

## FWP94

### Bayardo Farm

Chadburn (EH), Corney, GS and PJF visited Bayardo Farm at the invitation of the farmer, Mr. Bull, at the end of the same day when we first seriously inspected the West Woods long barrow. GS subsequently wrote up a detailed note, which exists in the paper archive but has not yet been included electronically. The main points to emerge were:

- a. a huge collection of Mesolithic flints which we saw (in sacks in the garage)
- b. a large assemblage of late Iron Age pottery (which we also briefly saw in the garage) – basically the sort of stuff so signally missing from the downs – supposedly from cremation burials common immediately west of the Farm, both in what is now a ploughed field and also in woods
- c. a bracelet which we did not see but were told had gone to the BM

Hence my indicative but cautious words in LPP:

- i. during this period. A possible Early Bronze Age rectangular flint knife and large tanged and barbed flint arrowhead were found in 1848 during grubbing-up where Pickrudge Wood now stands (*WAM* 44, cxlviii, 99); a gold bracelet (as yet unseen and therefore perhaps later than EBA) ascribed to Levett's Farm (SU 172656) on the Fyfield/Clatford boundary was actually found in the woods along the Fyfield/West Overton boundary (info. Mr. Bull, Bayardo Fm.). Collectively, the evidence suggests at the very least a phase or phases of Mesolithic, Neolithic and Early Bronze Age activity involving occupation, burial, probably hunting and collecting, and possibly even tree-clearance and farming, along the edges of permanent, deciduous woodland.'
- ii. '.... complex in the Bayardo Farm area on the edge of and in the woodlands, recently brought to our attention and as yet uninvestigated scientifically, has produced much pottery (which we have seen) and unconfirmed reports of cremations. Associated with this phase of activity .....

It is our intention to return to pursue more systematic and detailed work, and Mr. Bull is expecting that. –pjf 03/10/00