

have borne a single name. Fulham may also have some bearing on London during the obscure days of the sub-Roman period as it is only at a distance of about 8 miles.

3. The shape of the moat was originally considered to have been similar to a Roman Fort. This led to the view that a 1st century fort may have been established at the site of Fulham Palace during the invasion of A.D. 43. Although this cannot yet be substantiated, it should still be considered a possibility because of the nature of the settlement and crossing as already discussed.

4. In the area north of the Palace, from at least medieval times, the village fields (Fulham Fields) may well have served the same purpose during the Roman period of supplying the settlement with food, perhaps exporting the surplus to London. River communication would have made this comparatively easy.

5. Fulham Road and Fulham Palace Road are probably Roman feeders connecting Fulham and Putney with London and the West. The former would appear to connect the crossing with a road found running through the middle of the Putney settlement (see fig. 1).

6. There ought to be one or more Roman cemeteries in the vicinity. The area of Fulham Parish Church, adjoining the moat, appears to be a strong contender for the site of one of them.

7. Various earthworks and mounds to the east and north of the Palace grounds which are still partially extant, are represented on 19th century Ordnance Survey maps or can be inferred from medieval place names; they may be of Romano-British origin or earlier.

It is not possible in an article of this nature, to fully discuss the importance and potential of this site. However, it is hoped that the full report will

be published at the end of 1974.

There is good reason to believe that the discovery of Romano-British settlements both at Fulham and Putney, should cause a major rethinking of this area of the Thames in Roman and earlier times. Further evidence of early occupation should be found as large areas of the London Borough of Hammersmith (Fulham and Hammersmith) are re-developed in the coming years.

The Palace and its grounds will be opened to the public later this year. Although Hammersmith Council intends to retain the grounds as they are, there are bound to be some alterations and it is hoped that these will give the opportunity for further excavations, which are needed to understand the nature of this site.

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Local Societies

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

Fulham Archaeological Rescue Group — Sec. K. Whitehouse, 56 Tamworth Street, S.W.6.

Merton Historical Society — Sec. Miss E. Waugh, 24 Mostyn Road, S.W.19.

Survey of London Museums

In the April number of the *Illustrated London News* there is an article on the results of a special survey commissioned by the periodical on four of London's national museums and art galleries prior to the introduction of charges; the two museums are the National History and the Science. The main finding seems to be that charges will make visitors even more exclusive and unrepresentative of the population than at present.