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**Catalogue of archaeological material excavated and collected on
Fyfield and Overton Downs, Wiltshire, 1959-98,
as boxed in the Museum of the
Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society,
Devizes, Wiltshire**

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Preface

The material catalogued here is largely from three excavations carried out in the 1960s as part of a project in the parishes of Fyfield and West Overton, Wiltshire. The project, directed by Peter Fowler, was intended to illuminate how the landscape came by its appearance in the second half of the 20th century AD. The work also involved several other small excavations and field survey.

The three main excavations were respectively of an enclosed Early Iron Age settlement (OD XI) and a late Roman settlement (OD XII) on Overton Down (FWP 63, 64); and a medieval settlement in Wroughton Mead on Fyfield Down (WC – consistently but wrongly so-used, standing for the adjacent Wroughton Copse, before it was realised that the field had its own name, Wroughton Mead) (FWP 65).

GF numbers are the 'General Finds' numbers used as the basic recording unit in the field throughout; SF numbers are the 'Small Finds' numbers given AS AN ADDITION to a GF number so that special finds could be recorded more precisely at a particular three-dimensional spot. All SF numbers have a context and associations within a GF number; but not all GF contexts contained material deemed worthy of special treatment and an SF number. All the numbers here can be located in the original Finds Registers which are part of the Archive in Devizes Museum.

This catalogue should make it relatively easy for any one who wished to go from text or, more particularly, the electronic archive where details of finds are contained, to a specific item in a known box in the museum. This document is actually a revised version of a first catalogue produced in September 1998. I thank Paul Robinson and his colleagues for their effort in producing, to my satisfaction, such a catalogue for future workers – including museum staff.

–Peter Fowler 10. x. 98.

FYFOD	CATALOGUE	OF BOXED MATERIAL	BY SITE CODE AND BOX NUMBER IN THE MUSEU WILTS. ARCHAEOLOG. SOC., DEVIZES, WILT
New box No.	Old No.	Site	Contents
3000	1	ODXI	Unworked Animal Bone
3001	2	ODXI + ODX	Unworked Animal Bone
3002	3	ODXI	Ox Skull Sherds
3003	4	ODXI	A human bone assemblage excavated from Bur
3004	5	ODXI	A human bone assemblage excavated from Buri
3005	6	ODXI	A human bone assemblage excavated from Buri
3006	7	ODXI	A human skull excavated from Burial IB
3007	8	ODXI	A human bone assemblage excavated from Burial II a deposit sample
3008	9	ODXI	Worked and/or burnt flint, worked stone, an assortment of bone and small pottery sherds
3009	10	ODXI	Undecorated pottery sherds (GF 2-215)
3010	11	ODXI	Undecorated pottery sherds (GF 216-249)
3011	12	ODXI	Undecorated pottery sherds (GF 250-364)
3012	13	ODXI	Undecorated pottery sherds (GF 366-428)
3013	14	ODXI	Undecorated pottery sherds (GF 429-471)
3014	15	ODXI	Undecorated pottery sherds (GF 472-563 + SFs 16,60,11,195) and sample finds
3015	16	ODXI	Undecorated and decorated pottery sherds with fabric unidentified artefacts
3016	17	ODXI	Pottery sherds (All GFs)
3017	18	ODXI	Sarsen stone, (GFs 22-530 + SF11 + PH17)
3018	19	ODXI	Miscellaneous artefacts and ecofacts including iron pyrites, stone, stone fossils, worked stone and chalk, coal and pebbles
3019	20	ODXI	Worked animal bone (All GFs+SFs)
3020	21	ODXI	Fired clay samples, tiles daub, and unidentified artefacts - All GFs + SFs)
3021	22	ODXI	Unanalysed charcoal samples
3022	23	ODXI	Analysed Charcoal samples
3023	24	ODXI+XII	Sorted and identified sets of Mollusca sample
3024	25	ODXI	Unsorted Sample Residues and Flots

3025	26	ODX	Sorted and identified sets of Mollusca sample
3026	27	ODX	Sorted and identified sets of Mollusca sample
3027	28	ODXII	Unworked antler (GFs 184, 234)
3028	29	ODXII	Human? and animal bone (GFs 15-264+SC/E 9)
3029	30	ODXII	CBM, tile and an unidentified artefact type (GFs 2)
3030	31	ODXII	CBM and tile sherds (GFs 80-169)
3031	32	ODXII	CBM and tile sherds (GFs 100-321)
3032	33	ODXII	Unstratified and unmarked CBM and tile (SF 4)
3033	34	ODXII	CBM, burnt clay, fired clay, daub and cob (All G)
3034	35	ODXII	Worked flint (All GFs)
3035	36	ODXII	Illustrated + plain glass vessels sherds (All GFs+)
3036	37	ODXII	Pottery sherds from Building I (GFs 7-30)
3037	38	ODXII	Pottery sherds from Building I (GFs 37-130)
3038	39	ODXII	Pottery sherds from Building I (GFs 134-156) Building (GFs 1-32)
3039	40	ODXII	Pottery sherds from Building I: Layer I (GFs 33- and Layer II (GFs 19-45)
3040	41	ODXII	Pottery sherds from Building II: Layer II (GFs 46
3041	42	ODXII	Pottery sherds from Building II: Layer II (GFs 90-
3042	43	ODXII	Pottery sherds from Building II: Layer II (GFs 128 Layer III (GFs 1-35) including others
3043	44	ODXII	Pottery sherds from Building II: Layer III and others (GI
3044	45	ODXII	Pottery sherds from Building III: Layer I (GFs 253
3045	46	ODXII	Pottery sherds from Building III: Layer II (GFs 259
3046	147	ODXII	Pottery sherds from Building III: Layer II (GFs 275 and Layer III (GFs 265-312)
3047	48	ODXII	Pottery sherds from Building III: Layer III (GFs 314 and Building IV: Layer I (GFs 157-317)
3048	49	ODXII	Pottery sherds from Building IV: Layer II (GFs 161
3049	50	ODXII	Pottery sherds from Building IV: Layer II (GFs 175
3050	51	ODXII	Pottery sherds from Building IV: Layer II (GFs 232
3051	52	ODXII	Pottery sherds from Building IV: Layer II (GFs 296 and other contexts (GFs 166-209)
3052	53	ODXII	Pottery sherds from Building IV: separate conte (GFs 212-15) and unstratified unassigned pottery sherc

			481)
3053	54	ODXII	Unstratified pottery sherds
3054	55	ODXII	Plain and illustrated pottery sherds (pot numbers. 1-34)
3055	56	ODXII	Plain and illustrated pottery sherds and nearly complete pottery ware (pot fabric series 35-57)
3056	57	ODXII	Plain and decorated Samian pottery sherds (All GFs: Pot fabric series 2, 61, 370, 286)
3057	58	ODXII	Sarsen stone and tile (GFs 28-160)
3058	59	ODXII	Stone tiles and querns (GFs 12-123)
3059	60	ODXII	Stone tiles and querns (GFs 155-321)
3060	61	ODXII	Stone tiles (GF 93)
3061	62	ODXII	Stone tiles and querns (GF 129)
3062	63	ODXII	Stone tiles (GF 132)
3063	64	ODXII	Two large stone quern sherds (GFs 145, 242)
3064	65	ODXII	Limestone and chalk samples. Fabric series 3 (GFs 134, 139, 145)
3065	66	ODXII	Miscellaneous artefacts and ecofacts including stone stone, whetstone, illustrated stone, miscellaneous st unstratified stone (GF 29-357 + SFs 253, 370)
3066	67	ODXII	Miscellaneous artefacts including glass beads, worked ceramic counters (All GFs +SFs)
3067	68	ODXII	Miscellaneous artefacts including charcoal, coal and sh Oyster shell samples (All GFs)
3068	69	ODXII	Iron nails, typed but unstratified
3069	70	ODXII	
3070	71	ODXII	Iron nails, typed but unstratified
3071	72	Wroughton Copse (WC)	Animal bone, fish bone and oyster shell samples (All GFs)
3072	73	WC	Glass sherds (All GFs)
3073	74	WC	Pottery sherds (GF1-89)
3074	75	WC	Pottery sherds (GF 90-129)
3075	76	WC	Pottery sherds (GF 130-159)
3076	77	WC	Pottery sherds (GF 162-193)
3077	78	WC	Pottery sherds (GF 194-237)

3078	79	WC	Pottery sherds (GF 244-328)
3079	80	WC	Pottery sherds (GF 332-398)
3080	81	WC	Pottery sherds (GF 400-499)
3081	82	WC	Pottery sherds (GF 500-552)
3082	83	WC	Pottery sherds (GF 553-602)
3083	84	WC	Pottery sherds (GF 605-659)
3084	85	WC	Pottery sherds (GF 663-764)
3085	86	WC	Pottery sherds (GF 800-824)
3086	87	WC	Pottery sherds (GF 825-856)
(3113)	88	WC	Pottery sherds (GF 858-951) and unstratified pottery sherds Illustrated pottery vessels
3087	88A	WC	Pottery sherds (fabric series d)
(3114)	88B	WC	Miscellaneous artefacts including stone, flint, brick, CBM, coal and clay pipes (All GFs)
3088	89	WC	Snails shells and nutshells (All GFs)
3089	90	WC	All samples of unanalysed charcoal
3090	91	WC	Samples of unanalysed charcoal
3091	92	WC	Unsorted sample residues and flots 2000+3000
3092	93	WC	Pottery sherds
3093	94	Derring III	Stone (All GFs)
3094	95	OD II + OD X	Sample residues and snail shells (ODX)
3095	96	OD II + III + X	Miscellaneous finds including animal bone, iron nails, pottery sherds, flint and fired clay
3096	97	Fyfield Lychet	Fieldwalking 1963/4. Miscellaneous finds including pottery sherds, flint CBM, glass and antler
3097	98	OD	?
3098	99	Derring III	Worked flint
3099	100	OD II + III	Miscellaneous flints including pottery sherds, flint, iron, CBM, stone and bone
3100	101	OD I	Field walking 1961+1963. Miscellaneous finds including pottery sherds, flints and fired clay
3101	102	OD	Miscellaneous finds including pottery, CBM, glass, flint and iron
3102	103	OD	Some illustrated iron objects (All GFs and SFs) and some illustrated and conserved copper ally (All GFs and SFs)
3103	104	OD XI	

			Some illustrated iron objects (All GFs + SFs) including nails, cleats and some conserved and illustrated copper alloy (GFs + SFs)
3104	105	OD XII	Copper alloy (SFs 4-341 and GF17)
			Plain and illustrated copper alloy (All GFs and SFs)
3105	106	OD XII	Conserved iron (GF 1-235)
3106	107	WC	Conserved iron (GFs / SFs 237-907)
3107	108	WC	Plain and illustrated iron objects
3108	109	WC	(GFs+SFs 2-363)
3109	110	WC	Plain and illustrated iron objects
			(GFs+SFs 411-909)
3110	111	WC	Unconserved iron - not nails (GFs/SFs 55-905)
			Unconserved iron nails (All GFs/SFs)
3111	112	WC	
3112	113	WC	