

especially where the proportion of sites which can be excavated is small. Site observation can provide much archaeological material as well as valuable information on the general levels in an area. Furthermore, with excavation work naturally concentrated on sites where the existing evidence would indicate the probability of deposits of archaeological importance, site-watching remains a means of locating new areas of interest.

In view of the sparsity of the evidence, the archaeological picture presented by the surveys is undoubtedly unbalanced and will remain so unless a broad surveillance of development over the whole area can be maintained.

This work cannot be carried out comprehensively by the staff of the Unit, who are committed to excavation and publication work, and it is here that part-time helpers can be very usefully involved. A number of individuals and groups are helping in this way by watching development sites, but many more of such helpers are required. The ground is nowhere near being covered at present.

Local Groups

A number of historical/archaeological societies and groups exist within the area covered by the Unit. Three of these groups (two of them in the Borough of Hammersmith) are actively engaged in excavation work, whilst others concentrate on documentary/historical research. Quite obviously, to individuals giving up their own time, the Unit cannot dictate where and how they should direct their energies, but it is hoped that sufficiently close con-

tact can be maintained so that the work of all parties is directed to the same general ends, for the benefit of the archaeology of the area as a whole.

Administration

The financial administration of the Unit is organised by Allan Tribe, of Everett & Son, to whom many thanks are due for his unpaid services. The London and Middlesex Archaeological Society have also appointed a secretary who, amongst other duties, assists Mr. Tribe and the Unit Director with the administration.

The Unit's staff are responsible to the Inner London (North) Archaeological Committee, which has met four times since March 1975. The seven boroughs are represented by members on this Committee, but the attendance of these representatives has been disappointingly low. Whilst it is appreciated that the demands made on the time of members are extremely heavy, it is hoped that more representatives may be able to attend these meetings in future.

Accommodation

For the first nine months of its existence the Unit was provided with premises in Steward Street, E.1, by Central & City Holdings Ltd., to whom, and to David King in particular, the Unit is much in debt. It is now housed, thanks to the London Borough of Camden, in premises in Holborn, which serve as both office and storage accommodation, as well as living accommodation for the digging team. The new address is:—Inner London Archaeological Unit, Imex House, 42 Theobalds Road, London, WC1X 8NW (Tel. 01-242 6620).

Excavations

City, by Museum of London, Department of Urban Archaeology. A series of long term excavations. Enquiries to Brian Hobley, Chief Urban Archaeologist, Guildhall Museum, Basinghall Street, E.C.2. (01-606 3030 ext. 2217).

Battersea, by South West London Team. A site in Althorpe Grove is producing Saxon and medieval material and features. Enquiries to Scott McCracken, Flat 3, 32 Creffield Road, W.5.

East London, by Passmore Edwards Museum. Various sites in the Dockland Redevelopment Area. Enquiries to Pat Wilkinson, Passmore Edwards Museum, Romford Road, E.15 (01-534 4545).

Egham, by Surrey Archaeological Society. Sites in the Egham area. Enquiries to David Bird, Field Officer S.A.S., Castle Arch, Guildford, Surrey (0483-32454).

Fulham, by Fulham Archaeological Rescue Group. A site in the grounds of Fulham Palace producing Neolithic to early medieval material and features. Enquiries to Keith Whitehouse, 56 Tamworth Street, S.W.6. (01-385 6038).

Inner London Boroughs, by the Inner London Unit. Several rescue sites in various areas. Enquiries to Irene Schwab (01-242 6620).

Kingston, by Kingston-upon-Thames Archaeological Society. Rescue sites in the town centre. Enquiries to Marion Smith, Kingston Museum, Fairfield Road, Kingston (01-546 5386).

Southwark, by Southwark Archaeological Excavation Committee. Several sites from the Roman period onwards. Enquiries to Harvey Sheldon, S.A.E.C. Montague Chambers, Montague Close, S.E.1. (01-407 1989).

Staines, by London and Middlesex Archaeological Society. A Roman site at the Friends' Burial Ground, Thames Street. Enquiries to Kevin Crouch (09-328 62874 eve.)

GENERAL EXCAVATIONS

The Council for British Archaeology produces a monthly Calendar of Excavations from March to September, with an extra issue in November and a final issue in January summarising the main results of fieldwork. The Calendar gives details of extra-mural courses, summer schools, training excavations and sites where volunteers are needed. The annual subscriptions is £1.75, post-free, which should be made payable to C.B.A., 7 Marylebone Road, N.W.1.