

Wroughton Mead Archive

The B3 Complex - Cutting 4 - General Finds and Features

Below Topsoil - in clay with flints. ?Utilisation/post-utilisation

- 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, Sherds, found with GF390.
GF401, Sherds. 11"-22", c&f
GF517, Sherd. 12".
GF445, Sherds. Glass. Nail. 10"-16" in c&f.
GF482, Bronze object; decorative fitting, horse ?pendant. SE corner, clay/flints 10".
GF487, Sherds. Bone. To 10".
GF501, Horseshoes (not in TWA Report). Bone. Sherd. Iron. Nail (not in Report). Topsoil to flint floor, to 18".
GF504, Bones. Sherd. Iron object, not in TWA Report. 8"-16".
GF506, Sherds, 1 RB. Iron hinge pivot. C11-C14 armour-piercing arrowhead (TWA, 10 & 15). 12"-14".
GF507, Copper alloy/bronze buckle plate. c.1400-1450. 12"-14".
?GF544, Sherds, 1 MG. Iron. Bone. Baulk uy/vz. 16"-17", thus presumably occupation. Iron latch rest & perforated strap ?binding. Horseshoe nail type 4. **Xfits 24 & 25**.
GF545, cu alloy buckle frame, C18th?/ post-medieval (TWA, 1). Found with above, although not certain exact position.
GF552, Sherds, 1 PMS. Teeth. Iron perforated strap frag. Nail type 4. Humus over floor. Turf to 14", then to 18".
GF439, Sherds. Teeth. Brown soil over flints, inside wall footings.
GF559, Part of prick spur, C13-14. Clay/flints over floor. 16" in depth.
GF510, Horseshoe fragment; Transitional. Teeth. Sherd. 26" down, in clay subsoil in house
GF426, Sherds. Slag?. 2ft down, clay in wall step

Xfit 5; late C13 jug. **GFs 332** (outside wall in NWd) with **GF314**, Cutting 10, MN3, in wall foundation.

X-fit 7, **GFs 305** (6NEh), **348** (on top & outside wall of B4; 6NEg), **459** (4Y) & **845** (4Piii); 13th C cooking pot.

XFit 24, 13th C cooking-pot, with GFs 459 & 544. GF459 (4Y, topsoil. To 6". 1 sherd), GF544 (baulk U/Y, V/Z. 16"-17". 2 sherds. With latch rest, iron ?binding & horseshoe nail type 4). Also see below.

Xfit 25, 13th C jug, with **GFs 454**, **459**, **544** & **546**, all Cutting 4. **GF454**, (baulk NWC/D, on & outside wall, 8". 1 sherd), & **GF546** (G/H, N. end. 6"-16". 3 sherds). See also ArchB2.doc & cuttings 4p (Xfit 7).

Pit 8: Pit & structure in NWd, NWd ext. W. & NWd ext. N. (? garde-robe)

Excavated in 1961 in NWd. This pit was numbered (8) during the Fyford project in 1996. Suggestion of laid sarsen paving in NW corner outside B2. Filled with black, sticky material. Large patch of charcoal found in pit filling (GF444). Several phs to east and north of pit. Stones from wall of B2 had fallen into south side of pit (WAM, vol 58, Interim 1, 111). 6' west of SW corner of B3, oval pit 5' by 4' and 1'6" deep, below clay with flints.

Pottery evidence says 13th century. Charcoal: 6 pieces of ash stem & 4 hazel (**GF444**) & 1 stem of hazel & 2 of ash (**GF483**) (TWA Finds/27). Prick spur (**GF422**) is comparable to (late) 13th to 14th, possibly 1080 -1150 AD (TWA, 9). May have burnt down or been used as a dump for ashes.

This is a 13th century garde-robe, black stuff is good for your garden and postholes were for a screen or seat.

Above pit 8

- GF359**, C13th sherds. Nail shank. Below level of floor beginning in black earth ending flints & red pit. 18".
GF433, C13th sherds. Tooth. Bone. Glass. Nail type 22. Flinty soil over & outside pit. 8"-10".
GF443, C13th sherds. Flinty & chalky layer above pit. 8"-15".

In Pit 8

GF415, Sherds. 10"-1'3". Top of pit filling. NWd N ext.
GF517, Sherd. C&f on N. rim of pit. 12". NWd N ext.
GF421, C13th sherds. 1'3" +. Pit filling. NWd, outside 'house' (B2).
GF444, C13th sherds. Charcoal. 15"-22". Filling of pit, c&f, chalk base. NWd N ext.
GF483, Sherds. Nail Type 8. Charcoal. 1'3"-1'10". Chalk base. NWd N ext.
GF400, C13th sherds. Teeth. 16"-21". NWd, outside building.
GF518, Bone. 17"-18". Among stones in pit tumbled off house wall, c&f. NWd N ext.
GF422, Prick spur. 1'10". Pit filling. NWd, outside 'house'. TWA, 9.

Topsoil/ post-occupation

GF371, Sherds. Bones. 2 nails. Small quantity of charcoal. 9 S and 56" E from NW corner.
GF347, Sherds, 1 MG. Copper alloy rectangular collar. Sherds. Bone. Teeth, etc at 3"-10".
GF436, Sherds.
?GF455,
GF459, Sherds, 2 MG. Bones. Glass. To 6". **X-fits 7, 24 & 25**.
GF486, Sherds. Nails. 6"-9"
GF475, Sherds. Bone. Iron. Topsoil to c&f, inside house. 7"-10".
GF484, Iron latch? not in TWA Report. In house, inside wall. 8".
GF485, Iron perforated strap frag. Inside house. 10".
GF492, Sherds. Iron strap hinge frag. Iron strip object may have been part of a small pinned hinge (1280-1434).
GFs 388, 390, 391, 445, 488 & 501 were topsoil and c&f (see above)