

## Assessment of the Clay Tobacco Pipes from Blakeney, Norfolk (37793 CLY)

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Thirty fragments of clay tobacco pipe were recovered from excavations at St John's Chapel, Blakeney, undertaken by Lindsey Archaeological Services.

### Description

The pipe fragments mostly consist of plain stem fragments with a single bowl. The fragments have bores of two diameters, the majority being c.3.0mm diameter with four fragments having bore diameters c.2.0mm. The latter are typical of later 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>-century pipes whilst the former are typical of the 17<sup>th</sup> century. The bowl is a plain heeled pipe similar to Atkinson and Oswald's London type 25 but more forward leaning. Given its wide bore diameter, a date in the last quarter of the 17<sup>th</sup> century is likely and a similar date is likely for the stem fragments.

### Assessment

All of the pipe fragments come from collapse deposits or the overlying topsoil and it is likely that they arrived on the site after the building's collapse. The lack of pipe fragments from earlier strata suggest that pipes were not used on the site during the occupation of the structures, which in turn suggests that this occupation ceased before the beginning of the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

The material requires no further work and only the pipe bowl should be retained for potential future study.

*Table 1*

Context	Nosh	NoV	Description	Weight	Phase	Phasing details
1299	1	1	17TH C BORE	4	topsoil	topsoil
1300	4	4	17TH C BORE	16	topsoil	topsoil
1300	1	1	17TH C BORE	3	topsoil	topsoil
1301	1	1	17TH C BORE	4	topsoil	topsoil
1303	1	1	17TH C BORE	1	topsoil	topsoil
1304	3	3	17TH C BORE	11	topsoil	topsoil
1305	3	3	17TH C BORE	12	topsoil	Topsoil
1308	1	1	19TH C BORE	3	S2	collapse layer
1311	3	1	19TH C BORE	3	S2	Mortar layer in

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					collapse
1317	2	2	17TH C BORE	7 S1	Roof tile collapse
1318	1	1	17TH C BORE	7 S1	Mixed collapse
1383	1	1	17TH C BORE	4 S2	Wall collapse
1390	1	1	17TH C BORE	3 S2	Mortar wall collapse
1391	1	1	17TH C BORE	2 S2	Roof collapse
1403	2	2	17TH C BORE	10 S1	Collapse
1412	2	2	17TH C BORE	S1	
				14 reuse	Brick collapse
1412	2	1	HEELED BOWL C.1680- 1700;17TH C BORE	S1	
				20 reuse	Brick collapse

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