

FWP16

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ODXI/East 1

Catalogue of finds & features

The site was divided into four areas: NE, NW, SE & SW, but later simply called East or East 1. East 1 is the name used throughout this document, although more precise locations will be given where available.

Descriptions of features are as follows:

a) **Feature**

b) **General Find (GF) number**

c) description of finds

d) description of layer

e) depth

f) other information

g) relationship with other features

h) **Small Find (SF) number** & description, including exact position. SFs 600-624 refer to drawn objects whose exact location remains uncertain. These were numbered on 27/01/95, and are linked to GFs where possible.

The Layering

For GFs not mentioned below, see WP2, Underneath the Lynchet.

Layer ①/②

The RB date of the topsoil's cultivation was again indicated by **SF1**, a Manning Type 8 nail, and a Manning Type 1b nail in each of **GF 201** and **GF216**.

Layer ②

GF211, 'Sherds.????????? Brooch'. CHECK

SF3 was a ploughshare fragment. *Length 72mm, width 18mm*. 10' 6" from Peg 3 to 6, 4' 2" North. Iron Age type. Rees (1979, type 1a) suggests a bow ard was used with this type of share. Allen (1967) believes this type represents an unused, generally votive class, but this one appears to have been used and possibly broken (and discarded?) in use.

GF233, 'Pottery. Bone. Nail'. Layer 2, flints, 8" deep. From N2. Nail is Manning Type 1b, *length 60mm, width 12mm*.

SF4, 'Coin'. 33' 8" from Peg 3 to 6, 28' North.

SF5, 'Iron ring'. 14' from 3 to 6, 33' North. An oval ring made from a rectangular bar. two ends do not meet, one comes to a point, the other is blunt.

GF234, 'Pottery. Bone. Nail Flint'. Flinty layer from 6". In N1. Nail is probably Manning Type 1b, although head is missing & shaft bent into an S shape. *Length 70mm, width 5mm*.

Layer ③

Layer ③ is a fine light grey soil with fewer flints & small fragments of chalk

GF375, 'Iron Age sherds. Bone. Flint. Snail shells'. Layer of small flints beneath light brown soil in West 1. Immediately above chalk. A Manning Type 1b, *length 35mm, width 5mm*, came from this GF. Head missing.

Layer ③a was the soil below flints over the forward face of the lynchet.

Layer ③/④

Layer ④

GF256, 'Sherds. Nail'. Nail is Manning Type 1b. *Length 55mm, width 13mm*.

Layer 5 is the natural chalk.

Gully 1

Gully 1 seems most likely to be the remains of the narrow, shallow, flat-bottomed drainage gully surrounding a timber structure, rather than a palisade trench for the outside wall of a building. There is no evidence, however, for its walls.

A small section cut through the northern arc of Gully 1, showed it to be only c. 2" deep. It was filled with chalky soil, probably, silt. A section (NWa) found the Gully was filled with flints and sarsens. In cutting NWc, the Gully was emptied to reveal large flints and rabbit disturbance in its bottom, which here changed from a shallow channel to a 2' deep V-shaped ditch. In area NE the Gully was c. 1' wide, with a shallow straight-sided groove and soil-filled with large flints along it. Here the sharp angle between the arcs of Gully 1 and Gully 2 were noted.

While no finds came from the Gully in NW, quite a lot came from the southern part of NE, especially at its SE end. The end of Gully 1 picked up in SW, 1966, shows a

fully filled filling of sarsens, flint & chalk lumps. At least two possible posts were indicated in SW, which seem to have been removed and the gully deliberately filled in.

GF180, 'Iron pennanular ring', possibly a bracelet. Top filling of Gully, at E end of cutting, top of level 4. *Length 112mm, width 72mm*. Not SF180.

Gully 2

Similar in character to Gully 1, but contained a relatively large amount of debris. Top layer consisted of small flints & chalk in brown soil, over a brown soil layer. A section in 1965 at the NE edge of the cutting showed the bottom of Gully 2 to be 2' below ground level and 10" deep into the chalk, at the surface of which it is c. 2' wide. Two 1966 sections in the NE area showed Gully 2 to have a c. 5" flinty plough soil layer over the Gully and under the topsoil. The Gully 2 filling was a c. 6" dark soil layer with small chalk lumps and at the bottom, a c. 6" layer of soil with daub and burnt clay. A 1966 section of the W face of Gully 2 showed a filling of dark soil with flints & chalk lumps, with another possible gully or pit, dark soil with small flints, cut into it. Two contexts (GF405,408) contained burnt daub and other evidence of burning.

Pits 1, 2 & 3.

Pit 1

Filling of clean chalk, much of it rounded lumps of medium size. A section drawing shows the filling of Gully 1 to be of brown soil with chalk lumps and flints, cutting into the small chalk silt of Pit 1. One sherd occurred in the fresh flat bottom.

GF255, 'Bones'. Bottom of Pit.

Pit 2

Bone finds were lying apparently haphazardly just above the pit bottom. All were broken off at the base of the spine and subsequently damaged by stones in the pit. Fill of dirty soil.

GF239, 'Ox skull'.

GF240, 'Horse skull'.

GF242 -GF245, 'Ox skull'.

GF246, 'Bone frags'.

PH43, **GF223**, 'Sherds. Bones'. Located in **Pit 2** (see plan), outside Gully 1 and under lynchet. Appears to have a flint packing around sides.

Pit 3

c. 5' deep, with sarsens and large flints at bottom, plus a horse skull and another large bone. Top layer was disturbed by rabbits. At c. 1' there was a 3" layer of soil with small chalk lumps. At c. 1' 6" was the c. 7" layer of flinty soil over large flints.

GF231, 'Sherds. Bone'. Filling above sarsen & flint layer.

GF232, 'Sherds. Bone'. Below flint layer to 4' 4".

GF247, 'Horse skull'.

GF248, 'Bone. Sherd'. Below sarsen & flint layer.

GF257, 'Sherd'. 3' 3" below chalk surface. Small joining sherd from above large flint layer.

GF269, 'Shoulder balde'. At bottom.

From site notes it is clear Gully 1 cut Pit 3, which cut Pit 2, which cut Pit 1 (WAM ??). The site notes refer to a deep pit (Pit 3) in section NWb/c which is 'bag' or 'bell-shaped', which is filled with small chalk rubble, dark soil with sherds and a horse skull (**GF247**), large sarsens and flints. **Gully 1** runs through its top and over Pit 1. Pit 1 is the earliest as into its filling is cut Pit 2 on the N. Pit 3 is certainly later than Pit 1 and probably Pit 2. Although the exact relationship is not clear, the sequence is as follows:

Gully 1 & PH43?

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Pit 3

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Pit 2

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Pit 1

However, after careful examination of the original site plan, it is evident that Pit 3 cuts Gully 1, which cuts Pit 2, which cuts Pit 1 (thus reversing the Gully 1 & Pit 3 sequence described in the site notes). The sequence could therefore be:

Pit 3

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Gully 1 & PH43?

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Pit 2

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Pit 1

Hearth

There was probably only one hearth, but it was possibly divided into an earlier and later phase. The hearth area shows an area of sarsen blocks, some of which had been moved, probably by ploughing. It is interesting to note that those not in position lie N, E & S of the centre, but not to the W. *i.e.* not towards the positive lynchet but into the 'Celtic' field.

The southernmost concentration of stones seemed to show a pit, the northerly one contained a large pot. Only a few sherds came from around the stones, most of which are burnt red. A shallow linear feature, perhaps PHs, ran across the N edge of the hearth. The hearth was sunk in a pit filled with flints. The top layer of flints was exposed and lay beneath the sarsens of the surface of the chalk subsoil and was separated from them by a thin layer of dark soil with burnt chalk. More flints appeared below the removed flint layer. At the bottom, to the E., was a fine dirty soil layer with chalk grains & flints, and next to it, to the W., a layer of brown soil with medium chalk lumps. There were few finds. The pit proved to be c. 6" deep. A PH lay to the SE.

The area around the hearth consisted of rotten chalk which may be due to weathering and/or wear.

Porch

The area referred to as the porch appeared in the SE corner of ODXI/East 1 area SE 22/7/65. Layer 3 did not exist in a recognisable form here. A patch of burnt wood was found in remarkably well-preserved condition just in the entrance.

Drain & Sump

A narrow line of flints along the E (? surely West) of area SE was shown to be the remains of a **drain** running towards the entrance. Although apparently irregular, it was c. 6" deep at most and was filled with small flints in places, many of which were set on edge and filled the channel to the surface of the chalk. The interior was of a brown/greyish soil with small flints upper layer with a markedly yellow rotting chalk one (described as 'cheesy') below and around the sides; presumably caused by water seepage.

This ties in, and presumably explains, the depression outside and SW of the entrance. This ditch, slightly to the W of the entrance to Gully 1, had a layer of 'cheesy' chalk around packed flints, with an area of small flints on its eastern end. It was wider and deeper than Gully 1. This is probably a **sump** towards which the drain is heading. As the site sloped southwards the sump would collect surface water, although its position outside the entrance would seem inconvenient.

GF217, 'Pot.', from baulk 1-4 at the western end (of area SE), containing filling of sump.

Ardmarks

No occupation layer *in situ* in the SE corner of East 1 beneath the flints but slight shallow depressions c. 2' apart were noted in the surface of the rotten chalk. These were initially believed to be medieval, rather than IA furrows at first, but later considered to be 'Celtic' field ploughing. Similar furrows appeared in area NE, with grooves running at right-angles to them. Each line was marked partly as a slight groove in the chalk, sometimes emphasised by a line of either small flints or an irregular line of larger ones. They were 'soil-filled' (brown soil with small chalk lumps) and c. 6" in width, although sometimes much narrower.

The areas opened up in 1966 (East, North1 & North 2) to the east were done to pick out the pattern of plough marks. After brushing or trowelling, all visible or probable plough marks were marked on the ground and then plotted objectively. The mosaic built up seemed to show the patterns of two, three or even four ploughings, with the two main ones being slightly at an angle to one another. Plough marks running North-south down the slope were easier to observe. The marks showed up mainly as earthy lines in the rotten chalk, but they also showed as lines of flints, often small shattered flints set on edge. These marks proved to be c. 3" across and at the most. 1" deep. They were on average 9" to 1' apart. They appeared extremely irregular and, being plotted before other features such as post-holes, were presumably later than them. In one or two cases it was possible to note plough marks cutting across earlier features.

Post-holes

Post-Holes in A/East; Areas NE, NW, SE & SW.

The post-holes noted below refer to the numbered post-holes as published in the Third Interim Report, WAM 1966? (see attached sheet). The numbers are not those of the original site plans due to the duplication of post-hole numbers in every area. The numbers in brackets give these site plan numbers and the area in which they were discovered.

PH1 (PH14, NE). No GF. 3" deep.

PH2 (PH2, 1966 Baulk 1-2). Possibly **GF211**, 'Pot'. Brown-grey post-hole fill, at 9".

PH3 (PH?, 1966 Baulk 1-2). No GF. Large PH.

PH4 (PH?, NE). No GF. 6½" deep.

PH5 (PH2, NE). Filling mainly of 'little chalk in brown soil', with 'more chalk in brown soil' in top and bottom corners. 10" deep.

PH6 (PH3, NE). Top layer of brown soil & chalk grains, over more flints, with lower layer of chalk & flints in brown soil. 8½" deep.

PH7 (PH1, 1966 Baulk). Possibly **GF209**, 'Pot & Charcoal'. Fill of post-hole & grey ploughsoil & large number of stones. Section shows sarsens on top, jutting through rotten chalk level (mostly N side) with dark soil filling.

PH8 (PH?, 1966 Baulk 1-3). No GF.

PH9 (PH?, 1966 Baulk 1-3). No GF. 4" deep.

PH10 (PH?, 1966 Baulk 1-3). No GF.

PH11 (PH5, SE). No GF. 7" deep.

PH12 (PH4, SE). No GF. Two flints on top. 4" deep.

PH13 (PH1, SE). **GF261**, 'Sherds. Flint. Bone'. 10½" deep.

PH14 (PH2, SE). **GF270**, 'Sarsen'. 8½" deep.

PH15 (PH3, SE). **GF262**, 'Sherds. Flint. Bone'. 7½" deep.

PH16 (Double PH6a & 6b, SE). PH6a; **GF264**, 'Sherds. Charcoal. Bones. Flint'. PH6b; **GF272**, 'Sherds. Bone'. Flints on top. Filling of brown soil with chalk flecks in 6b and dividing the two. Fillings of both are of soft brown soil only, with small sarsens & flints. **6a cuts 6b**.

PH17 (Double PH2/3, 1966 Baulk 1-4). **GF214**, 'Pottery. Bone. Charcoal'. Filling of PH2 is brown soil with small chalk pieces. **GF226**, 'Pottery. Bone. Charcoal (some utilised)'. From filling of double PH2/3.

PH3 is of chalky brown soil with flints over greyish soil with small/medium chalk lumps. The post is between the two and has fine grey soil under it. A plug of charcoal in PH2 may be remains of a burnt post. Appears to match **PH17** (PH6a/6b), used three or four times and contained remains of post *in situ*. A natural tabular flint

layer was found *in situ* over PH2/3, which had been broken through to make the other two PHs. This band was visible in the side of the other PHs.

PH18 (PH73, Baulk 1-5, SW). No GF. Brown filling, with a few flints.

PH19 (PH2, 1964). **GF183**, 'Miscellaneous finds'. Dark brown soil with small chalk in upper layer. Fine chalk powder at bottom. 'Post pulled out'.

PH20 (PH74, Baulk 1-5, SW). No GF. Brown filling with sarsens on top & flints below. PH 74, 72 & 73 are described as 'fairly deep and more like those associated with the lynchet'. All three between c. 1' and 1' 7" deep.

PH21 (PH72, Baulk 1-5, SW). No GF. Brown filling with chalk over grey brown soil to bottom.

PH22 (PH27, NW). No GF. 10" deep.

PH23 (PH26, NW). No GF. Filling of grey soil with chalk grains. 7" deep. PHs 22 & 23 are joined by a narrow trench (WAM, p.??).

PH24 (PH20, NW). No GF. Chalky/greyish soil fill. 8" deep.

PH25 (PH18, NW). No GF. 8" deep.

PH26 (PH16, NW). No GF. Light grey soil with few small chalk lumps on W side where post was. Chalk lumps in soil on E (packing?). 10" deep.

PH27 (PH7, NW). No GF. Small chalk lumps in brown soil on either side of central post area of brown soil. 8" deep.

PH28 (PH?, NW). No GF. Appears to cut Hearth.

PH29 (PH24, NW). **GF265**, 'Sherd. Bone'. Brown soil with chalk lumps. 10½" deep.

PH30 (PH44, NW). No GF. Light brown soil filling with chalk lumps. 8½" deep.

PH31 (PH25, NW). No GF. Filling of brown soil, grey towards bottom. 2 sherds noted on section drawing. Flint in middle of PH. 10" deep.

PH32 (PH?, Baulk 1-4, SW). No GF, half drawn on SW plan.

PH33 (PH4, Baulk 1-4, SW). No GF. Two small sarsens around lip.

PH34 (PH7, SE). No GF. 8½" deep.

PH35 (PH8, SE). No GF. 7½" deep.

PH36 (PH9?, SE). Possibly **GF263**, 'Sherds'.

Other Post-holes.

In **SE**, one (32' from Peg1 East, 16' South) 4½" deep, the other (40' from Peg 1 East, 16' South) 6" deep. Outside Gully 1. They seem to line up.

In **SW**, under the lynchet (see **WP2**):

PH1. **GF166**, **GF184** & **GF195** ('Sherds'). Appears to be approximately 9" in diameter, with one sarsen and one (smaller) flint on the top. Sherd (**GF195**) lies in gap under sarsen and next to a second flint on top of fine grey soil with chalk grains. The original width of the PH is noted as 4". It lies about 5' south of **Gully 1**. PH1 does not line up well with PHs 4 & 3, nor with PH5.

PH2. GF183, 'Miscellaneous finds'. Dark brown soil with small chalk in upper layer. Fine chalk powder at bottom. 'Post pulled out'. Next to baulk in NW (surely NE, ed.) corner at 13ft (see 1964 plan).

PH3. GF185, GF196 ('Bone') & **GF198** (4" below chalk, 'Chalk flake'). c. 1' in diameter and has two flints on the top. It cut into the surface of 'solid' chalk and contains darker grey soil without chalk on top, west side and bottom, with small chalk lumps in light grey soil on E side, *i.e.* almost sandwiched between darker soil. **GF198** came from darker soil, **GF196** came from the light grey soil. It lies 3' 9" south of **Gully 1** and 9" SE of **PH4** (*i.e.* in line with PH4).

PH4. No GF. c. 1'1" in diameter, with three sarsen stones on top. Described as having 'burnt black on underside'. Contains brown soil with chalk and charcoal flecks. 9" NW of **PH3** (in line) and some 4" NE of **PH5**. 3' 3" SW of **Gully 1**.

PH5. GF197 (c. 3" below solid chalk, 'Flint flake'). 7" in diameter, with brown soil with grains of chalk. Appears cut into surface of 'solid' chalk.. 2'7" SW of **Gully 1** and 4" SE of **PH4**. Not in an obvious line with PHs 4, 5 or 1.

In **NW**, very small PHs drawn on 18/7/1965 plan, (not mentioned above) numbered **2** to **6**, **8** to **15**, **17**, **19**, **21** to **23**. Not in WAM 196???. Probably patches of stones which may not be associated with PHs. Also in NW: **PH43**, **GF223**, 'Sherds. Bones'. Located in **Pit 2** (see section plan), outside Gully 1 and under lynchet. Appears to have a flint packing around sides.

Post-Holes in A/East; Areas North 1, North 2, East

There are 5 PHs in N1 with no numbers.

There are 7 PHs in N2 with no numbers.

There are 7 PHs in East 1 (East of East) with no numbers.

Post-Holes in A/East; Area West 1

PH1. GF388, 'Sherd. Charcoal'. 6" deep, sarsens on top.

PH2. No GF. 3" deep.

PH3. GF421, 'Sherds. Bone'. Fill of PH.

PH4. GF396, 'Sherd'. 8" deep, one flint on top.

PH5. GF410, 'Sherds. Bone. Flint'. Complex PH. Flinty.

PH5a. GF418, 'Sherd. Bone'. Layer 3, brown fill with small chalk lumps. Sarsens and flint on top. 14" in depth. Similar yet separate from PH5b.

PH5b. No GF. Plough soil over large sarsens with brown fill with small chalk lumps. 21" in depth.

PH6. No GF. Sarsens & flint on top, 9" deep.

PH7. GF411, 'Sherds. Bone'. Flinty. **GF412,** '3 tiny sherds'. Chalky fill of PH. **GF425,** 'Sherds'. Layer 3, brown fill. Large sarsen on top. Section shows top layer of dark soil with small chalk lumps over lighter soil with medium chalk lumps with flints & sarsen at sides. 16" deep.

PH8. GF406, 'Sherds'. 11" deep.

PH9. GF416, 'Sherds. Bone'. Layer 3, chalky fill of PH. 6" deep.

PH9a. GF417, 'IA sherds, 2 decorated'. Layer 3, fill of hole. **SF40,** 'Sample of charcoal'. From layer 4, charcoal stump of PH. 21" deep.

PH10. No GF. Brown fill with small chalk lumps. Flints on top, sarsen at side. 5" deep. *

PH11. GF420, 'Sherds. Bone. Flecks of charcoal'. Layer 3, brown fill of PH at 1'. Brown fill with small chalk lumps & sarsens over loose brown fill. 16" deep. *

PH17. No GF. Dark soil with flint packing ? over dark soil with medium chalk lumps. Depth; 15". *

PH18. GF407, 'Sherd. One bone needle, broken across the hole'. PH cut 15" into chalk. Needle found near bottom of PH. **SF622.** 14" deep. *

PH19. No GF. 4" deep. *

PH20. No GF. Light soil fill with small chalk lumps. 3½" deep. *

There are 13 PHs in West 1 with no numbers, ranging from 1" to 11" in depth.

* see also **WP2,** 'Underneath the Lynchet'.

Pits 6, 6a, 6b, 7, 7a & Burials Ia & Ib.

Pits 6a & 6b are from East and must not to be confused with the double post-hole PH6a & 6b from area SE, 1965 (see above).

Pit 6

GF237, 'Pottery. Bone. Stone. Snail shell'. Pit filling of pit against S baulk in East (Peg 3 towards Peg J).

Pit 6a

GF337, 'Bone'. Layer 1, chalk fill of shallower pit at N margin of **Pit 7**.

GF386, 'Prehistoric sherds. Bone. Stone. Flint. Pot TF shell filled'. Dark filling with flints, burnt sarsen & some charcoal in S half of pit. **SF28**, 'Soil sample to J. Evans'. From layer 2; chalk silt in fill of Pit 6a.

GF360, 'Prehistoric sherds. Bone. Burnt sarsen. Dark brown soil filling with flints with some charcoal flecks in soil. From 1' 4" to 2' 6". **SF612**, 'Bone'.

GF394, 'Prehistoric sherds. Stone (sarsen). Flint. Bone. Mineral. Flecks of charcoal. Coomb rock'. From chalky layer 15" to 21" in the S extension.

GF403, 'Complete pot? Stone. Flint. Bone'. Very chalky layer, loose. To pit bottom. Bottom 4" nearly all clean chalk lumps & powder. Small patches of charcoal on pit bottom. Soil & charcoal sample taken. Foetal pig in bottom 4" of fill? with pig & small mammal on bottom near edge.

Section drawing shows layer 2 to be flinty soil over layer 3; grey soil with small chalk lumps & large flints (on E side). The bottom part is divided into layer 4; medium chalk lumps, silt (on E side) and layer 5 (on W side). Layer 5 is as follows; 5a; soil, 5b; chalk lumps, 5c; soil, 5d; chalk lumps, 5e; soil, 5f; chalk lumps.

Pit 6b

No GF. Fill is of clean chalk rubble only. Between **Pit 7** & **Pit 6a**, may be cut by **6a**.

Pit 7

GF325, 'Prehistoric pottery. Bone. Flint. Snail'. Top fill of N half.

GF344, 'Iron Age. Bone. Fossil (urchin)'. Topsoil of S half. A Manning Type 1b nail also came from the topsoil in GF344. *Length 45mm, width 10mm*.

GF366, 'Pottery. Stone. Bone. Flint'. Top fill of E part. Dark soil. Preliminary clearance to define edge of pit.

SF11 (No GF), 'Pottery. Bone. Stone'. Comes from the W edge of Pit 7, 6' from Peg 3, 2" N.

GF424, 'Sherds. Bone'. From section.

GF328, 'Prehistoric rims, bases. Bones'. Layer 2, chalky fill. Jaw with teeth (horse?) came from this layer. **SF34**, 'Soil sample to J. Evans'. from soil with small chalk lumps, large flints & pieces of sarsen.

GF331, 'Flint. Bone. Large section of pot & frog bones'. Layer 3; chalk lumps. Natural silting of pit.

GF332, 'IA sherds. Bone. Frog bones'. Layer 4; dark soil filling with charcoal flecks below chalk lumps.

GF334, 'Sherd. Bone. Frog bones'. Layer 5; chalk lumps under layer 4 from 5' 2" to 6' 2".

GF336, 'Prehistoric sherds. Flint. Bone. Frog bone & rodent's skull?'. Layer 6; below fill & layer 5 from 6' 2" to 6' 7".

GF338, 'Prehistoric pot. Frog bones'. Layer 7; chalk mixed with brown fill under layer 6 from 6' 7" to bottom. **SF33**, 'Soil sample to Mr. Speight'. Layer 7.

Section drawing reflects above information (see Fig. ??).

Pit 7a

GF342, 'Prehistoric rims. Bone. Frog bones'. From the chalk lumps & soil fill of this small pit adjacent to N side of Pit 7.

There are 2 PHs in the S ext. One, 10" deep with a sarsen on top, is NE of **Pit 7**, E of **Pit 7a**, and is probably **GF333**, '1 prehistoric sherd'. From layer 1; the brown fill of a PH adjacent to Pit 7. The other PH, S of **Pit 6a**, is 9" deep, with two sarsens on top.

Beaker Burials Ia & Ib.

In the areas excavated in 1966 (East, N1 & N2) there were six large areas containing filling material which were assumed to be IA pits. Two of these were investigated and proved to contain crouched burials, one of them, Burial Ia (pit 4) was immediately under Peg 3 (not 5 as noted in site book) and was with a beaker. This inhumation was lying with its head to the SE and was facing NE, with the beaker lying on its chest. Beaker was of 'A' type with oval decorations (published WAM 1967??, Fig. 5. Now in Devizes Museum).

SF9 (No GF), 'Bones. Flint'. From Burial Ia, 6' from Peg 3, 6" N.

SF10 (No GF), 'A' Beaker'. From Burial Ia, 6' from Peg 3, 6" N.

SF29, 'Soil sample to J. Evans'. From layer 2; chalk fill of Burial Ib at 18".

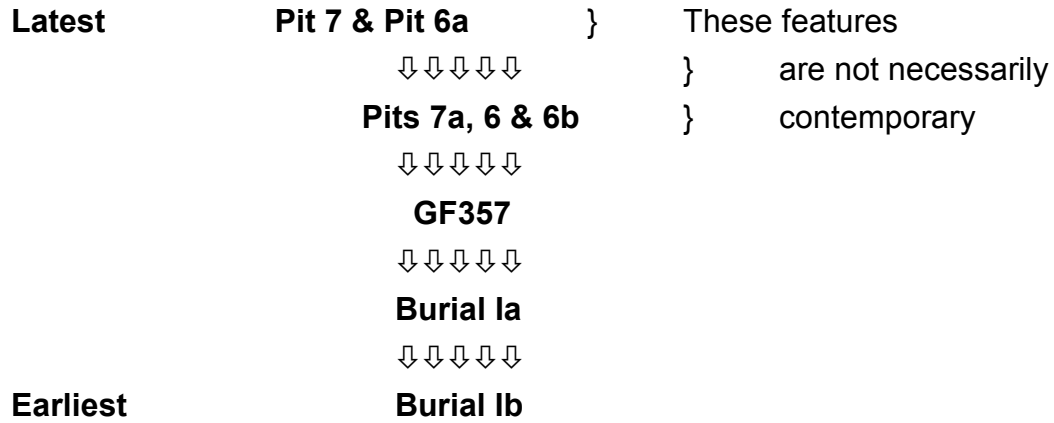
SF38, '1 human skeleton'. From Burial Ib.

SF39, 'Soil sample from below pelvis, retained by PJF'. From under Burial Ib.

GF357, 'Prehistoric sherds. Flint. Bone'. came from amongst the flints on top of burial (Burial Ia) level with top of natural chalk.

Burial Ia cut Burial Ib.

The sequence seems to be:



Pits 9, 9a & 9b & Gully 3.

Pit 9

GF326, 'Beaker. Iron Age. Bone'. Layer 1, earthy fill of pit in N1. Possibly a burial.

GF329, 'Prehistoric pots. Bone'. Finds from filling of IA ditch through filling of pit.

GF343, 'Prehistoric sherds. Bone'. Layer 2; chalky fill.

Two large sarsens on top protruding above chalk were surrounded by earthy layer 1, those lower down, including one large one, were embedded in compact chalky fill, a yellow-grey with chalk lumps (layer 2). The two small beaker sherds (**GF326**) came from layer 1. A few fragments from layer 2, one of which was wedged between large sarsen in bottom and side of pit. Layer 2 also contained a few flecks of charcoal. Depth in chalk 1' 8". Sides vertical, except at E end, where stepped. **Cut by Gully 3.**

Pit 9a

No GF. Packed with flints with two large sarsens in fill - could be packing of a PH. On line of Gully 3. Depth in chalk 1' 3".

Pit 9b

GF349, 'Prehistoric pottery'. Fill of PH to E of Pit 9, but no packing. Sarsen on top. 8" in diameter.

Gully 3

No GF, but could be **GF327**, 'Iron Age. Sherds. Bone'. from an unnamed gully & PH (PH/Pit 9a?). Ran N-S & contained flints as packing?. Cut into chalk to a depth of 8" to 9". Width at bottom; 4". The sections exposed in faces of cutting suggest it may continue N beyond Pit 9a. It certainly continues S. **Cuts Pit 9, on line (does not cut) with Pit 9a.**

The site-book notes that Gully 3 (a possible palisade trench) cut across the upper part of Pit 9.

Pit 10

Pit 10

GF341, 'Pottery. Bone. Wood. Fragment of bronze'. From layer 1; top fill of Pit 10 in NW corner of N1. A sheet fragment, copper alloy, *length 11mm, width 3mm*, is from top fill.

Top fill; layer 1, large sarsen in centre with smaller sarsens & flints embedded in soil. Top fill of grey-brown soil with small flints & small chalk lumps. This, site-book notes, was material used to level off the depression after the post had decayed.

Packing stones; mainly broken sarsens, several had split fragments with flattish surfaces. On E, S & SW the stones were still *in situ*, on E & SW they stood as high as the lip of hole. One of the sarsen is from a saddle quern (or rubber?).

Chalk packing; layer 4, filled the basal angle of hole nearly all the way round. A few small sarsens were also embedded in this.

Replacement material; layer 3, fine, soft, grey-brown soil in centre of pit at bottom, but was too disturbed by collapse of packing to give an accurate diameter of post.

Layer 3, sandwiched between 1 & 2.

Layer 2 (at bottom) was chalk lumps with soil (under layer 3 & flint & sarsens).

Pit top diameter; 2' 8" & 2' 4". Depth into chalk; c. 1' 10".

Diameter of post; c. 12".

Pit 8

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GF330, 'Iron Age sherds. Bone. Frog bones. Charcoal. Bone awl. Bone pointer. From **top** fill of pit. Filled throughout with mixed grey soil, small flint chips & small chalk lumps, with large flints & small to medium-sized sarsens present at bottom. Cut into natural chalk. Diameter at top; 2' 8", at bottom; 3' 3". Depth in chalk; 1' 6".

SF13, 'Ox rib. Articulated leg bones & vertebrae of ox. Metapodials of ox. 3 pig(?) phalanges & pig rib(?). Sherds. Flint'. All from layer 2, at **bottom** of pit (contradicts GF330).

SF610, 'Bone pointer'.

SF616, 'Bone pointer/ awl'.

Pit 5 & Burial II

GF274, 'Sherds. Charcoal. Bone'. From 1965, baulk between East 1 & East 2 (surely N2!). Layer 2; flinty soil. Above burail II.

Pit 5

GF238, 'Stone. Bone. Pottery. Charcoal'. Pit filling.

?GF243, 'Stone. Bone. Pottery. Charcoal'. Pit filling.

Pit fill is chalky soil with flints and sarsens (packing?). c. 2' 6" deep.

Burial II

No GF. **SF72**, 'Legs from Burial II', from 2/3/78, from baulk between East 1 & 2 (East 1 & N2). **Pit 5 cuts Burial II**.

Sequence:

