

Excavations at the Site of the Medieval Moated Manor at Hardings Field, Chalgrove, Oxon by P. Page, with S. Smithson and H.D. Baker

## Summary

Archaeological investigations at Hardings Field, Chalgrove, revealed the remains of one of the most complete examples of a moated medieval curia yet excavated in this country. There was also evidence of a pre-moat occupation which may not have been seigneurial, dating from the first half of the 13th century. This was succeeded in the mid 13th century by the construction of the moated manor house, which documentary evidence suggests belonged to a prominent Oxfordshire family, the Barentins.

During the following 200 years the manor underwent considerable alterations and improvements, particularly in the early part of the 14th century and to a lesser extent in the late 14th to early 15th century, before passing out of the Barentins' hands just before it was demolished in the late 15th century.

The finds included pottery, among which were many fine wares and some examples of continental imports. Decorated floor tiles, coins and objects of metal, bone, ivory and stone, together with window and vessel glass, clay tobacco pipes and some slags were also recovered. Animal, fish and bird bones and other environmental evidence were also found.

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