

The size of the trees from each site were not identical but the number of samples is large enough only to make very general comments. It is probable that, since a large amount of wood was needed for the foundation piles, the Romans selected any timber which looked to be suitable without being too particular about the exact size. The woodland must have supported a range of trees with differing diameters; this is demonstrated by the timbers from the revetment structures at New Fresh Wharf or Seal House, where colossal sill-beam timbers of up to 1m (3ft 3in) in width are found alongside piles of similar dimensions to those described here<sup>13</sup>. The size of the piles would also be affected by the method of conversion. It has already been shown that more

13 J Hillam and R A Morgan, "What value dendro-chronology to waterfront archaeology?" Proceedings

wood was wasted at New Fresh Wharf and the Tower than at Blackfriars during the hewing of the felled trunks into the required shape.

No doubt the long term excavation programme currently being undertaken in London by the DUA and the DoE will reveal further stretches of the riverside wall. It should then be possible to elaborate on the results set out in this paper.

### Acknowledgements

The authors would like to thank the archaeologists involved with the three sites: in particular Mr. Geoffrey Parnell of the DoE and the many members of the DUA. We are also grateful to the DoE for financing the work at Sheffield.

of conference *Waterfront Archaeology in North European Towns*. CBA Report (forthcoming).

## Excavations & Post-Excavation work

**City**, by Museum of London. Department of Urban Archaeology. A series of long term excavations. Enquiries to Alison Balfour-Lynn, DUA, 71 Basinghall Street, E.C.2. (01-600 3699). For information on post-excavation work, contact Penny MacConnoran at this address.

**Brentford**, by West London Archaeological Field Group. Excavation and processing. Enquiries to Alison Parnum, 71-72 Brentford High Street, Brentford, Middlesex. (01-560 3880).

**Fulham**, by Fulham Archaeological Rescue Group. Sandford Manor, Rewell Street (New Kings Road), S.W.6. Excavation work in grounds of 17th century house, traceable back to at least 14th century, hopefully will find medieval and earlier occupation. Enquiries to Excavation Director, C. E. Oliver, 18 Albany Court, Ashburnham Road, Ham, Richmond, Surrey. (01-948 2633) or K. Whitehouse.

Fulham Palace, Bishops Avenue, Fulham Palace Road, S.W.6. Examination of existing buildings and research work has revealed earlier buildings underneath. Sundays and some weekdays. Enquiries to Keith Whitehouse, 86 Clancarty Road, S.W.6. (01-731 0338).

Blakes/Redline/Esso and Rosebank Wharves, Stevenage Road, S.W.6. Urgent rescue work during redevelopment for housing is producing evidence for occupation during Neolithic and medieval times. Some weekdays and Saturdays. Enquiries to Keith Whitehouse (as above).

**Hammersmith**, by Fulham Archaeological Rescue Group. Processing of prehistoric finds from Blakes Wharves and medieval material from Fulham Palace. Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m. - 10 p.m., at Fulham Palace, Bishops Avenue, Fulham Palace Road, S.W.6. Contact: Keith Whitehouse (see Fulham).

**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).

**North-East Greater London**, by Passmore Edwards Museum. Enquiries to Pat Wilkinson, Passmore Edwards Museum, Romford Road, E.15. (01-534 4545).

**Putney**, by Wandsworth Historical Society. Two acre site at junction of Felsham Road and High Street lies on Roman and medieval settlements. Alternate weekends. Enquiries to Nicholas Farrant, 7 Coalecroft Road, S.W.15. (01-788 0015).

**South West London Boroughs** by the South West London Unit, excavations and processing. Enquiries to Scott McCracken, 21 Harbut Road, Battersea SW11 (01-223 2478).

**Southwark**, by Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Excavation Committee. Several sites from the Roman period onwards. Enquiries to Harvey Sheldon, S.L.A.E.C., Port Medical Centre, English Grounds, Morgan's Lane, S.E.1 2HT. (01-407 1989).

**Surrey**, by Surrey Archaeological Society. Enquiries to David Bird, County Archaeological Officer, Planning Department, County Hall, Kingston, Surrey.

**Vauxhall Pottery**, by Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society. Excavation at weekends only. Processing of excavated material continues three nights a week. All enquiries to S.L.A.S., c/o Cuming Museum, 155 Walworth Road, S.E.17. (01-703 3324).

### 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 subscription is £3.00 post-free, which should be made payable to "C.B.A., 112 Kennington Road, S.E.11.*