

published in the early volumes of *Archaeologia* and the *Philosophical Transactions*, and his numerous unpublished notes include extremely valuable manuscript accounts of Barking and the Roman remains at Wanstead Park (1715 and 1745).

Burial practice

During the excavation, 1:1 tracings of all coffins, most of which were well preserved, were made. These will be used to produce, on paper, reconstructions to illustrate fitting arrangements and methods of packing. Many had been constructed of elm; once the insides of the coffins had been sealed with pitch or similar material, the bodies were packed in aromatic sawdust. The 17th and 18th century fittings, carpentry and construction usefully illustrate the art of the plumbers and upholsterers of the period: for example the coffin belonging to Francis Osbaston, High Sheriff of the County, (d. 1678), who lies with his sons Francis and Henry on the north side of the chancel (Fig. 3), is an early example of decorative 'skull and crossbones' design executed in dome-headed brass upholstery pins. One interesting example was found of an 18th century north-south burial (John Barlow, d. 1769; Fig.3).

Conclusions

The discovery of a timber post-built late Saxon or Saxo-Norman church, possibly with an apsidal end, and its subsequent colourful development reflect the population size and pastoral demands of the parish.

Evidence was found for burial on the site before the existence of church buildings, and the finds, which include Roman material and a possible Saxon sherd, prompt future research.

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Excavations & Post-Excavation Work

City, by Museum of London, Department of Urban Archaeology. A series of long term excavations. Enquiries to DUA, Museum of London, London Wall, E.C.2 (01-600 3699).

Croydon & District. Processing and cataloguing of excavated and museum collection every Tuesday throughout the year. Archaeological reference collection of fabric types, domestic animal bones, clay tobacco pipes and glass ware also available for comparative work. Hon. Curator, Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society Ltd., Museum Building, Croydon Biology Centre, Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, Surrey. (01-660 3841 or 22 43727).

Hammersmith & Fulham, by Fulham Archaeological Rescue Group. Processing of material from Sandford Manor and Fulham High Street. Tuesdays, 7.45 p.m.-10 p.m. at Fulham Palace, Bishop's Avenue, Fulham Palace Road, S.W.6. Contact Keith Whitehouse, 86 Clancarty Road, S.W.6. (01-731 0338).

Inner and North London Boroughs, by the Museum of London, Department of Greater London Archaeology (Inner/North London). Several rescue sites in various areas. (01-242 6620).

Kingston, by Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society. Rescue sites in the town centre. Enquiries to Marion Hinton, Kingston Heritage Centre, Fairfield Road, Kingston. (01-546 5386).

North-East London Boroughs, by Passmore Edwards Museum. Enquiries to Pat Wilkinson, Passmore Edwards Museum, Romford Road, E.15. (01-534 4545).

South-West London Boroughs, by Museum of London, Department of Greater London Archaeology (South-West London). Excavations and processing. Enquiries to Scott McCracken, St. Luke's House, Sandycombe Road, Kew. (01-940 5989).

Southwark and Lambeth, by Museum of London, Department of Greater London Archaeology (Southwark and Lambeth). Several sites from the Roman period onwards. Enquiries to Derek Seeley, Port Medical Centre, English Grounds, Morgan's Lane, SE1 2HT. (01-407 1989).

Surrey, by Surrey Archaeological Unit. Enquiries to David Bird, County Archaeological Officer, Planning Department, County Hall, Kingston, Surrey. (01-546 1050 x3665).

Vauxhall Pottery, by Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society. Processing of excavated material continues three nights a week. Enquiries to S.L.A.S., c/o Cuming Museum, 155 Walworth Road, S.E.17 (01-703 3324).

West London Boroughs, by West London Archaeological Field Group. Enquiries to 273A Brentford High Street, Brentford, Middlesex. (01-560 3880).

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