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29.07.62. 5' N. of Cutting 6k. 6m was 30' in length (NS) by 4' in width (EW). Excavated to open the N. section of pit and to section bank to the N. of House IV (Enclosure A). See Fig. XXX. Compare to Cutting 3 & 3a.

The bank consisted solely of a small flints and soil, with a few sherds, and is thus of a similar nature to Cutting 3. No clear trace of a ditch to the N. of the bank was uncovered. The bank was revetted to the S. and possibly to the N. with sarsens. In the S. of the cutting, three stones which appeared to be part of a substantial revetting around the lip of the pit, were uncovered. Some of this revetting had slipped into the pit. The N. edge of the pit, which dipped steeply S., was clearly defined by a clean-cut chalk edge. This N. edge descended almost vertically at the extreme S. edge of 6m.

The subsoil dipped steeply to the S. and into the pit. The layer beneath the bank was only distinguishable by its relative lack of flints.

Two sections drawn (see Fig. XXX). West face one comparable to Cutting 3 & 3a. S. end comparable & related to pit sections (6k).

The cutting plan shows a roughly circular c. 12' in diameter pit, dug into the corner of Enclosure B (?) to the E. of 6m. This is described as a 'recent pit with loose sarsen chips & flint filling'. Only partially shown on cutting drawing of 6m, although it would appear to cut through the central area of 6m. (CHECK).

GFs & sequence

GF589, 'Sherds. Nail'. Flinty soil in bank, centre of 6m. 5"-15".

GF590, 'Sherds'. Centre, on top of bank.

GF591, 'Sherds. Bone. Iron knife. Iron sheet frag. Nail'. N. end, topsoil with flints. To 15". Sherd later C13th?

GF595, 'Sherds. Iron padlock key. Bone'. S. end, topsoil. 8"-10".

GF609, 'Tile below surface. Sherds. Bone. Iron knife. Iron strap fragment'. S. side of bank, above suspected wall. Clay with flints.

GF611, 'Bone. Teeth. Sherds'. Suspected pit limit, on S. side of bank. Clay with flints & blackened soil. To 17".

GF613, 'Sherds. Bone'. N. side of bank (ditch?) & top of bank. Clay with flints. 15" and over.

GF617, 'Sherds. 2 bones. Charcoal'. S. side of collapsed wall, on S. side of bank. Clay & clay with flints. 15" & over.

GF618, '2 nails'. Top of bank & ground to N. side. Clay with flints. One nail 21'11" from N., 10" from E., 9" in depth. The other; 4'6" from N., 0" from E., 11" deep.

GF697, 'Dog skull'. N. end of 6k from weathered chalk 'silt'. 5'6". Although from 6k, site notes imply this skull is 'from the face of the pit excavated in 6m'. See Cutting 6k.