

not apparently, at this time, by German stoneware potters. The excavations show, however, that one type of his kiln furniture, a three-pronged separator, was similar to a German type used at Raeren and no doubt elsewhere in Germany in the 17th century.⁴ Many different sizes of three-sided crucibles, which were also produced in Germany,⁵ were also found in the Dwight deposits. Later saggars and assemblages of kiln furniture show considerable changes in style and practice.

The excavations are being carried out by Fulham and Hammersmith Historical Society. The Director's

4. O. E. Mayer in Heinrich Hillebrandt *Raerener Steinzeug Aachen* (1967) 182. Raeren is now in Belgium.

acknowledgements are due especially to the owners of the Pottery, the Fulham Pottery Company Ltd., the Manager, Mr. A. B. Nicholls, and staff for the facilities they have willingly extended and their patient forbearance, and to the Department of the Environment (through the Society for Post-Medieval Archaeology) and the London Museum for financial assistance towards the costs of the excavations. Site drawings accompanying this article are by Michael Bussell, other drawings by Chris Green, and photographs by Chris Bayliss.

5. An example, possibly from Kreussen, is illustrated (No. 851) in *Steinzeug*, a catalogue of the Kunstgewerbemuseum, Cologne (1971).

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FULHAM AND HAMMERSMITH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THE LONDON BOROUGH of Hammersmith unites the former Metropolitan Boroughs of Hammersmith and Fulham. Its boundaries extend for five miles along the Thames between Chelsea Creek and Chiswick Ait, and northwards as far as Harlesden and Kensal Green.

Prior to the formation of the present Borough local history in the area was fostered by Fulham History Society and Hammersmith Local History Group, which were founded respectively in 1934 and 1954. It was decided that these two bodies should be amalgamated to form the present Society, but prior to this it was agreed in 1970 to establish a joint Archaeological Section to undertake site watching, excavations and other archaeological activity within the Borough.

Much redevelopment is in prospect and the Borough's archaeology is virtually unexplored. Numerous finds from the Thames of material of all periods from the Mesolithic onwards and development of the area from early Saxon times as the focus of the extensive Fulham estate which was granted early in the 8th century to the Bishop of London, are features of particular interest.

However, shortly after the Archaeological Section's establishment plans were put forward for rebuilding the Fulham Pottery, a site of unique national importance since it was here that the first English salt-glazed stoneware pottery was established by the distinguished John Dwight. It was decided that this site should have first call on the Society's interest and resources while the opportunity remained,

and in the event survey and excavation of the site and processing of the finds have already been in progress for three years under the direction of Mr. V. R. Christophers, and will continue for a considerable time ahead. A first account of the work appears on another page.

Site watching and exploration of other threatened sites is undertaken in support of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society's arrangements for covering London north of the Thames, and activities also include evening classes for restoration of the material excavated at the Fulham Pottery.

The Society maintains a full programme of activities of local history interest, including lectures and visits, but the most important feature is the commitment to an annual publication which is available to subscribing members at a reduced price. The most ambitious ventures have been up-to-date histories written by groups of members and edited by Philip Whitting, of both Fulham (now out of print) and Hammersmith. For 1973 the publication is to be a reproduction of Maclure's 1853 map of Fulham.

Enquiries for membership and details of all current publications may be made to Miss E. J. Willson, Hon. Secretary, c/o Fulham Library, 598 Fulham Road, S.W.6, or to Oliver Pearcey, Hon. Secretary, FHHS Archaeological Section, 14 Mark Mansions, Westville Road, W.12 (01-749 4440).

Oliver Pearcey

Excavation Round-up 1973

Following the good reception for 'Excavation Round-up 1972,' it is intended to produce a similar report for the current year.

Directors, secretaries and other people concerned with excavations carried out during 1973 are requested to send a short report to the co-ordinator, Brian Bloice, 94 Hubert Grove, S.W.9 (01-733 6665) for inclusion in the Spring issue. It would be appreciated if these reports could be modelled on the ones in Vol. 2 No. 2 and could be sent in by the 25th January.

Local Societies

The third list of amendments to the list of local societies published in Vol. 1, No. 15 is as follows:

Fulham and Hammersmith Hist. Soc., Archaeology Section; Sec. O. Pearcey, 14 Mark Mansions, Westville Road, W.12.

Islington Antiquarian and Hist. Soc.—delete as defunct.

Welwyn Arch. Soc.—formerly Lockleys Arch. Soc.—Sec. D. W. Hills, 63 Daniells, Welwyn Garden City, Herts.