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Glastonbury Abbey Excavations

1962

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Tuesday 7th August 1962

Wednesday 8th August

Abbot's Hall Cross Trench. Section 71. 0-60ft (60-120ft)

Friday 10th August

Abbot's Hall Cross Trench. Large lias slab in W wall of trench 16'8" – 17'7" from N end. ? part of S wall of Michael in Cemetery (check this on plan and too far west. CA).

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Monday 13th August

Abbot's Hall Cross Trench

Extensive packing of rubble and mortar discovered at a general depth of 12".

?c 21' – 39'3" from N end. This lies below a modern layer of darkish earth containing fragments of teapot and late chinaware sealed by a dark cinder layer.

Tuesday 14th August

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Wednesday 15th August

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Abbot's Hall Cross Trench

70' from N end thick mortar and rubble [C:5815] crossing trench at a depth of 30". At 66' from N end this wall ? does not seem to exist – composition lias spalls Doultling chips mortar fragments and earth.

At 66'6" from N end at depth of 31" 11" from West face of trench. This could be part of a wall [C:5827] in plan. Is this the destruction layer??

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Friday 17th August

Abbot's Hall Cross Trench

At N end early wall [C:5824] revealed running across trench. 8'2" – 10'2" from N end (see fragments enveloped). N face revealed portions of mortar [C:5823] suggest mortar floor?

North of wall face (in [C:5808]?) mixture of mortar, bones, a piece of iron and small fragments of pot (see envelopes).

S of wall face (in [C:5811]?) mixture of bones, mortary soil, oyster shell, fragments of stone and portion of Roman tile (see envelope)

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Scattered fragments of decayed wood found c. 1' from S face of wall on E side of trench.

Digging through pudding-like mixture of clay bones with pot. This seems to be a puddled ??? layer. Beneath at a depth of 45" from surface soil appears to be much softer with lias pieces.

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Monday 20th August 1962

Abbot's Hall Cross Trench N End

Thick puddingy clay hacked through. This reveals ? bedding of original floor [C:5822] or [C:5823] (robbed at some subsequent date). Piece of green glaze pot found amongst rubble above mortar layer.

Perhaps this is not a mortar floor, but the filling of the original wall trench. Mortar layer [C:5823] extends N of N face of wall at depth of 46" for a distance of 27". Line of edge extends across 5'9" from N end of trench.

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Friday 24th August

Section through Hypogeum. Sections 72 & 73

Below obvious mortar layer [C:5914] a thick clay make-up [C:5914] containing fragments of pinkish stone, wood and largish pieces of blue lias. Sealed by mortar floor or wall, piece of incised Saxon pot (see envelope).

In clay layer further in from N side piece of pot (Saxon?). This could be disturbed by later burial although I think this to be unlikely.

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E side of cut contains late burial [C:5911]– coffin nails yielded and the less friable type of bones. This is only the head end of burial skull and teeth.