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## CHAPTER 3: DORKING

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### **Excavation in St Martin's Walk, Dorking**

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## THE FINDS

**Catalogue of human remains** *by Dr Tony Waldron*

This catalogue indicates the state of preservation of each inhumation and gives an estimation of the total amount of the skeleton present. The age, sex and height of each skeleton are given where these could be determined; the method used in each case is shown in brackets. Each estimate of height (in metres) is accompanied by its standard error.

## INHUMATIONS

**S20** Incomplete skeleton represented by most limb bones, right pelvis and skull. Bone mostly extremely fragile and friable; c66%.

Male (pelvis, skull)

45+ (dental wear)

1.78 ± 0.03 (left femur)

**S22** Adult skeleton represented by both lower legs and some bones of the feet.

Probably male (measurements of talus)

**S23** Partial skeleton comprising both lower legs, part of left pelvis, some bones of the feet and one proximal phalanx of the hand.

Female (pelvis)

45+ (pubic symphysis)

1.54 ± 0.04 (right femur and tibia)

**S24** Incomplete skeleton represented by both legs, part of left pelvis, distal left radius, mid-shaft fragment of left ulna and some bones of the hands and feet.

Male (pelvis)

35-45 (pubic symphysis)

1.69 ± 0.03 (left femur)

**S25** Partial adult skeleton with both legs and a few bones of the feet remaining.

Probably female (femoral head diameter)

1.54 ± 0.04 (right femur)

**S26** Adult skeleton represented only by both lower legs and a few bones of the Feet.

Probably male (measurements of talus)

1.66 ± 0.03 (left tibia)

**S27** Substantially intact skeleton but extremely fragile and fragmented; skull well preserved; c90%.

Male (skull)

45+ (dental wear)

1.70 ± 0.03 (left tibia)

**S28** Substantial skeleton but lacking left arm and some small bones of the hands and feet; c85%.

6-8 (dental eruption)

**S29** Partial skeleton represented by both legs, part of pelvis and some small bones of the hand.

Male (pelvis)

35-45 (pubic symphysis)

1.75 ± 0.03 (left femur and tibia)

**S30** Incomplete adult skeleton comprising both lower legs with fragments of both femora, fragments of the left pelvis and some lumbar vertebrae.

Female (pelvis)

**S32** Partial adult skeleton represented by both lower legs and feet only.

Probably male (measurements of talus)

**S75** Incomplete adult skeleton with only lower legs and feet present.

Probably female (measurements of talus)

#### DISARTICULATED BONE

Mid-shaft fragment of right clavicle; distal left humerus; proximal right ulna; proximal left radius; one proximal phalanx of the hand; two right femoral heads; distal left femur: two mid-shaft fragments of left femur; two left tibia; mid-shaft fragment of right tibia; left talus; left calcaneum; five metatarsals; many other unidentified long bone fragments. Two cattle vertebrae.

**Catalogue of Small finds** by *Suzanne Huson*

A catalogue of the finds is set out below by material. Where a date is known it is given after the description, otherwise it is indeterminable. Each description is followed by the context number and the phase number, in that order.

Abbreviations used are as follows:

u/s = unstratified.

Rom = Roman

M/PM = Medieval/post-medieval

D = Diameter

L = Length

W = Width

C = Century

**COPPER ALLOY**

- 1 Coin. AE3 of Constantine I. AD 307-337.  
Minted at Lyon  
*obverse*: Laurel head right and cuirass  
'CONSTAN/TINUS AUG'  
*reverse*: Alter with 'VOTI XX'  
initials '?P' either side. (18, 3a)
  
- 2 Coin. AE centenionalis of Constantius II. AD 346-354.  
Trier mint mark.  
*obverse*: Laurel head right  
'D.N. CONSTANTIUS P.F.AUG.'  
*reverse*: Soldier advancing left, wearing fallen horseman. (101a, 2)
  
- 3 Coin/Token, very worn, probably 18th century. (u/s)
  
- 4 'Sewing' pin, with round head. L.26mm (u/s)
  
- 5 Lace tag. L.25mm (18, 3a)

- 6 Fitting. Bent plate with 5 large holes around edge and 5 smaller holes interspersed. Traces of gilding. L.60mm, W.56mm (18, 3a)
- 7 Fitting fragment. Arched length of plate with second, curved piece attached at apex. L.36mm (18, 3a)

## IRON

- 1 Hinge pivot. Thick rod of rectangular section, bent at a right angle in the middle. Tapers to a point at one end. (cf Goodall 1988, 216, No 52-53 where medieval in date) (18, 3a)
- 2 Wall hook, of rectangular section, the hook rises from the end of the shank. (cf Goodall 1988, 211, No 31 where medieval in date) (S29, 3a)
- 3 Awl, stem of rectangular section. L.6mm (56, 3b)
- 4 Lump. (58a, 3a)
- 5 Half a ring of rectangular section. D.29mm (102, 4)
- 6 T-shaped rod of rectangular section. L.34mm. (102, 4)
- 7 ?Punch. Rod of rectangular section, domed head at one end, ?point at other. L.S2mm. (108, 4)
- 8 Curved rod of rectangular section, use and date unknown L.45mm. (113a, 2 Area A)

470g of iron slag was recovered from contexts 58a (3a), 101 (2 Area B), 102 (4), 110W (2, Area A), including parts of two possible hearth bases (58a and 110W).

18 nails were collected from the following contexts 18 (3a), 23 (3a), 29 (3a), 53 (3b), 54 (3b), 79 (4), 101 (2 Area B), 102 (4), 103 (4), 110W (2 Area A), 116 (4), 119 (3a), and u/s.

## GLASS

- |    |  |           |
|----|--|-----------|
| 1  | One body sherd of clear vessel   | (S25, 3a) |
| 2  | Rim, neck and shoulder of clear vessel. Rim slightly warped and grooved in part.           | (52, 4)   |
| 3  | Body sherd of clear vessel.  | (52, 4)   |
| 4  | Neck sherd of green bottle.  | (92, 3a)  |
| 5  | Body sherd of green bottle.  | (92, 3a)  |
| 6  | Rim sherd of fine, clear vessel.   | (102, 4)  |
| 7  | Base sherd, with kick, of green bottle.  | (108, 4)  |
| 8  | Body sherd of fine, clear vessel.  | (116, 4)  |
| 9  | Body sherd of clear vessel.  | (116, 4)  |
| 10 | ?Base sherd of clear vessel.   | (116, 4)  |
| 11 | Rim, neck and shoulders (four sherds), of clear bottle. Cordon around neck at base of rim. | (116, 4)  |

- 12 One sherd of window. (102, 4)
- 13 One sherd of window. (103, 4)
- 14 One sherd of window. (108, 4)

## STONE

### *Mica Schist*

- 1 Part of whetstone. Rectangular section, perforated at one end, very worn. (58, 3a)

### *Lava*

- 1 Fragments of quernstone. (135g) (4, 2 Area B)

### *Flint*

- 1 End scraper (u/s)
- 2 Spawl (101. 2 Area B)
- 3 Knife or a flake, with retouch (101, 2 Area B)
- 4 ?Leaf arrowhead (110 Ea, 2 Area A)
- 5 Flake, with possible use as knife (111, 36)
- 6 Blade (3, 3b)
- 7 Blade (4, 2 Area B)
- 8 Blade fragment. (4a. 2 Area B)
- 9 Blade with use wear (4c, 2 Area B)

10	Blade segment with use wear	(58a, 3a)
11-12	Two blades	(101, 2 Area B)
13	Waste blade	(102, 4)
14	Waste blade	(108, 4)
15	Blade fragment	(110 Ea, 2 Area A)
16	Waste flake	(4a, 2 Area B)
17	Flake with wear use	(18, 3a)
18	Waste flake	(18, 3a)
19	Broken flake with retouch	(101, 2 Area B)
20-25	Six waste flakes, one calcined	(101, 2 Area B)
26-30	Five waste flakes	(101, 2 Area B)
31	Flake	Eb, 2 Area A)
32	Flake with use wear	(u/s)
33	Flake	(u/s)

## CLAY PIPES

(Details of makers marks have been taken from Higgins 1980)

- |    |  |          |
|----|--|----------|
| 1  | Plain bowl, no spur. <i>c</i> 1850-1910  | (52, 4)  |
| 2  | Bowl in shape of a boot. <i>c</i> 19th C   | (52, 4)  |
| 3  | Bowl fragment with milled run, flat spur. <i>c</i> 1660-80   | (92, 4a) |
| 4  | Bowl fragment.   | (103, 4) |
| 5  | Bowl fragment.   | (116, 4) |
| 6  | Stem with part of bowl and flat spur marked 'CW'<br>Probably Charles Wattleton, a Guildford maker,<br>working 1704, died 1755. | (116, 4) |
| 7  | Bowl with milled rim, pointed spur. <i>c</i> 1690-1710.  | (u/s)    |
| 8  | Bowl, flat spur. <i>c</i> 1700-70.   | (u/s)    |
| 9  | Bowl, pointed spur marked ' ' stamped on stem<br>'B.Vining'. 'Kingston'. <i>c</i> 1780-1820.                                   | (u/s)    |
| 10 | Bowl with leaf decoration on spine, pointed spur<br>marked 'RO'. <i>c</i> 1780-1820.   | (u/s)    |
| 11 | Bowl, pointed spur marked '-H'. <i>c</i> 1820-40.  | (u/s)    |
| 12 | Bowl, leaf decoration on spine and milled rim.<br>No spur. Stem stamped 'Harrington', ?'Horsham'<br><i>c</i> 1850-1910.        | (u/s)    |

- 13 Bowl, leaf decoration on spine and milled rim.  
No spur. Stem stamped ? 'R Brindt ...', '...orsham'.  
c1850-1910. (u/s)
- 14 Bowl, very thick walls, spur missing. Post 1840. (u/s)
- 15 Stem fragment, pointed spur marked 'GT'. Probably  
George Thornton I apprenticed 1731, died 1768,  
or II working 1762–1823, both Dorking makers. (u/s)
- 16 Stem fragment, pointed spur marked 'WT'. Possibly  
W Thornton. (u/s)
- 17 Stem fragment, circular stamp 'Harrington  
Brighton'. (u/s)
- 18 Stern fragment, leaf decoration stamped 'W Thornton',  
'James St Ports ...' (u/s)

Plain stem fragments were also recovered from the following contexts: 52 (4), 53 (3b), 79 (4), 103 (4), 116 (4), and u/s.