

GLA/SITE/3/9

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15th August

CL12. Section 24

17ft from E end of East cloister walk. Depths taken from turf surface.

At east end of trench at depth of 7" was found corner piece of 15th century mortar bedding for cloister west floor [C:4001].

1ft to West at depth of 15" fragment of 13th century flagging [C:4011] bonded into wall of South aisle of 13th century church [C:4012] and found in situ. Consequently, 15th century bedding [C:4001] was removed at level of this 13th century flag. Finds : 1) rim frag (inside glaze) 28ft 6ins from east end of cloister walk in 15th century mortar bedding. 2.) coin (pierced) 32ft 2ins from E end of E cloister walk, 10inches deep (from turf) and 15th century mortar bedding. Late medieval carved stone fragment. 3.) pot frag. Handle. 4.) frags of window glass. 4) found West of 23ft from East end of East cloister walk. Below 15th century mortar fill [C:4001] 32 ft 9ins east of east end of cloister walk at NW...

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...corner of trench 11/16ins below turf surface a 13th century paving slab [C:4011] bonded into church walk [C4012]. Immediately underlying 15th century mortar fill [C:4001] at W end of trench streaky clay surface [C:4002] has begun to appear. W of line approx 25 ft East traces of kiln material have started to appear.

Beneath 13th century flagstone [C:4011] and 6" further down a 3ft length of the foundation slabs of 12th century (?) aisle wall of church (?[C:4005]) . Just lying on this was found piece of carved stone with scaffolding (?) hole drilled in it. Towards S edge of trench 4ft from aisle wall the loose rubble which extends 6ft to W was found to be giving way to thick clay.

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N.B. Yellow mortar layer described as 15th century mortar bedding [C:4001] shows signs of later disturbance, probably by post reformation robbers – 13th century wall foundation on N side of trench has been thoroughly robbed [C:4009] . The yellow mortar layer has been removed and at an average depth of one foot from turf level a grey clay layer showing the black streaks characteristic of a glass kiln area has been exposed. 2ft south of church wall this clay was cut by 13th century foundation trench. Finds from yellow mortar layer [C:4001] marked as 15th century include 5.) metal hook [F:SF4010] 35ft 6 E, 1ft from turf. 6.) black bead [F:SF4011] 29ft 3E, 1ft from turf. 7.) ½ metal disc 31ft E 1ft from turf. 8.) pot frags 30ft E 11ins from turf. 9.) metal pin with pierced head 30ft 6 E, 1ft from Turf. 10.) pot frag 30ft E...

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...1ft deep. 11.) pot frag 29ft E 1 ft deep. 12.) fragments of window glass – fairly generally distributed in yellow layer, also fragments of worked stone of late medieval date.

At S. side of 13th century foundation masonry loose filling of previous years trench was removed, revealing the top of a substantial foundation [C:4005] for an early transept (?) wall running out to the S and passing underneath the foundation of the aisle wall [C:4012] of the C13 church. This N-S transept wall appears to cut through the grey clay layer which further to the west shows traces of glass furnace material.

Traces of grey clay and glass furnace material overlying the foundation trench of the N-S wall appears to have been thrown...

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...out from the aisle wall foundation trench.

Finds include: 13.) small lump of unworked glass 14.) pot and 15.) tile fragments [F:BF4004], the latter both adjoining the N-S wall foundation.

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Removal of grey clay to trace glass furnace material.

Finds include 16) pot frags and tile, 31 ft 6 ins east, 1ft 6 deep. 17.) pot rim and pot frag 25ft east, 1 ft 9 ins deep. 18.) piece of black pot 24ft 10ins East, 1ft 6 ins deep.

The unrobbed end of the 13th century foundation [C:4012] is now apparent at west end of trench, fragments of stone lying beside it at first created the impression that a N-S wall joined the 13th century foundation or underlay it at this point but this was later disproved.

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Finds: 19) minute glass fragment 23ft east, 2ft depth. 20) pot frags. 25ft 7ins east, 2ft depth. 21) pot fragment 23ft East 2ft depth E.W Section drawn on S side of trench.

Notes on section

1. Below the hummus [C:4000] a mass [C:4001] of yellow mortar and stone fragments (some worked) overlies a mass of grey clay [C:4002]. This clay [C:4002] contains charcoal flecks and is characteristic of clay to be found near a glass kiln. It was presumably deposited at the time the 13th century church foundation trench was cut. It overlies the large wall foundation [C:4005] at E end of trench, a fact which...

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...makes a pre 13th century date likely for the foundation.

2. 7ft from E end of section (i.e. 25ft E of E side of east cloister walk) lies the robbed foundation of a Saxon wall [C:4004]. The fill [C:4003] of this robbed foundation is clay, but the 13th century re-deposited clay above [C:4002] can be distinguished by the yellow streaks characteristic of deeper clay. The clay on either side of the Saxon wall [C:4007], which was presumably also the surface when the ?pre-13th century foundation trench [C:4004] at east end of trench was cut, can be distinguished by a small line of mortar droppings. In the section these lines are represented by dotted lines (directly above (4007)).

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3. Reading at datum 1.27. Reading at datum line of CL12 = 5.55