

bibliography and references are also difficult to use, since full titles are not given in the reference if they are in the further reading, yet the further reading is set out under topic, not in alphabetical or date order.

The author attempts to squeeze as much as possible in the way of wider interpretation from his evidence, giving the reader a clear impression of the current state of knowledge of the reaves, but indicating that many questions remain unresolved. For instance, the discovery of timber buildings pre-dating the "stone" buildings is described, but despite the use of pollen analysis to demonstrate fluctuations in local vegetation cover, the part played by timber in the construction of these "stone" buildings, and the possibility of wooden fences or hedges pre-dating the reaves themselves do not yet appear to have been investigated in depth. Consequently, the possibility that the reaves are a durable replacement for earlier "perishable" boundaries is not discussed in detail, and the idea of these boundaries being earlier than Bronze Age in date is touched on, but not fully considered.

Apart from its importance for those interested in Dartmoor, in land division, and in landscape studies generally, the book has a wider significance. The author demonstrates the value of fieldwork, even with restricted financial backing, and the necessity to integrate fieldwork and excavation with research into published sources. It also raises the serious issue of the failure of archaeologists to assimilate information published in local journals (even county journals), and highlights the urgency for a well-funded, compre-

hensive bibliographical service, and the necessity for archaeologists to use it. The main value of the project to archaeologists throughout the country, though, is to show that the local landscape should be studied in its entirety. Without such a thorough approach, features are easily taken for granted as part of the landscape when they may never have been adequately recorded or identified – a case of not seeing the trees for the wood.

Lesley & Roy Adkins

## Also received

**The Secret of Crete**, by H G Wunderlich. *Souvenir Press*, 1988. 367 pp., 90 illus. £9.95

THIS IS ONE of those books by a non-archaeologist showing how the archaeologists have got it all wrong. Prof. Wunderlich, a geologist at the University of Stuttgart, claims that the Minoan palaces were not residences of living kings, but funerary palaces for the dead. This paperback re-issue was first published over 14 years ago, but I am not aware that the author's ideas have made any impact during this time. He is rather overwhelming with his show of scholarship ranging far and wide, from mummification in Australia to mystery plays, from Michael Ventris and Linear B script to the cult of the Virgin Mary. Not always to the point are far as I could see, this actually makes the book quite interesting for dipping into. I recommend it for holiday reading.

Colin Bowlt

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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, EC2Y 5HN (01-600 3699).

**Croydon & District**, processing and cataloguing of excavated and museum collections 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. Enquiries to Mrs Muriel Shaw, 28 Lismore Road, South Croydon, CR2 7QA (01-688 2720).

**Greater London** (except north-east and south-east London), by Museum of London, Department of Greater London Archaeology. Excavations and processing in all areas. General enquiries to DGLA, Museum of London (01-600 3699 ext. 241).

Local enquiries to:

North London: 3-7 Ray Street, London EC1R 3DJ (01-837 8363).

South-west London: St. Luke's House, Sandycombe Road, Kew, Surrey (01-940 5989).

Southwark and Lambeth: 6-8 Cole Street, London SE1 4YH (01-407 1989 or 403 2920 – office – and 928 0778/9 – finds).

West London: Town Mission Hall, Mission Square, Pottery Road, Brentford, Middlesex (01-560 3880).

**Hammersmith & Fulham**, by Fulham Archaeological Rescue Group. Processing of material from Fulham Palace. Tuesdays, 7.45 p.m.-10 p.m. at Fulham Palace, Bishop's Avenue, Fulham

Palace Road, SW6. Contact Keith Whitehouse, 86 Clancarty Road, SW6 (01-731 4498).

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

**North-east London**, by Passmore Edwards Museum. Enquiries to Pat Wilkinson, Passmore Edwards Museum, Romford Road, E15 4LW (01-534 4545).

**Surrey**, by Surrey Archaeological Unit. Enquiries to David Bird, County Archaeological Officer, Planning Department, County Hall, Kingston, Surrey (01-541 8911).

**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, SE17 (01-703 3324).

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