

## Archaeological Reports.

### ROMANO-BRITISH "DERBYSHIRE WARE" KILN SITE AT HAZELWOOD.

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**D**URING the past summer it has been possible to undertake preliminary excavation of a Romano-British kiln site which may prove to be the main source of the late third-century "Derbyshire Ware" recorded by J. P. Gillam in the 1940 *Journal*.

The kiln site is at the south-eastern end of Jenny Tang Wood in the parish of Hazelwood (O.S. 6-inch map Derbyshire, sheet XLIV, N.E. Grid 327469), on land owned by the Strutt estates and farmed by Mr. Slater of Overlane farm. Our thanks are due to the Estate Agent, Mr. Marples, and to Mr. Slater for granting permission to investigate the site.

Considerable quantities of pottery fragments were visible on the surface and their "Dished" rims and the texture of the ware left little doubt that here was a source of "Derbyshire Ware", particularly as so many of the rims were in the form of wasters misshapen in the firing of the pots.

Much of the surface pottery was the result of previous disturbances of the ground by rabbits and ferreting operations, also to some extent, to earlier and unrecorded excavations on the site (a base of Derby Ware found 18 ins. below the surface).

The excavation was limited by the number of trees in the area and the mass of tree roots in every part of the site added to the general disturbance of levels and to the difficulties of excavation. The trial trenches revealed much pottery, about five hundredweight in all. Ninety

per cent. of the rim shapes were of the "dished" type, the remainder were "roll rims". Charcoal was much in evidence and a number of large pieces of the clay kiln was found, but previous disturbance had left nothing in its original position. No small finds, coins or any datable evidence came to light.

The areas of least disturbance were found to be underneath the largest tree roots which had prevented casual excavations. From immediately beneath the large roots six complete sections of pots were found. These will be reconstructed and housed in Derby Museum. The pots are of a good shape but too thick and heavy for the size. The "wasters" consisted of those which had collapsed in the firing and those with large flakes off the side of the body due to air bubbles in the clay.

The evidence so far collected suggests that the kiln had been one of the common "updraught" type, constructed in a hollow excavated for it and the heat supplied through a flue from the stoke hole. It is likely that more than one kiln was in use and further excavations may yield evidence of this.

On rising ground above the kiln area, trenching revealed a small cobbled area with post holes on each side; this we believe may have been the entrance to a potter's hut.

### STONE AGE RELICS FROM THE HARTINGTON DISTRICT.

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SOME time ago the Curator of the Buxton Museum asked me to classify a collection of stone and flint implements obtained from the neighbourhood of Hartington Moor Farm by the late Mr. T. T. Wager who had bequeathed them to the museum. They represent the careful work of some twenty years collecting.