

**GLA/SITE/3/11**

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**12 August 1957 to 30 August 1957**

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Monday 12th August

P.M lay out trenches, 1 Cloister, chapter house.

1) 2 envelopes of this

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Wednesday 14th August

Cloister trench 1. Section 57 & 58

Wall 47-50.

Take out filling from 1956 excavation to glass furnace level.

Thursday 15th August

Cloister trench 1 – West Section, filling cleared from W. end to 47 feet, trim and clean S edge. Take up 6" West section 50 feet to end. Charcoal, oyster shells, bones, with disturbed clay: coarse black ware, white granulated centres, scattered – 12th Century.

Find at 54' west, depth 2'4" Roman tile 2 ½" cube with ring hole broken [F:BF4115].

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Friday 16 August

Cloister Trench 1

Remove rest of 1956 filling.

Clean-up filling and draw section of N face.

Monday 19 August

Cloister Trench 1

Mark section of N face deepen 32' – 38' and clean S face coarse black ware in two places.

4) 35'3" S wall at 3'1" [F:BF4105].

5) 32' S wall at 2'11" [F:BF4106].

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Tuesday 20th August

Cloister trench I (1956)

Deepening trench

6) at 49'6" W - 29" from S.bank, 37 ½" down – C12 Black grit pottery) [F:BF4113].

7) At 51' 9" 19" from S bank

3'3" depth

Iron nail in two pieces, fragment ? ware (together).

8) 12th Century pottery (?)

46'9" beside the east face of the wall but not in the wall. 3ft from S. bank depth 36" [S:BF4123].

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9) fragment Roman –sizzillate

44'3" W, 40" from S. wall of trench. Depth 2'9".

10) 12th century fragment

43'6" W. 46" from S bank. D 2'9".

Photograph. Plot S bank section.

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Wednesday 21st August

11) Window lead, one piece channelled for stained glass found 14/8/57. Agreed and record.

12) Cloister 1 – 1956

Open extension trench 3 to 21"

Black ware (grit centre) red body pottery, thin (dull green glaze), 17th century – 18th century – several fragment (?). Green glaze, medieval.

Medieval tile 2" cube (white fill)

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Thursday 22nd August

Cloister No. 1 (1956) Trench 3rd extension, S.

13) S extension cloister.

Pottery fragment.

43' E --> W

Depth 2 feet

1' S against wall in baulk [F:BF4139]

14) S. Extension

46' E->W

Depth 2'2"

Saxon large fragment – heavy black ware – pinched decoration. ?for lug

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Friday 23rd August

(descr. buckles, etc) Wells.

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Monday 26th August

Continue work on cloister 1, extension 3, South.

No glass fragments.

Furnace basin opened up.

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Tuesday 27th August

Afternoon

Opened up Cloister 1 (1956) Ext.1 Section 56

Wednesday 28th August

Continue Cloister 1. Ext 1 (1956) extended 1957 (10ft-14ft).

15) Find – Samian type – 11'11" W from E cloister wall, 4'6" from S face. 2'10" depth [F:BF4130].

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Cloister 1 Ext 1 (1956) extended 1957 taken down to average 3'4".

10' – 14' W from cloister along S wall to 18" N at depth 2'4".

13th century fill with large loose stones [C:4118] or [C:3109].

At 14' (W face of extension to be planned) 1, 2, stones set upright – cloister garden edging stones [C:4119].

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28 May 1957

16) 14' out from E wall cloister in blue lias rubble. Black ware 7th – 8th century.

2'8" - 2'2" depth.

17) White ware (late Roman?) wheel turned. [F:BF4119]

12'6" from E cloister wall

6" from S. face wall

Depth 2'11"

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18) Black ware. From E cloister 12'9" – W 3'8" N from S wall of extension. Depth 3'4".

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Thursday 29 August

Dig out cloister Trench 1, ext 1 to 3'8" - prepare section of W face.

19) Cloister Trench 1, ext . 10' – 14' west . Black ware 10th – 12th century, from midden filling. Depth 3'8". [F:BF4155] [F:BF4157]

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Friday 30th August

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20) blue clay infilling. Fragment Samian in mixed earth above burnt clay.

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Cloister – Extention 4

From W. wall of E cloister.

40in SW corner at 1'4" below turf ? stone cobble floor over furnace spread – post-hole, yellow clay and decomposed lias infilling.

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Saxon 47' – 50'6"

2'2" – 1'9½"

38' - 44" not below 3 ft

38' – 3'6"

32'6" – 3 '6"

Rest 3 feet

L 54 W cloister

(2' to 1 inch)