremations consists mainly of burnt grog-tempered bodysherds, in small quantities, dating to the Late Iron Age. Cremation 537 also contained prehistoric pottery and no pottery was recovered from cremation 559.

#### **Pits 425, 442, 462, 481, 498, 505, 507, 518, 522, 544, 547, 592, 594, 602, 610, 633, 636, 647, 3513, 3518, 3525, 3528, 3543, 3589, 3601, 3613, 3659, 3660, 3679, 3694, 3698, 3780, 3789**

425	<b>Pottery</b> jar <i>Cam</i> 254 (ESH), fabric GROG
442	<b>Amphora</b> Dr.1/Dr.2-4 (AITAH) <b>Other pottery</b> jars G17 G19 (GROG), beaker <i>Cam</i> 112 (TR), fabrics NGWFS GRS BSW
462	<b>Pottery</b> jar G3 (GROG), fabrics BSW GRS
481	<b>Pottery</b> jar G3 (GROG)
498	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GROG
505	<b>Pottery</b> fabrics GROG GRS
507	<b>Pottery</b> beaker <i>Cam</i> 113 (NGWF), fabrics GROG MICW
518	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GROG
522	<b>Pottery</b> fabrics GROG ESH
544	<b>Pottery</b> jar <i>Cam</i> 254 (ESH), fabrics GROG MICW
547	<b>Pottery</b> jar \$ (GROG), fabric MICW
592	<b>Pottery</b> fabrics GROG MICW
594	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GROG
602	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GROG
610	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GROG
633	<b>Pottery</b> fabrics GROG NGWF
636	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GROG
647	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GROG
3513	<b>Amphora</b> Dr.2-4 (ABSAN) <b>Other pottery</b> fabrics GROG BSW
3518	<b>Pottery</b> jar <i>Cam</i> 254 (ESH), fabric GROG
3525	<b>Pottery</b> flagon \$ (CGGLZ), fabric BSW
3528	<b>Amphoras</b> Dr.2-4 (ARCAT) Dr.1/Dr.2-4 (AITAH) <b>Other pottery</b> jars G19 \$ (GROG), fabric NGWF
3543	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GROG
3589	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GROG
3601	<b>Pottery</b> jars G17 G19 (GROG), fabric MICW
3659	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GROG
3660	<b>Amphoras</b> <i>salazon</i> (ASALA) Dr.20 (ABAET) <b>Other pottery</b> cup <i>Cam</i> 56 (TR), jar \$ (GROG), beaker <i>Cam</i> 114 (CAMF), fabrics CGCFS NGWFS BSW MICW
3679	<b>Pottery</b> jar G19 (GROG)
3694	<b>Pottery</b> jar G16 (GROG), fabrics NGWFS MICW
3698	<b>Pottery</b> fabric BSW
3780	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GROG
3789	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GROG

Most of the pottery recovered is grog-tempered, providing a Late Iron Age date. There are a few handmade forms present, plus sherds which are sand-tempered, and pit 647 contained mainly prehistoric pottery. Pits 442, 3513, 3518, 3528 and 3660 are more closely dated to the first half of the 1st century AD, and pit 3525 to the mid 1st century AD. Of note is the deposition of two large jar halves, one inside the other, in the top of pit 3601; this may be a structured deposit.

#### **'Hearths' and 'Fire Pits': 526, 561, 2119, 2135, 2533, 2847, 2905**

526	<b>Pottery</b> fabrics GRS GROG
561	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GROG
2119	<b>Samian Other pottery</b> fabric BSW
2135	<b>Pottery</b> fabrics GROG BSW GRS

None of the pottery recovered is closely datable within the Roman period, although is perhaps early Roman. The pottery from 526, 561 and 2135 is heavily burnt and that from 561 is also sooted. No pottery came from 2533, 2847 or 2905.

### PERIOD III

**Recut ditches 25103** (2008, 2312, 2355, 2879, 2936) and **25105** (2274, 2308, 2310, 2314, 2437) red = these should really be in Periods IV or V?

#### Recut Ditch 25103

2312	Pottery bowl-jar E5 (HAR), fabrics BSW GRS
2355	Pottery fabrics BSW GRS

#### Recut Ditch 25105

2308	Pottery dish B1 (GRF), bowl-jar E5 (HAR), fabrics BSW GRS
2310	Pottery fabrics GRS HAR
2314	Pottery fabric BSW
2437	Pottery fabrics GRS BSW

These sections of ditch contained pottery dating to the late 3rd to mid 4th centuries. There are cross-context joins between segments 2312, 2310 and 2437. Segments 2355 and 2314 both contained pottery which proved inconclusive for dating purposes.

(Both ditch sections should probably be in Period V, too many joining sherds throughout to separate segments out)

#### Recut ditches 401, 418, 422, 465, 553

401	Pottery jar G23 (GRS), fabric BB1
418	Pottery jars G5 (BSW GRS) G23 (GRS)
465	Pottery dishes B5 (BSW) B6 (GRS), fabric BB1
553	Pottery dish B2 (BSW), fabric GRS

These ditch sections produced pottery mainly dating to the mid 2nd to early 3rd centuries. Section 401 contained pottery which may be slightly earlier in date, thus probably residual, and section 422 contained pottery which is wholly residual. (Section 465 must belong in Period V – late 3rd/mid 4th.)

**N.B.** Section 401 (=568=638?); this contained two ?buried-complete, perforated-base jars; ditto for 568. I dated these late 1st century, although the form (G23) is 1st/2nd century in Going, but then I noted that 638 dated to late 2nd/mid 3rd century. I suppose it's possible that deposition of the two pairs of jars occurred later than late 1st, but there is no way of being sure exactly when.

**Ditches 25104** (2225, 2262, 2287, 2394), **25198** (2365, 2431, 2306), **25193** (431, 2161, 2159, 2168, ?2902), **25194** (2192, 2924), **25206** (2913????)

#### Ditch 25104

2225	Samian Other pottery fabrics BSW GRS
2262	Pottery fabric GRS
2287	Samian Other pottery fabrics BSW GRS

#### Ditch 25198

2365	Pottery fabric BSW
2306	Pottery fabrics GRS BSW LSH

#### Ditch 25193

431	Pottery jar G9 (GRS), fabric BSW
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#### Ditch 25194

2192	Pottery dish B1 (BSW), fabrics NVC GRS
2924	Pottery mortarium D11 (BUFM), jar G26 (GRS)

#### Ditch 25206

2913	Samian Other pottery fabrics BSW GRS
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Most of the pottery evidence is inconclusive for dating purposes. Two ditch sections, 25193 and 25194, contained pottery dating from the 2nd to mid 3rd centuries, and section 25198 contained sherds dating to the late 4th century+. There is much residual material and segment 2161 contained pottery which is wholly residual.

#### Pits 410, 445, 2131, 2132, 2171, 2190, 2213, 2926, 3511, 3520, 3565, 3567, 3580, 3597, 3701, 3751, 3769

410	Samian Amphora Dr.20 (ABAET) Other pottery dish B3 (GRS), mortarium D1.4 (BUFM), fabrics NKG BSW
445	Pottery dish B2 (BB2), fabrics NKG GRS BSW
2131	Pottery beaker H1 (GRF), fabrics NKG BSW
2132	Samian Other pottery dish B2 (GRS), fabrics COLC BSW
2171	Pottery fabric BSW
2213	Pottery dish B1 (BSW), fabric GRS
2926	Pottery jar G29 (BSW), fabric GRS

3511	<b>Pottery</b> fabric BSW <b>Coin</b> As, Antoninus Pius (SF 124), 154-155
3520	<b>Pottery</b> platter A2 (BSW), dish B1 (BSW), beaker H1 (RED), fabrics COLC GRS
3565	<b>Amphora</b> Dr.20 (ABAET) <b>Other pottery</b> fabrics BSW GRS
3567	<b>Pottery</b> platter A2 (BSW), dish B7 (BSW), fabric GRS
3580	<b>Samian Other pottery</b> bowls C1 (GRF) C15 (GROG), jars G5.1 (ESH) G3 (GRS BSW), beaker H1 (BSW), fabric CGGLZ
3597	<b>Pottery</b> bowl C1 (GRS), jars G3 (BSW) G5.1 (ESH) G19 G20 (GROG), fabrics NKG COLB NGWF
3701*	<b>Pottery</b> bowl C12 (GROG), jars S (BSW) G20 (GROG), fabrics GRS COLB
3751	<b>Pottery</b> jars G3 (STOR) G19 G20 (GROG), beaker H7 (BSW), fabrics COLB GRS TR
3769	<b>Pottery</b> fabrics BSW GRS

These pits produced pottery mostly dating to the mid to late 1st century AD, with nothing present which is necessarily later than late 2nd century. Pit 2190 contained pottery which is not closely datable and also probably residual.

#### **Cremation burials 43, 554, 557, 564, 572, 2722, 3585**

043	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GRS
554	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GRS
557	<b>Pottery</b> fabrics GRS BSW
564	<b>Pottery</b> flask G40 (GRF), fabrics GROG BSW GRS
572	<b>Pottery</b> fabric BSW
2722	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GRS
3585	<b>Pottery</b> fabrics BSW GRS <b>Brooch</b> Langton Down (SF 169)

Truncation by ploughing has removed most of the dating evidence from these cremations; in four cases only the base of the cremation vessel remained. Burial 572 contained a flask, more commonly found in Antonine cremations and 3585 contained burnt sherds from at least six small vessels, plus a brooch which dates to the first half of the 1st century AD. Burial 2722 contained a single bodysherd. None of the pottery has been burnt, except for that in cremation 3585.

#### **PERIOD IV**

#### **Drying floor 3014/3059/3042/3014 (inc. 3005, 3013, 3014, 3026, 3043, 3052, 3055, 3056, 3057, 3060, 3063) and gully 3063**

3014	<b>Pottery</b> fabrics GRS BSW
3026	<b>Samian Other pottery</b> fabric GRS
3042	<b>Pottery</b> dish B2 (BSW), fabric GRS
3043	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GRS

Most of the pottery recovered consists of small, burnt, and undiagnostic, bodysherds. Context 3042 contained most of a flanged dish, which provides a mid 2nd to mid 3rd century date. Residual prehistoric pottery was present in some contexts.

#### **T-shaped drying floor 2338 (inc.2647)**

2338	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GRS
2647	<b>Pottery</b> dish B2 (BSW), mortarium D2 (BUFM), fabric GRS

Most of the pottery recovered is very burnt, but the forms present date to the mid 2nd to mid 3rd centuries.

#### **Kilns 1618 and 1223 and stokehole 1589 – construction**

1618*	<b>Amphora</b> Dr.20 (ABAET) <b>Other pottery</b> mortarium D11.2 (BUFM), flagon <i>Cam</i> 370 (GRS)
1223*	<b>Pottery</b> fabrics GRF GRS BSW

The construction 1618 is dated to the late 2nd century or early 3rd century AD. The pottery from 1223 is considerably less well-dated, and is assigned to the Roman period only.

#### **Kilns 1618 and 1223 and stokehole 1589 – use**

1618*	<b>Other pottery</b> dishes B2 (GRS) B4 (GRF), mortarium D11.2 (BUFM), jars G5.5 (GRS) G24 (GRS) G25.1 (GRS), beaker H35.2 (GRS)
1223*	<b>Pottery</b> jar G26 (BUF)
1589*	<b>Pottery</b> mortaria D3 (BUFM) D11.1 (BUFM), jar G5.5 (GRS), fabrics HAB NVC

The G26 jar and H35 beaker suggest that both kilns were almost certainly in use during the early 3rd century AD. The pottery recovered from stoke-hole, which included Nene Valley colour-coated ware, supports an early 3rd century date for the main period of use for both kilns.

#### **Kilns 1618 and 1223 and stokehole 1589 – disuse**

409	<b>Pottery</b> fabric BUFM
1618*	<b>Pottery</b> dish B4 (GRF), mortarium D11.2 (BUFM), jar G5.5 (GRS), fabrics HAR COLC
1223*	<b>Pottery</b> dish B2 (BSW), mortarium D11.1 (BUFM), beaker H35.2 (GRS), fabric NVC
1589*	<b>Samian Other pottery</b> dish B2 (GRS), mortaria D3 (BUFM) D11.1 (BUFM) D11.2 (BUFM), jars G5.5 (GRS BSW) G25.1 (GRS) G26 (BUF), fabrics HAB HAX

It is likely that the life of both kilns was short and confined to the early 3rd century AD. The range of pottery from their disuse fills and stoke-hole is broadly identical to that from use deposits, and there is no firm evidence to suggest continued use beyond this date.

**Ditches 25101** (539, 3547), **25106** (447, 519, 634, 3684, 3782), **25187** (058), **25189** (048, 094)

**Ditch 25101**

539	<b>Pottery</b> fabric GRS
3547	<b>Pottery</b> fabrics COLC GRS BSW

**Ditch 25106**

447	<b>Pottery</b> dish B2 (BSW), mortarium D11 (BUFM), jar G5 (GRS)
634	<b>Pottery</b> jar G25 (GRS), fabric COLC

**Ditch 25189**

048	<b>Pottery</b> fabrics BSW GRS
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Most of the pottery recovered consists of undiagnostic bodysherds. The forms present date the ditch fills to the mid 2nd century onwards. Segments 519, 3684 and 3782 contained pottery which is wholly residual, and segment 094 and ditch 25187 produced storage jar fragments only.

**Pits 55, 2103, 2178, 2329, 3507, 3557, 3572, 3574, 3736, 3737, 3796**

055	<b>Pottery</b> dish B2 (BSW), fabric GRS
2103	<b>Pottery</b> dishes B2 (GRS BSW) B3 (GRS)
2178	<b>Pottery</b> mortarium D11 (BUFM), jar G5 (GRS), fabric BSW
2329	<b>Pottery</b> dish B2 (BSW), fabric GRS
3507	<b>Samian Other pottery</b> dish B2 (BSW), fabric GRS
3557	<b>Coin</b> Radiate (SF 168), 3rd/4th century
3572	<b>Pottery</b> dish B1 (BSW), mortarium D13 (BUFM), fabric GRS
3736	<b>Samian Other pottery</b> dishes B2 (BSW GRF) B3 (BSW), bowl-jar E2 (BSW GRS), fabrics HAX NVC COLC
3737	<b>Pottery</b> dishes B1 B2 (BSW), mortarium D11 (BUFM), fabrics NVC GRS
3796	<b>Pottery</b> dishes B1 B2 B4 (BSW), fabrics GRS COLC

Most of these pits produced either dishes or mortarium fragments providing a date of mid 2nd to mid 3rd century. Some pottery present in many of the contexts is burnt. Pits 3557 and 3574 contained pottery which is wholly residual.

[It occurred to me, somewhat too late, that a number of features in IV - and the drying floors of III - contain pottery which obviously (obviously now!) originated in the kilns. This pot, usually mortaria, G5 jars or B2 dishes, dates the contexts in which they appear. It seems possible that this deposition of the pottery could be happening later than the apparent date. If I had noticed the pattern earlier, I would have made note of the contexts, (but then I couldn't have noticed the pattern until it became a pattern). Anyway, Edward is going to be on the case from here.....]

**PERIOD V:** Nothing !? Unless you know better...

[See above.....]

**PERIOD VI**

**Building 69 : 015, 074**

This feature contained a large quantity of fragmentary and frequently burnt pottery, mixed in date and presumably residual. The associated posthole, 074, contained Saxon pottery.

**Post-holes 32, 60, 62, 71, 75, 81, 82, 84, 85, 88, 90, 92** (Those in red are prehistoric, those in blue are now 'missing')  
**N.B. Also Saxon: 35, 66, 79, 89**

These postholes contained Saxon pottery:- 32, 35, 60, 66, 79, 82, 85, 88, 89, and these postholes now apparently contain prehistoric pottery:- 62, 71, 84, 90. Posthole 92 has pottery from all three periods, therefore is presumably Saxon in date.

## Steve's old version:

### Period II

**25102** (2004, 2265, 2459, 2464, 2477, 2553)

**25188** (415, 496, 577, 585)

**25190** (443, 520), **25211** (438), 625

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2212, 2422, 2465, 2606, 2609, 2673, 2705

510, 537, 559, 581

425, 442, 462, 481, 498, 505, 507, 518, 522, 544, 547, 592, 594, 602, 610, 633, 636, 647, 3513, 3518, 3528, 3543,

3589, 3601, 3613, 3659, 3660, 3679, 3694, 3698, 3780, 3789

526, 561, 2119, 2135, 2533, 2847, 2905

### Period III

**25199** (2336, 2400, 2539, 2864, 2935)

**25194** (2192, 2924)

**25198** (2306, 2365)

**25197** (2353, 2930)

**25103** (2008, 2312, 2355, 2879, 2936)

**25105** (2274, 2308, 2310, 2314, 2437)

410

418, 422, 465, 553

**25104** (2224, 2262, 2287, 2394)

**25193** (2161, 2168, 2159, 2902)

**25206** (2913)

410, 431, 445, 2131, 2132, 2171, 2190, 2213, 2926, 3511, 3520, 3565

43, 554, 557, 564, 572, 2722, 3585

3059

3042

3014, 3001, 3005, 3013, 3014, 3026, 3043, 3052, 3055, 3056, 3057, 3060, 3063

### Period IV

**Kiln 1** (I can't be bothered to list these, you know what they are anyway, I hope)

#### **Kiln 2**

**25187** (58)

**25189** (48, 94)

**25101** (539, 3547)

**25106** (447, 519, 634, 3684, 3782)

55, 2103, 2178, 2329, 3507, 3525, 3557, 3572, 3574, 3726, 3737, 3796

### Period VI

**Building 69** (15, 74)