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## Cover:

Excavation at Redcastle Furze in progress, facing west. Structure 6 adjacent to the street lies in the foreground, Red Castle is beyond the limit of excavation in the background.

# Excavations at Redcastle Furze, Thetford, 1988-9 

by Phil A ndrews

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1267: Lead weight, 110 gm . s.f. 587
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1215: Copper alloy fragment with three rivets, s.f. 844.
1215: Copper alloy stud with round head and short stem, s.f. 382.

1341: Copper alloy disc, hollowed on one side; broken at top; ?pendant. s.f. 1007.

1341: Seven lead droplets, total weight 86 gm . s.f.s 932,1008 and 1009.

Period VI
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1: Copper alloy strip, s.f. 1328.
1: Five lead droplets; total weight $54 \mathrm{gm}, \mathrm{s.f.3} 1001$ and 1329.
2 Fifty-five lead droplets; total weight $313 \mathrm{gm}, \mathrm{s.f.s} 2,4$,
$5,6,8,13,19,22,23,26,27,28,30,31,32,33,36$,
$37,38,42,43,44,45,47,49,50,51,53,54,55,56,57$,
$58,60,70,72,73,74,75,76,77,78,79,81,82,83$,
$103,104,106,109,111,117,118,119,134$.
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2: Copper alloy disc; thin with pressed decoration; modern, s.f. 115 .

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U/S: Copper alloy ring; very small, s.f. 1327.

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1661: Object with rectangular section, s.f. 970.
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871: Rectangular object, s.f. 1118.
976: Building staple; U-shaped with straight arms, s.f. 1112.
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1758: ?Broken pin, s.f. 188.
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1066: Object, s.f. 114.
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1617: Nail shank, s.f. 917.
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1215: ?Pin shank or small nail, s.f. 563.
1215: ?Horseshoe nail, s.f. 384.
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1215: ?Pin, s.f. 564.
1215: Nail shank with rectangular section, s.f. 559.
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2030: Object; thin, flat and curved, s.f. 1255.
2030: Object; long, thin and square-sectioned, s.f. 1256.
2030: Object; flattish but with even thickness, s.f. 1257.
2042: Creaser, s.f. 1308.

Period VI
1155: Nail shank, s.f. 492.
1665: Nail with square head and shank, s.f. 982.

## Period VII

1093: Horseshoe nail, s.f. 461.
1093: Bent nail with round head, s.f. 460.
1093: Bent nail with round head, s.f. 429.
1102: Flat, square-shaped sheet, s.f. 504.
1102: Thick strip with hole at one end, s.f. 469.
1102: Long object with rectangular head, s.f. 451.
1102: Fairly thick rectangular plate, s.f. 448.
1102: Modern door handle, s.f. 470.
1102: Object looped at both ends but alternate sides (figure of eight), s.f. 446.

1102: Object bent into $z$-shape with square section, s.f. 437 .
1102: Object with rectangular section, s.f. 449.
1102: Object; slightly curved with rectangular section, s.f. 459.
1102: Long thin strips of wire, s.f. 466.
1102: Squarish object, s.f. 450.
1102: Object with square section; s.f. 438.
1102: Fifteen fragments, shapeless and thin; s.f. 473.
1102: Small horseshoe with three round keyholes, s.f. 502.
1102: Horseshoe with five keyholes, s.f. 505.
1102: Nail with round head, s.f. 503.
1102: Chain link with square section, s.f. 496.
1102: ?Nail shank, s.f. 506.
1102: Nail shank, s.f. 507.
1102: Small comb-tooth with rectangular section, s.f. 497.
1102: Nail with round head, s.f. 440.
1102: Small nail with round head, s.f. 447.
1102: Nail with round head, s.f. 439.
1102: Small hook, s.f. 443.
1102: Nail shank only, s.f. 445.
1102: Possible blade and tang, s.f. 426.

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1102: Blade with point broken, s.f. }394
1102: ?Binding strip with two holes visible, s.f. 388.
1102: Nail shank, s.f. 441.
1102: Comb-tooth with rectangular section, s.f. 472.
1102: Small nail shank, s.f. 442.
1102: Nail with broken round head; square section, s.f.453.
1102: ?Nail shank, s.f. 467.
1102: Nail with round head, \varepsilon.f. 451.
1102: Small tack with round head, s.f. 444.
1103: Object with round section, s.f. 464.
1103: Slightly curved object with square section; tapering to
    point, s.f. 408.
1103: Sheet with four punched holes, s.f. 406.
1103: Curved and flattish object, s.f. 407.
1103: Sheet, s.f. 410.
1103: Comb-tooth with rectangular section, s.f. 462.
1103: Small ring, s.f. 424.
1103: Plough-share with central hole in blade back, s.f. 376.
1103: Blade, s.f. }358
1103: Nail with large head and square shank, s.f. }357
1103: Fragment of horseshoe with one ke%hole and marked waviness,
        s.f. }360
1103: Nail with round head, s.f. 463.
1103: Nail shark with square section, s.f. 409.
1103: Nail with round head and shank, s.f. 405.
1103: Nail with round head and shank, s.f. 404.
1105: Strip, s.f. 499.
1105: Rove, s.f. 385.
1105: Fitting; ?Hinge pivot, s.f. 633.
1108: Small thin strip, s.f. 471.
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1108: Nail with square head and shank, s.f. 417.
1108: Comb-tooth with rectangular section, s.f. 523.
1108: Blade but no tang, Type 3, s.f. 520.
1108: Nail with square head and shank, s.f. 418.
1109: Object; fairly thick and flat; concave on one side and convex on other, s.f. 488.

1109: Sheet with two punched holes and one broken hole at edge, s.f. 412 .

1109: Sheet, s.f. 414.
1109: ?Wire bent into $D$-shape, s.f. 528.
1109: Awl with rectangular section, s.f. 491.
1109: Hook, s.f. 501.
1109: Fragment of horseshoe with one keyhole, s.f. 490.
1109: ?Strap fragment or hinge; no eye visible, s.f. 500.
1109: ?Hinge, s.f. 489.
1109: Curved object with one hole, s.f. 610.
1109: Three nails: two with round heads and shanks and one with square head and shank, s.f. 415.

1109: Nail with round head and shank, s.f. 416.
1109: Nail shank, curved and round, s.f. 413.
1109: Comb-tooth with rectangular section, s.f. 527.
1122: Metal band, edged, s.f. 908.
1129: Blade, Type 3, s.f. 839.
1133: Nail with square head and shank, s.f. 902.
1136: Nail shank with round head, s.f. 428.
1142: Strip with holes along centre, 432.
1142: ?Hinge with one hanging eye, s.f. 356.
1142: Nail with round head; shank is bent, s.f. 434.
1142: Nail with round head, s.f. 433.
1143: Wedge, probably for splitting logs; modern, s.f. 539.

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1143: Door latch or gate hook; has hanging eye at one end, s.f.
    348.
1143: ?Latch fitting; modern; has loop on one side, s.f. 330.
1143: Hinge with two hanging eyes, s.f. 324.
1154: Nail with round head, s.f. 487.
1170: Fiagment of horseshoe with marked wavy edge and two
    keyholes, s.f. 585.
1170: Hinge with two hanging eyes, s.f.635.
1184: Nail with square head and shank, s.f. 538.
1190: Nail with square head and shank, s.f. 611.
1191: Nail with square head and shank, s.f. 912.
1213: Solid bar, probably smith's bar; s.f. 583.
1213: Rectangular bar quite thin; s.f. 584.
1213: Blade with point broken, s.f. 532.
1213: Blade, s.f. 533.
1221: Object, curved with roundish section, s.f. 536.
1221: Buckle; D-shaped with pin, s.f. 734.
1222: Nail with square head and shank, s.f. 534.
1221: Nail; bent round and badly corroded; rectangular shank, s.f.
        535.
1221: Nail with square head and shank, s.f. }602
1221:: ?Bolt with round section, s.f. 603.
1273: Comb-tooth with rectangular section, s.f. 631.
1273: Horseshoe nail, s.f. 581.
1305: Flat sheet, s.f. 756.
1305: Nail with square head and shank, s.f. 627.
1305: Nail shank with square section, s.f. 623.
1305: Nail with round head and shank, s.f. 622.
1305: Nail with round head and shank, s.f. 626.
1305: Part of hinge; broken with one hanging eye, s.f. 624.
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1305: Nail shank with square section, s.f. 625.
1305: Nail shank, s.f. 630.
1305: Nail with square head and shank, s.f. 624.
1305: ?Nail shank with rectangular section, s.f. 755.
1306: Strip with two rectangular holes and rivets, s.f. 599.
1306: Nail with square head and shank, s.f. 634.
1306: Fitting; ?hinge pivot, s.f. 596.
1306: Nail shank with square section, s.f. 598.
1306: Nail with round head and curved, s.f. 597.
1334: Large nail/bolt with round head, s.f. 788.
1334: Horseshoe nail, s.f. 757.
1334: Nail with round head, s.f. 693.
1334: Comb-tooth with rectangular section, s.f. 766.
1334: Horseshoe nail, s.f. 767.
1338: Nail with square head and shank, s.f. 916.
1339: Nail with square head, s.f. 707.
1339: Nail with round head, s.f. 708.
1415: Object; cleanly stamped, s.f. 742.
1415: Fitting with hooked end and rectangular head, s.f. 686.
1415: Ten nails of which four are horseshoe nails and five have round heads, s.f. 737.

1415: Building fitting with rectangular section; ?hinge pivot, 3.f. 740 .

1415: Staple; rectangular shape with straight arms, s.f. 741.
1415: Seven nails. Five have round heads and two are shanks only, s.f. 738 .

1415: ?Nail shank with round section, s.f. 739.
1415: Staple; rectangular shaped with straight arms, s.f. 744.
1415: Strap fragment; curved at one end, s.f. 743.
1415: ?Nail shank with square section, s.f. 745.
1415: Conb-tooth with round section, s.f. 736.

1415: Nail with square section, s.f. 904.
1415: Nail with round head and shank, s.f. 903.
1415: Four nails. Three have round heads and one is a shank only and bent, s.f. 791.

1467: ?Creaser, s.f. 195.
1543: Nail shank with square section, s.f. 86.8.
1543: Nail with roind head and shank, s.f. 857.
1543: Blade, Type 3, s.f. 1288.
1548: Object, s.f. 826.
1548: Clench bolt and part of rove, s.f. 829.
1548: Horseshoe nail, s.f. 828.
1584: Object with rectangular section, s.f. 818.
1584: Object; triangular and fairly flat, s.f. 813.
1584: Object split like tweezers, s.f. 805.
1584: Object with semi-circular section, s.f. 817.
1584: Long, flat metal strip, s.f. 821.
1584: Object with triangular section, s.f. 823.
1584: Thin piece of metal bent in middle with round section, s.f. 931.

1584: Object, s.f. 880.
1584: Rectangular object, s.f. 882.
1584: Curved object, s.f. 865.
1584: Rectangular-shaped bar, s.f. 879.
1584: Thin strip, s.f. 875.
1584: Object, s.f. 873.
1584: Object, s.f. 901.
1584: Decorative fitting, s.f. 866.
1584: Bar curved and square sectioned, s.f. 864.
1584: Rectangular bar, s.f. 878.
1584: Hook, s.f. 808.

1584: Nail with round head, s.f. 812.
1584: Hook, s.f. 802.
1584: Blade with tang missing, s.f. 825.
1584: Blade with tang missing, s.f. 824.
1584: Rove, s.f. 815.
1584: Horseshoe nail, s.f. 807.
1584: ?Hook, s.f. 806.
1584: ?Hinge pivot; L-shaped, s.f. 814.
1584: Horseshoe nail, s.f. 820.
1584: ?Comb-tooth with rectangular section, s.f. 822.
1584: Comb-tooth with round section, s.f. 803.
1584: ?Hinge, s.f. 804.
1584: Comb-tooth with round section, s.f. 863.
1584: Comb-tooth with rectangular section, s.f. 862.
1584: Horseshoe fragment with one keyhole, s.f. 877.
1584: Nail head and shank; head is bent and broken, s.f. 872.
1584: ?Hinge with one hanging eye, s.f. 881.
1584: Fragment of horseshoe; one keyhole, s.f. 981.
1584: Comb-tooth with rectangular section, s.f. 869.
1584: Nail with square shank, s.f. 875.
1584: Horseshoe nail, s.f. 870.
1584: Ring and hook, s.f. 811.
1584: Ferrule, s.f. 810.
1584: Blade with point missing and short tang, s.f. 819.
1635: Nail with square head and shank, s.f. 1086.
1648: Comb-tooth with round section, s.f. 1013.
1662: Fitting; flat one side and raised the other; rivet at one end, s.f. 1185.

1662: Objects, s.f. 1186.
1662: Nail with round head and shank, s.f. 980.
1662: Thin-band/wire, s.f. 1187.

1673: Rectangular bar, s.f. 973.
1673: Object; thick and tapering with rectangular section, s.f. 1238.

1673: Sheet, s.f. 1294.
1673: Object, s.f. 1188.
1673: Object in two pieces with central hole, s.f. 1082.
1673: Curved wire, s.f. 1078.
1673: Object with rectangular section and pointed at one end, s.f. 1079.

1673: Object; tapering with rectangular section, s.f. 1053.
1673: Object; tapering to blunt edge at one end and point at other (expanded) s.f. 1051.

1673: Flattish object wider at one end, 1056.
1673: Object; curved; flat on one side, s.f. 1057.
1673: ?Nail shank with rectangular section, s.f. 1058.
1673: Blade, Type 3, s.f. 1049.
1673: Three nails with square shanks and heads, s.f. 1052.
1673: ?Comb-tooth with rectangular section, s.f. 1054.
1673: Large bolt type fitting with square shank and head, s.f. 1050.

1673: Comb-tooth with round section, s.f. 1055.
1673: Eleven nails: Three are horseshoe nails; six have square heads and shanks; one has a square shank and one has a round head and shank, s.f. 1189.

1673: ?Comb-tooth; broken and thin, s.f. 1081.
1673: Comb-tooth with ruind section and curved at one end, s.f. 1089.

1673: Blade, broken, s.f. 1076.
1673: Five nails: Three are square; one is round; and one is a horseshoe nail, $s, 1,77$.

1673: Clench bolt and rove, s.f. 1190.
1673: Staple; U-shaped with straight arms, s.f. 1191.
1673: Bolt with round head and shank, s.f. 1293.
1673: Rivet and rove, s.f. 1291.
1673: Awl, s.f. 1292.
1673: Nail with square head and shank, s.f. 1239.
1673: Nail shank with round section, s.f. 1241.
1673: Comb-tooth with round section, s.f. 1290.
1673: Nail with round head and shank, s.f. 968.
1673: Horseshoe nail, s.f. 974.
1687: Nail with round shank and head s.f. 1289.
1698: Comb-tooth with rectangular section, s.f. 1083.
1723: ?Nail, badly corroded, s.f. 1244.
1737: Object, s.f. 969.
1737: Nail shank with square section, s.f. 1093.
1737: Horseshoe fragment with two keyholes; marked wavy edge, s.f. 377.

1741: Rectangular sheet, s.f. 1024.
1741: Object; flattish with hole at one end, s.f. 1250.
1741: Object; curved and round in section, s.f. 1251.
1741: Small, tongs-1ike object; bent-over, expanding to terminal, s.f. 1253.

1741: Object; parallel sides tapering to point and'with rectangular section, s.f: 1249.

1741: O.sject; flattish, 1140.
1741: Object; flattish but with rectangular section; s.f. 1141.
1741: Object, s.f. 1106.
1741: Object, s.f. 1129.
1741: Thick object, s.f. 1109.
1741: Rectangular bar tapering at one end, s.f. 1136.
1741: Rectangular bar, s.f. 1161.

1741: Object; curved and thinnish, s.f. 1139.
1741: Rectangular bar; curved, s.f. 1104.
1741: Object; curved and flattish, s.f. 1101.
1741: Rectangular bar, s.f. 1070.
1741: Squarish object; flattish and slightly wider at one end, s.f. 1138 .

1741: Object; flattish rounded at one end but widens slightiy at other end, s.f. 1065.

1741: Comb-tooth with rectangular section, s.f. 1064.
1741: Blade, Type 3, s.f. 1134.
1741: Comb-tooth with roundish section, s.f. 1061.
1741: Staple; U-shaped with straight arms, s.f. 1068.
1741: Comb-tooth with round section, s.f. 1072.
1741: Staple; U-shaped with out-turned arms, s.f. 1073.
1741: Comb-tooth with rectangular section; bent, s.f. 1105.
1741: Horseshoe nail, s.f. 1074.
1741: Comb-tooth with rectangular section, s.f. 1062.
1.741: ?Ferrule, s.f. 1128.

1741: Three nail shanks, s.f. 1137.
1741: Small ?awl, s.f. 1103.
1741: Staple; U-shaped; curved and with out-turned arms, s.f. 1075.

1741: Comb-tooth with rectangular section, s.f. 1102.
1741: Fragment of horseshoe with two keyholes and marked waviness, s.f. 1162 .

1741: Comb-tooth with rectangular section, s.f. 1135.
1741: Comb-tooth with rectangular section, s.f. 1110.
1741: ?Broken comb-tooth with rectangular section, s.f. 1107.
1741: Staple; U-shaped and straight arms, s.f. 1091.
1741: Two parts of rove and one rivet, s.f. 1160.

1741: Two chain links, s.f. 1111.
1741: Blade; Type 3, s.f. 1248.
1741: Twelve nails including one horseshoe nail, s.f. 1247.
1741: Stud with large head and round shank, s.f. 1252.
1741: Nail shank, s.f. 1254.
1741: Hook, s.f. 1021.
1741: Comb-tooth with rectangular section, s.f. 1023.
1761: Sheet, s.f. 1170.
1761: Object; looks like broken knife, but too thick, s.f. 1177.
1761: Object; ?with head and shaft, s.f. 1178.
1761: Pointed object; rectangular section, s.f. 1180.
1761: Staple; U-shaped and straight arms, s.f. 1179.
1761: One nail shanx and one ?rectangular bar, s.f. 1067.
1761: Nail with square head and shank, s.f. 1069.
1761: Nail shank with square section, s.f. 1088.
1805: ?Barrel lock fragment, s.f. 1169.
1842: Thick object; bent, s.f. 1163.
1844: Three fragments with copper alloy rivets in each, s.f. 1172.
1912: Blade, Type 3, s.f. 1282.

## Modern

10: Squarish sheet with four holes punched equidistantly, s.f. 135.

10: Squarish; thin fragment, s.f. 136.
14: Layered strip with square section, s.f. 201.
16: Nail with round head, s.f. 129.
18: One screw and one strip, s.f. 124.
18: Object; fairly flat square end tapering off, s.f. 127.
18: Bottle top; round, s.f. 125.
18: Skewer, s.f. 315.

18: Fragment of horseshoe with one keyhole, s.f. 123.
18: Curved nail with round head, s.f. 128.
18: Nail with round head, s.f. 122.
18: Nail shank, s.f. 126.
50: Sheet, s.f. 141.
809: Nail shank with rectangular section, s.f. 234.
837: Semi-oval sheet; ?decorated edge, s.f. 259.
845: Strip of metal; ?wire, s.f. 276.
845: Thin sheet, s.f. 278.
845: Nail with square head and shank, s.f. 274.
845: Nail with round head, badly corroded, s.f. 277.
846: Comb-tooth with rectangular section, s.f. 1272.
846: ?Blade, Type 3, s.f. 1271.
1116: Object with rectangular section and small head, s.f. 455.
1304: ?Hinge with hanging eye, s.f. 679.
1304: Nail with round head, s.f. 613.
1304: Hinge with two hanging eyes and rivets in-situ, s.f. 614.
1592: Nail with rectangular head and shank, s.f. 921.
1592: Nail with round head and shank, s.f. 920.
1592: Nail with square head and shank, s.f. 922.

## Unphased

1: Flat bar, s.f. 1014.
1: Curved object with two holes, s.f. 1010.
1: Flattish object tapering at one end, s.f. 964.
1: Thick piece of iron, s.f. 1015.
1: Object; tapers at one end, s.f. 1003.
1: Fragment from cauldron with handle, s.f. 1318.
1: Object with hole at one end, s.f. 996.
1: Fragment of handle; terminal is curled, s.f. 1278.

1: Seven nails: one horseshoe; two with square head and shank; and four with round head and shank, s.f. 1275.

1: Buckle; D-shaped with pin, s.f. 1275.
1: Comb-tooth with round section, s.f. 1267.
1: Fragment of horseshoe with four keyholes, s.f. 1268.
1: Seven nails; all with square shanks, s.f. 1265.
1: Four nails, two with heads, s.f. 1164.
1: Rove and rivet, s.f. 1020.
1: Comb-tooth with rectangular section, s.f. 1002.
1: Comb-tooth with rectangular section, s.f. 1266.
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Eleven nails: six have square heads and shanks; four have round heads and shanks; and one is a horseshoe nail, s.f. 993.

1: Four horseshoe nails, s.f. 999.
1: Awl, s.f. 1276.
1: ?Nail shank, s.f. 963.
1: Tool; ?awl; tapers both ends, s.f. 1011.
1: Six nails: five have square sections and one has a round section, s.f. 994.

1: Small nail with square head and shank, s.f. 1019.
1: Comb-tooth with rectangular section, s.f. 1004.
1: Fragment of horseshoe with three keyholes and marked waviness, s.f. 1012.

1: Comb-tooth with rectangular section, s.f. 998.
1: ?Hook; twisted at top, s.f. 1018.
1: Blade, Type 3, s.f. 995.
1: Comb-tooth with rectangular section, s.f. 997.
1: Small hook, s.f. 1016.
1: Comb-tooth with round section, s.f. 1000.
1: One horseshoe nail and one nail with square shank, s.f. 1017.

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Tiny fragment, s.f. 71.
Small semi-circular sheet with three holes punched in it,
s.f. 63.
Fragment of sheet with two square holes, s.f. 95.
Sheet, s.f. 67.
Flattish object wider at one end, s.f. 29.
Triangular sheet, s.f. 116.
Stud, s.f. 24.
Small trip with three holes punched in it equidistantly,
s.f. 14 .
Small sheet, s.f. 20.
Fairly thick strip, s.f. 34.
?Button top; corroded to long strip, s.f. 17.
Sheet, s.f. 40.
Sheet with hole punched in it, s.f. 25.
Strip of metal, s.f. 59.
Object with hammer-type head and rectangular section, s.f,
101.
Mesh, s.f. 80 .
Object, s.f. 1.
Button, s.f. 61.
Rectangular lump, s.f. 113.
Object tapering to rounded end, s.f. 99.
Button, s.f. 10 .
Thin piece of folded metal, s.f. 89.
Button, s.f. 102.
Scrap of folded metal, s.f. 18.
Piece of mesh, s.f. 84.
Half of button, s.f. 105.
Five strips; two have regular holes punched through them,
s.f. 202 .

2: Stud; large roundish head, s.f. 62.
2: Ring, s.f. 97
2: Fragment of horseshoe with two keyholes, s.f. 112.
2: Fragment of horseshoe with two keyholes, s.f. 3.
2: Ring, s.f. 46.
2: ?Fragment of horseshoe, s.f. 35.
2: Nail with round head, s.f. 41.
2: Hinge with two hanging eyes, s.f. 93.
2: Six nails: four with square heads and shanks; one with round
head and shank; and one is a shank only, s.f. 203.
2: Long hook.
89: Object, s.f. 144.
242: Coinb-tooth with rectangular section, s.f. 218.
243: Nail with round head, s.f. 219.
692: Nail witl. square head and shank, s.f. 214.
1088: Fifteen strip fragments, s.f. 403.
1308: ?Fragment of horseshoe one hole visible, s.f. 590.
1309: Hcrseshoe nail, s.f. 591.
1309: Part of hinge with one hanging eye, s.f. 592.
1368; Flat bar with rectangular section, s.f. 678.
1426: Rivet and rove, s.f. 840.
1462: Nail with round head, s.f. 765.
1462: Nail with square head, s.f. 764.
1511: Slightly curved object with square section and pointed at one end, s.f. 1090.
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| PERTOD VI |  |
| 1477 | 1 |

PRPIOD VII

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Musical instrument from Redcastle Furze, Thetford, Norfolk by Graeme Lawson

Catalogue No.14, s.f. 1174
A welcome addition to the musical pipes already known from Saxon and medieval Thetford (Megaw 1968, 149; Lawson 1984, 183; Lawson forthcoming (a)) is a perforated bone tube worked from a metapodial specifically metacarpal, of sheep or goat. It represents a large part of the instrument's total length, bearing its distal end and three finger-holes. The break, which occurs across the proximal perforation, is ancient; of the other bone surfaces enough survives to show how they were shaped, by knife, but a general surface etching, probably due to exposure since deposition, has left overall a coarse, fibrous texture with little or no useful trace of original wear. Dimensions: surviving length 85.5 mm ; $D$-shaped external cross-section tapering from $12.2 \times 9.7 \mathrm{~mm}$ (at fracture) $=010.9 \times 9.2 \mathrm{~mm}$ (at third finger hole, 34 mm from distal end); bore $8.0 \times 6.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ at break, tapering to $6.5 \times 4.0 \mathrm{~mm}$ at distal end.

## Bone identification

Despite its poor condition the piece does bear some interesting, rther unusual features. The selection of sheep/goat metacarpal, for example, contrasts with the bones used in other Late Saxon and medieval English pipes, which are almost always made either from goose, swan or crane ulna or from sheep/goat tibia. Among the now significant body of related material from the East Anglian region only one other example of the use of metapo al is recorded, a so far unpublished section of sheep/goat metatarsal from the Castle Mall, Norwich (Site 777N context 11268 s.f. $5<74$ Lawson forthcoming (b)).

A preference elsewhere for bird ulna is readily understandable. In both their length and their internal regularity such bones are acoustically well suited to practical musical exploitatation. Similarly, sheep/goat tibia, though quite differently proportioned, offers smooth lines and reasonable length in an easily accessible bone. The question that this new find brings into sharp focus is why other, equally readily available and (apparently) compatible bones, particularly those of sheep/goat but also of pig, should appear to have been so little used for this purpose. Examination of a similar phenomenon, the almost exclusive use of pig metapodials in the making of buzz-bones (formerly interpreted as 'toggles') shows that pressures of tradition could have played an important part in this (Lawson and Brown 1990, 589-591); nevertheless in both cases the original, practical significance of such selectivity still remains obscure. Certainly acoustical considerations alone seem hardly sufficient to explain such rejection, for experiments using this and other rarely selected bones have so far failed to discern any tonal disadvantages they may have had.

## Finishing

Another irregularity can be seen in the pipe's external shaping. The crude chamfering of its distal end, achieved by means of a series of sawing strokes from a sharp knife-blade, contrasts with the flat, perpendicular terminals of most of our other known examples. At first glance this looks inferior, possibly unskilled workmanship. But it could also represent an unfinished condition, not chamfering at all but simply the remains of a $V$-shaped annular groove cut in order to remove the epiphyses and their adjacent solid tissue. Although in other finds elsewhere this precise method of tube formation still remains conjectural, the evidence having been erased by subsequent trimming, it makes good practical sense in relation to the simple
knife blades that seem to have been the only tools used in shaping these instruments. Indeed this example proves, on closer inspection, to have had at least one fully perpendicular re-touching stroke, removing at least its sharpest edges. Now, such a sequence has interesting musical implications, for any such shortening would have had a significant impact upon tuning, especially if carried out after the cutting of the finger-holes. Reducing the separation between the lowest finger-hole and the tube's distal end would narrow the interval between the first and second notes of its scale. It could therefore be that the initial pitching of such pipes was, if anything, more complicated than has previously been thought.

Equally intriguing is the way in which the surfaces surrounding the finger-holes have been treated. Elsewhere these are almost always rebated flat, probably in order to facilitate efficient sealing by the pads of the player's fingers. Here however, of the three present, only the two that survive complete have been so treated. The one bisected by the fracture has not. The loss, through erosion, of any use-wear that there may have been makes this difficult to assess more full 1 , but in the light of the evident antiquity of the fracture it seems not impossible that such an omission could be due to the break itself, occurring before the instrument had been fully finished.

## Reconstruction

Some understanding of the find's originally intended, overall form may be gleaned from examination of instruments from others sites in Thetford and elsewhere around East Anglia. Among all such pipes, whether bird ulna or sheep/goat tibia, two features constantly recur: in addition to circular or near-circular finger-holes, varying in number between three and five, they all bear a single, more-or-less $D$ shaped sound-hole close to the proximal end. It is this that is
missing from this latest Thetford piece, and here lies perhaps its most curious feature of all; in trying to estimate its original dimensions we find a significant discrepancy between the overall length suggested by the finger-hole layout and that predicted from its material identification as sheep/goat metapoidal.

In order to produce a sequence of musical pitches roughly equivalent to either a modern diatonic or traditional pentatonic (i.e. partially gapped) scale, which seems to have been the general rule among such pipes, there is usually an extended space separating the sound-hole from the nearest (i.e. first) finger-hole. This is because the relationsip between pitch gradation and finger-hole placement is measured, like radioactive decay, in terms of fractions, not equal units, and the distances between pitches (i.e. finger-holes) become increasingly and inconveniently congested as the sound-hole is approached. This proximal area is therefore generally left unperforated. Were this to apply here then a substantial portion of the instrument's original length, not just the mouth-piece and soundhole but also a long, unperforated region, would have to be missing. Indeed, both the spacing of the finger-holes and their relationship to the surviving, distal and closely resemble the layouts to be seen in the larger extant bird-bone pipes, where the unperforated regions can measure anything up to 135 mm in length. Among these perhaps the most striking correspondence is with the complete swan ulna pipe found recently at Bishopgate, Norwich (Lawson forthcoming (a)). This is, however, at variance with what is known of the type of bone actually employed here. Sheep/goat metapoidals, even sheep metatarsals, average at most around 140 mms in total length including epiphyses. What we see must therefore form the bulk of the original instrument, with a total length of little over 120 mm .

How this should be interpreted remains for the present a mystery.
With what must have been a very widely gapped scale it may represent
quite a new type, perhaps related in function to some of our smaller pipes of goose ulna; or it may join a number of isolated and so far apparently irregular cases, perhaps a test-piece, an idle experiment or a child's imitation. Certainly it differs in important details even from its nearest material parallel, the Norwich (Cascle Mall) metatarsal. There, in an arrangement clearly more consistent with melodic scaling, the problem is overcome by a much tighter finger-hole grouping, set as ltitle as 9.8 mm apart, making it possible to maintain as much as 48 mm of unperforated tube between the group and the sounding-hole.

## Notes

1. The writer is indebted to Dr. Rosemary Luff, Faunal Remains Unit, Cambridge for her identification and detailed assessment of the bone. The absence of any evidence of the vestigial internal division characteristic of such metapodials remains a problem. It could, however, have been obliterated by simple internal working.
2. The pitch that a pipe will play is dependent upon its length, from its mouth-terminal to its nearest exit, whether the distal end or some intervening perforation, intended or accidental. In a generalised cylindrical pipe measuring 20 cms in length and producing a note ' $x$ ' when voiced, a hole drilled at its mid-point will effectively halve its vibrating length, producing the same note, one octave higher. Moreover, a further hole drilled half-way between that hole and the proximal end will sound the same note, one octave higher still. Thus, halving the length of the vibrating air-column at any stage doubles the frequency of vibration, so raising the pitch by one octave, irrespective of the original length. The same is true of a vibrating string. As a result, attempting to achieve upper frequencies may require finger-holes (or in stringed instruments, frets) to be plced
so close together as to make individual fingering impossible, while more realistic spacing would result in scales that had jumps in pitch too large to allow the playing of traditional melodic musics.

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Conventions Used in the Tables.

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d = distal
p = proximal
wh = whole
sh = shaft
mtc = metacarpal
mtt = metatarsal
sfr = skull fragment(s)
lfr = long bone fragment(s)
l/t = loose tooth/teeth
nav.cub = navicular cuboid
costal cart. = costal cartilage
vert. = vertebra(e). numbers in brackets represent
                                ( miscellaneous vertebra + atlas + axis)
carp. = carpal
tarsomtt = tarsometatarsus
oxo = cow, horse, red deer
lar = cow, red deer
sma = sheep/goat, pig, roe deer, fallow deer
rum = sheep/goat, roe deer,
s/m = suall mammal (cat/dog size )
tim = tiny mamual (rat/mouse size)
f = fused
nf = not fused
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Table 2. Period 1 Indicators, Non-Indicators and Avian Indicators.

| Species | cow | $s / g$ | pig |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MTC (pr) |  |  |  |
| Tibia (pr) |  | 1 |  |
| Tibia (d) | 1 |  |  |
| MTT (pr) |  |  |  |
| MTT (d) | 2 |  |  |

Non-Indicators.

| Species | cow | s/g | pig | oxo | sma | rum | ind |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SFR | 23 | 5 |  |  | 4 |  |  |
| Jaw | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| L/T |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Radius |  | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vert |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rib |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LFR |  |  | 5 |  |  |  |  |

Avian.

| Species | Chicken |
| :--- | :---: |
| Scapula | 1 |
| Humerus (pr+sh) | 1 |
| Humerus $(\mathrm{d}+\mathrm{sh})$ | 1 |
| Radius | 1 |
| Flna | 1 |

Table 3. Period $\boldsymbol{1}$ Indicators.
Species
Forn core
Jaw (wher

Table 4. Period II Non-Indicators (1).


Table 5. Period II Non-Indicators (2).


Table 6. Period II Miscellaneous Species.


Table 7. Period Il Avian.


Table 8. Period III Indicators.


Table 9. Period III Non-Indicators.


Table 10. Period III Avian.

| Species | Chicken |
| :--- | :---: |
| Tibiotarsus | 1 |
| Humerus (wh) | 1 |

Table 11. Period IV2 indicators.

| Species | cow | sheep | goat | $s / g$ | pig | horse |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Horn core | 2 | 6 | 2 | 1 |  |  |
| Jaw | 6 | 1 |  | 11 | 3 | 1 |
| Scapula (d) | 10 |  |  | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| Humerus (wh) |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Humerus (pr) |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| Humerus (d) | 6 |  |  | 8 | 1 | 1 |
| Radius (wh) |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |
| Radius (pr) | 7 |  |  | 4 | 1 | \| |
| Radius (d) | 3 |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| MTC (wh) | 4 |  |  | 5 | 5 | I |
| MTC (pr) | 1 |  |  | 9 | 2 | 1 |
| MTC (d) | 2 |  |  | 3 |  | \| |
| Pelvis | 3 |  |  | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| Femur (wh) |  |  |  |  | 1 | I |
| Femur (pr) | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Femur (d) | 1 |  |  | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Tibia (wh) |  |  |  |  | 1 | I |
| Tibia (pr) | 2 |  |  | 2 |  | 1 |
| Tibia (d) | 5 |  |  | 12 | 3 | - 2 |
| MTT (wh) | 3 |  |  | 1 | 1 | I |
| MTT (pr) | 8 |  |  | 8 | 3 | 4 |
| MTT (d) | 3 |  |  | 4 |  | , |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | I |
| Astragalus | 11 |  |  | 1 |  | , |
| 1st phalange | 13 |  |  | 3 |  | 1 |
| MTP | 1 |  |  | 1 |  | I |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | , |

Table 12. Period IV2. Non-Indicators (1).

| species | cow | goat | s/g | pig | horse |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SFR | 9 | 1 | 2 \| | 8 | I |
| SFR |  |  | - 1 |  |  |
| Maxilla |  |  | 3 | 6 | I |
|  |  |  | - 1 |  |  |
| Jaw | 34 |  | 8 \| | 15 | 1 |
| L/T | 23 |  | 39 | 2 | 8 I |
|  |  |  | - |  |  |
| Premaxilla | 1 |  | 21 |  | I |
|  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| Scapula |  |  | I | 6 | I |
| Humerus |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |
|  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| Radius | 1 |  | 2 I | 2 | 1 |
|  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| Ulna \| | 7 |  | 1 I | 5 | I |
|  |  |  | I |  |  |
| MTC | 1 |  | 2 |  |  |
|  |  |  | - 1 |  |  |
| Carpal | 2 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | I |  | I |
| Pelvis | 7 |  | 3 | 2 | I |
|  |  |  | , |  |  |
| Femur | 1 |  | , |  | , |
|  |  |  | - I |  | I |
| Tibia \| | 1 |  | \| 1 | 2 | I |
|  |  |  | , |  |  |
| MTT | 1 |  | $6 \quad 1$ |  | I |
|  |  |  | 1 1 |  |  |
| Tarsal |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |
| Calcaneum | 8 |  | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Calcaneum |  |  | 2 |  | 2 |
| Nav.cuboid | 5 |  | 1 |  |  |
| 1st phalange | 2 |  | 1 I |  |  |
|  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| 2nd phalange | 8 |  | 1 |  |  |
|  |  |  | 1 - 1 |  |  |
| 3rd phalange | 3 |  | 1 |  | 2 |
|  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| Splint bone |  |  | I |  | 4 |
|  |  |  | \| |  |  |
| Vertebra | $3(1+2)$ |  | \|3(atlas)| | $7(4+3)$ | 2 (axis) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 MTP | 1 |  | I |  | I |
|  |  |  | 1 |  | I |

Table 13. Period IV2 Non-Indicators (2).

| species |  |  | \| sma | | rum 1 | ind 1 |  | \| vsm |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | , |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Horn core | 1 |  | 1 | I | 31 |  | , |
|  | - 1 |  | 1 | - 1 | I |  |  |
| SFR | 91 |  | \| 44 | 1 | I |  |  |
|  |  |  | I |  |  |  |  |
| Jaw | 1 | 6 | 18 | 10 | , |  |  |
|  | 1 I |  | I | - 1 |  |  |  |
| L/T |  |  | I |  | 1 |  |  |
|  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Scapula | 16 I | 4 | 120 \| | 17 | , |  | 1 |
|  | 1 \| |  | 1 \| |  |  |  |  |
| Humerus | \| 12 | |  | 15 \| | 121 | , |  | 1 |
|  | I |  | - | $1 \quad 1$ |  |  |  |
| Radius | 1 | 1 | 1 | 15 \| |  |  |  |
|  | I |  | $1 \quad 1$ |  |  |  |  |
| Ulna | 31 |  | 1 | 1 | 11 |  | I |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MTC | \| | 1 | 1 | 11 | I |  | I |
|  | I |  | $1 \quad 1$ |  |  |  |  |
| Pelvis | 24 |  | \| 11 | | 4 |  |  | I |
|  |  |  | $1 \quad 1$ |  |  |  | I |
| Femur | \| 1 |  | \| 21 |  |  |  | , |
| Femur |  |  | 1.1 | I | 1 1 |  | I |
| Tibia | 51 |  | 131 | 81 | I |  | , |
|  |  |  | $1 \ldots 1$ | I | I |  | I |
| MTT | I | 4 | 11 | 51 |  |  | 1 |
|  | 1 - 1 |  | 1 \| | I | I |  | , |
| Nav.cuboid | I 1 |  | 11 | $1 \quad 1$ | I |  | I |
|  |  |  |  | 1 \| | I |  | 1 |
| Vertebra | 168 |  | \|70168| | \|2(ax)| |  |  | I |
| Vertebra | \|(1ax)| |  | \| $+1+1$ ) |  | I |  | I |
| Ribs | 1200 |  | \|116 | 1 | I |  | 11 |
|  |  |  | 1 - | I | I |  | 1 |
| MTP | 11 | 4 | I | 11 | 1 |  | , |
|  |  |  | I | I | I |  | 1 |
| LFR | \| 242 | |  | \| 151 | I | I | 1 | ! |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Ind | I |  | I |  | \| 219 | I | I |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |

Table 14. Period IV2 Miscellaneous Species.

| Species | dog | cat | rabbit | hare |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SFR | 3 | 1 (wh) |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Jaw | 1 | 1 |  |  |
| Scapula (d) | 6 |  | , |  |
|  |  |  | I |  |
| Humerus (wh) | 1 |  |  |  |
| Humerus (d) |  | 2 |  |  |
|  |  |  | I |  |
| Ulna | 4 |  | 1 |  |
| Pelvis | 1 |  | , |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Femur (wh) | 4 | 1 | , |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Femur (d) | 1 |  | \| |  |
|  | 1 |  | 1 |  |
| Tibia (d) | 1 | 4 | I 1 | 1 |
| MTP | 8 |  | I |  |
|  |  |  | I |  |
| Rib | 1 |  | , |  |
|  |  |  | 1 |  |

Table 15. Period IV2 Avian.


Table 16. Period IV3 Indicators.


Table 17. Period IV3 Non-Indicators (1).


Table 18. Period IV3 Non-Indicacors (2).


Table 19. Period IV3. Miscellaneous Species.


Table 20. Period IV3 Avian.


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Table 21. Period VII Indicators.


Table 22. Period VII Non-Indicators (1).

| species | cow | sheep | pig | horse |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Horn core \| |  | 7 |  |  |
|  |  |  | 1 |  |
| SFR I | 15 | 5 | 42(1wh) |  |
| Maxilla | 14 |  | 9 |  |
| Jaw | 132 |  | 20 | 1 |
| Premaxilla | 1 |  |  |  |
| Hyoid \| |  |  | I |  |
| Scapula \| | 9 |  | 6 | 2 |
| Radius | 10 |  | 1 |  |
| Ulna \| | 12 |  | 10 |  |
|  |  |  | 1 |  |
| MTC I | 3 |  |  |  |
| Pelvis | 14 |  | 4 | \| |
| Femur |  |  | 1 | , |
| Patella | 4 |  | I |  |
| Tibia | 2 |  | $1 \quad 7$ |  |
| MTT \| | 6 |  | 1 | I |
|  |  |  | - |  |
| Calcaneum | 15 |  | 4 | , |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Nav.cuboid \| | 8 |  | I | , |
|  |  |  | I | 3 |
| 2nd phalange | 5 | , | I | 3 |
| 3rd phalange | 11 | 1 | $1-$ | I |
|  |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Splint bone |  | I | I | 2 |
|  |  | I | 1 |  |
| Vertebra \| | $13(8+5)$ | I | $172(2+2+$ | \| 2 (atlas) |
|  |  | I | 1 68) |  |
| Ribs |  | I | 58 | 1 |
|  |  | , | $1 \times$ |  |
| MTP I |  | , | 1 | I |
| Astragalus | 3 |  | - | 1 |
|  |  |  | , |  |
| Sternum \| |  | I | 13 | 1 0 |
|  |  |  | 1 | 1 |

Table 23. Pariod VII Non-Indicators (2).


Table 24. Period VII Miscellaneous Species.


Table 25. Period VII Avian.


Table 26. Cattle Epiphyseal Fusion.


Table 27. Sheep/Goat Epiphyseal Fusion.




Table 28. Pig Epiphyseal Fusion.


Table 29 Pathological Material.

Very little pathological material was recovered from the site. What was recorded is listed below.

| context | phase | species | bone | element | $1 / \mathrm{r}$ | location of pathology |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 368 | II | cow | met | whole | r | lateral side |
|  |  |  | m |  |  |  |
| 1298 | II | cow | mtc | whole | 1 | proximal <br> lateral side |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 700 | II | cow | jaw I | whole | r | abscess |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | around dp4 |
|  |  |  |  | " |  |  |
| 794 | II | cow | sfr | "ear" | r |  |
|  |  |  | fr |  |  |  |
| 345 | II | cow | sfr | "eye" | r |  |
| 794 | II | horse | \|carpal| | 2*whole |  | fused together |
| 1480 | III | s/g | mtt \| | whole | $r$ | front shaft |
| 1388 | IV2 | Cow | 2phal | whole |  |  |
| 1854 | IV3 | chicken | mtt \| | whole | 1 | around spur |
| 503 | IV3 | s/g | \|1phal | whole |  | proximal |
| 1342 | IV3 | s/g | jaw | whole | $r$ | \| abscess |
|  |  |  | \| | |  |  | \| around M2 |
| 947 | IV3 | dog | rib \| | .75whole |  | healed break |
|  |  |  | 1 \| |  |  | $l$ on shaft |
| 1995 | IV3 | oxo | vert |  |  | fused togethe |
|  |  |  | \| |  |  | fused together |
| 2094 | IV3 | oxo | \|sacrum| |  | I | I |
|  |  |  | \| |  |  | , |
| 1102 | Vil | cow | \|1phal | whole |  | \| distal |
| 1170 | VII | Cow | \|1phal | whole | I | \| distal |
|  |  |  | 1 \| |  |  | I |
| 1102 | VH | cow | \|'phal | whole | I | \| proximal and <br> distal |
|  |  |  | \| |  | I | \| |
| 1604 | Vil | s/s | I mtc | p+sh | 1 | $\mid$ rear shaft |
| 1221 | VII | cow | ) mtt | whole | r | \| distal |
|  |  |  | I |  | 1 |  |
| 1761 | VII | cow | \| jaw | | whole | 1 | \| P4/M1 jaw |
|  |  |  | I |  | 1 | \| recession |
| 1805 | VII | cow | \| jaw | whole | r | \| P4/M1 jaw |
|  |  |  | I |  | I | \| recession |
|  |  | - | 1 |  | 1 |  |
| 1415 | VII | / $/ \mathrm{g}$ | \| jaw | whole | \| 1 | \| M1 half pre| mortem loss |
|  |  | , | I I |  | I |  |
| 1102 | VII | s/g | \| jaw | shaft | $r$ | \| M1 half pre- |
|  |  | 1 | 1 \| |  | 1 | \| mortem loss |

Table 29(contd)

| context | phase | species | bone I | element | 1/r | location of pathology |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1761 | VII | $\mathrm{s} / \mathrm{g}$ | h/c - | whole |  | - odd "twist" |
| 1334 | VII | cow | mtt | whole | 1 | lateral shaft |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 794 | II | 0xo | \|pelvis| | whole |  | acetabulum |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 30. Miscellaneous Butchery.
The following unusual cases of butchery were recorded.


## Miscellaneous Worked Stone

1. Shelly Limestone; ?building material; fill of ditch 1234, Period IV1, s.f. 949.
2. Shelly Limestone; worked fragment; hearth 1529, Period IV2, s.f. 859.
3. Shelly Limestone; fragment with two worked surfaces; fill of post-hole 1319, Period IV3, s.f. 646.
4. Shelly Limestone; worked fragment; top fill of pit 1651, Period IV3, s.f. 936.
5. Shelly Limestone; worked fragment; top fill of hut 785, Period IV3,
6. Micaceous Sandstone; worked fragment; fill of ditch 1383, Period V,
7. Micaceous Sandstone; worked fragment; layer 1102, Period VII,
8. Micaceous Sandstone; worked fragment; layer 1306, Period VII, s.f. 1026.
9. Micaceous Sandstone; worked fragment; layer 1543, Period VII, s.f. 801.
10. Micaceous Sandstone; worked fragment; layer 1273, Period VII, s.f. 573.
11. Micaceous Sandstone; worked fragment; layer 1761, Period VII, s.f. 1156.
12. Micaceous Sandstone; worked fragment; layer 1741, Period VII,
13. Limestone; ?brick; layer 1338, Period VII, s.f.796.
14. Limestone; building material; bottom fill of pit 1272, Period I,
15. Limestone; building meterial; top fill of pit 1873 , Period IV3,
16. Quartzite; building material; fill of pit 1986, Period IV3,
17. Chalk; worked fragment; layer 1164, Period VII, s.f. 513.
18. Chalk; worked fragment with knife marks on one surface; wall 1133, Period VII,
19. Chalk spindlewhorl; weight 21 gm ; fill of 785 (Structure 5), Period IV3, s.f. 249.
20. Chalk spindlewhorl; weight 39 gm ; fill of ditch 250 , Period IV2, s.f. 185.

## Hones

1. Blue Phyllite; smoothed overall; broken at both ends; upper fill of pit 1994, Period IV3, s.f. 1231.
2. Blue Phyllite; smoothed on two surfaces; broken at both ends; layer 1102, Period VII, s.f. 478.
3. Blue Phyllite; smoothed on three surfaces, fourth is rough; broken at both ends; one broken suspension hole; layer 1108, Period VII, s.f. 516.
4. Blue Phyllite; smoothed overall; broken at both ends; layer 1102, Period VII, s.f. 522.
5. Micaceous Quartz Sandstone; one smoothed surface; broken both ends; unstratified, s.f. 92.
6. Micaceous Quartz Sandstone; smoothed overall, but ends broken; layer; Jayer 1154, Period VII, s.f. 477.
7. Micaceous Quartz Sandstone; smoothed overall, ends rough; layer 1673, Period VII, s.f. 1197.
8. Unidentified; smoothed on three surfaces, fourth is rough; broken at both ends; layer 1108, Period VII, s.f. 508. FII

## Tile

## Period I

322: ?Roman, with hole, s.f. 163

Period IV1
274: Roman
620: pan.
719: peg, post-med.
1640: hearth tile, modern.

Period IV2
28: peg, post-med.
31: two pan with black glaze.
111: pan.
996: Roman tegula.
1145: pan.
1307: two pan.
1821: two ?Roman, s.f.s. 1040 and 1041.

Period IV3
746: peg, post-med.
894: pan.
1715: Roman imbrex.

Period VII
1093: peg, med.
1102: three peg, med.
1105: peg, ?med.
1107: two peg, post-med.
1109: two peg, med.; two peg, post-med.

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1109: ?floor tile with traces of mortar deposits on one side.
1113: peg, med.
1142: three peg, med. or post-med.
1143: pan.
1154: two peg, med. or post-med.
1170: peg, med.
1221: peg, post-med.
1305: peg, med.
1305: two peg, late med. or post-med.
1338: two peg, med.
1415: three peg, med.
1520: peg, med.
1673: pan.
1761: pan.
Modern
16: modern
18: ?peg, med. or post-med.
845: pan.
1116: three peg, med., one modern.
1304: peg, med.
1396: pan.
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## Unphased

2: Roman tegula; floor-tile, med., six post-med.
1262: pan with black glaze.
1307: two pan.

## Brick

Period IV3
1302: one fragment.

## Period V

2035: fragment.

Period VII
1105: fragment.
1127: fragment with two fingered grooves and mortar deposits.
1305: fragment.
1546: two fragments.
1737: fragment.

Period Vi
21: fragment.

Modern
6: two fragments.
10: fragment.
18: two fragments.
896: two fragments.

