

## Building 3

Building 3 is often referred to as 'Building 4' (**GF492 & GF510**) and in the 1961 site note-book.

B3 was joined by its south wall to the north wall of B2 and both are seemingly grouped with H1.

Cuttings north of B2 started 6/8/61, labelled t, u, v, w, x, y & z.

It was a stable? cooking area?

At first, the two parallel lines of sarsens which appeared in t & u were thought to be the sides of a trackway entering the settlement area from the NE, but further study revealed them to be the remains of the E and W walls of a further building. The southern wall of B3 just touched the northern wall of B2. Both lay just across the 'yard' from H1 through which the entrance to the enclosure possibly ran.

B3 seems to have been substantially robbed, possibly for other building within the settlement. Only two corners remained in anything like completeness, although the wall-lines were detected by the 'dished' effect at the outside edges of the floor, a characteristic noted on all the buildings, on top of which the wall had stood. It was also possible to detect these wall-lines by a marked edge to the brown soil over the interior. The line of the eastern wall was shown by several flat sarsens resting on a step cut back into the clay subsoil, which had been subsequently covered by flinty humus from above.

The building was trapezoid in plan, being 26ft long on the west and 24ft long on the east. It was 12ft wide internally and the walls, where measurable, were 2ft thick and one or two courses high. Interim Report (111) suggests entrance was through southern half of western wall, although no structural evidence for it remained. No evidence of roofing found. Walls possibly only two courses high originally, with rest of wall being of turf, thus the reason why floor is clayey and has a thick layer of brown humus covering the flinty floor. This humus could also have built up due to animal occupation of the building.

Since B2 & 3 were immediately below the modern surface and the site had been left more or less untouched since its abandonment, the vertical stratigraphy at was not deep and there had been little time for worm-sorting. Horizontal stratification was similarly difficult to ascertain. The finds from below the topsoil may well therefore represent occupation or abandonment material, or possibly later activity. Those finds from the clay with flint, however, being between 8" and 16" down on an undisturbed site, may contain some material from later activity, but most ought to be from the occupation period.

Pottery analysis indicates an occupation phase similar to that of B2, i.e 13th C.

#### **Xfits:**

Xfit24; GFs 459 & 544 cooking pot, all Cutting 4

Xfit25; GFs 454 (on & outside wall of B2), 459, 544 & 546 jug, all Cutting 4

Xfit7; GFs 305, 348 (on top & outside wall of B1), 459 & 845 (4Piii) cooking pot

Xfit5; GFs 332 (outside wall in NWd) with GF314, Cutting 10, in wall foundation.

#### **Discussion**

Horse equipment? ratio

Cooking pots; how many sherd ratio

Is B3 robbed to build MN3 (Xfit5)? Check relationship between 10 & B3.

**GF482** (TWA, 2) may be a decorative fitting, possibly a harness ornament for a horse.

**GF506**, an iron hinge pivot (TWA, 6) for supporting a door or shutter could, in association with the latch rest (**GF544**, *ibid*), indicate ???

3 perforated strap fragments (**GFs 390, 485 & 552**), 1280-1434, possibly from caskets or chests (TWA, 6).

Prick spur (**GF559**) comparable to Portchester Castle 13th-14th C (TWA, 9).

Horse-shoe (**GF510**) is 'Transitional'; second half of 13th - early 14th C (TWA, 13 & Table Finds 13/14).

The arrowhead (**GF506**) is a military one, designed to pierce armour (TWA, 10).

The date of early-mid 15th century for the buckle plate (**GF507**, TWA, 1) would, in the context of B3, appear a little late, unless from robbing. It is clearly contemporaneous with the occupation, however, and therefore ought to be 13th or possibly early 14thC.

**GF544**, iron latch rest (no date, TWA, 6), perforated strap ?binding (no date).

The site produced three post-medieval sherds (**GF363 & GF552**), as well as a medieval or later-medieval buckle (**GF363** TWA, 8) and a rectangular collar (**GF347** TWA, 2). Although the evidence clearly points to the main phase being in the 13th century, it appears that smaller-scale activity prior and after that date occurred.

#### **GFs and sequence for Building 3**

### **Topsoil**

**GF371**, is from the brown topsoil above c&f; 'Sherds. Bones. 2 nails. Small quantity of charcoal'. 9' S and 5'6" E from NW corner.

**GF347**, 'Copper alloy rectangular collar. Sherds. Bone. Teeth, etc' at 3"-10".

**GF436**, 'Sherds'.

**GF459**, 'Sherds. Bones. Glass'. To 6"

**GF486**, 'Sherds. Nails'. 6"-9"

**GF475**, 'Sherds. Bone. Iron'. Topsoil to c&f, inside house. 7"-10".

**GF484**, 'Iron latch? not picked up by TWA'. In house, inside wall. 8".

**GF485**, 'Iron perforated strap frag. Inside house. 10".

**GFs 388, 390, 391, 445, 488 & 501** were Topsoil and C&F (see below)

The topsoil on and outside B3 wall contained **GF492**, 'Sherds. Iron strap hinge frag'. Iron strip object may have been part of a small pinned hinge (1280-1434).

### **Below Topsoil - in clay with flints (c&f)**

**GF363**, 'Sherds. Bone. Iron sheet frag & buckle'. 7"-9", 'clayey brown' soil.

**GF488**, 'Sherds. Glass' in c&f to 8"-10", bones'

**GF388**, 'Glass. Sherds' in the baulk h/z, 9"-14"down, *i.e.* a few inches into c&f.

**GF519**, 'Sherds. Bones'. Humus to c&f. 10"-11".

**GF390**, 'Sherds. Large iron object in NE corner TWA: perforated strap frag'. Cutting z, 11½"down, *i.e.* 3"-4" in c&f; '

**GF391**, ditto, 'Sherds'.

**GF517**, 'Sherd'. 12".

**GF445**, 'Sherds. Glass. Nail'. 10"-16" in c&f.

**GF501**, 'Horseshoes. Bone. Sherd. Iron. Nail'. Topsoil to flint floor, to 1'8".

**GF401**, 'Sherds'. 11"-22", c&f

### **Clay with flints**

**GF482**, 'Bronze object; decorative fitting ?pendant'. SE corner, clay/flints 10".

**GF487**, 'Sherds. Bone'. To 10".

**GF504**, 'Bones. Sherd. Iron object, not picked up by TWA'. 8"-16".

**GF506**, 'Sherds. Iron hinge pivot. Arrowhead'. 12"-14".

**GF507**, 'Copper alloy/bronze buckle plate'. 12"-14".

### **House Occupation/construction**

?**GF544**, 'Sherds. Iron. Bone'. Baulk uy/vz. 16"-17", thus presumably occupation. GF544, iron latch rest, perforated strap ?binding, horseshoe nail type 4. **Xfit 25** sherds.

**GF552**, 'Sherds. Teeth. Iron perforated strap frag. Nail'. Humus over floor. Turf to 14", then to 18".

**GF439**, 'Sherds. Teeth'. Brown soil over flints, inside wall footings.

**GF559**, 'Part of prick spur'. Clay/flints over floor. 16" in depth.

**GF510**, 'Horseshoe fragment; dated 'Transitional'. Teeth. Sherd.' 26" down, in clay subsoil in house

**GF426**, 'Sherds. Slag?'. 2ft down, clay in wall step