

**Roman Bath discovered**, by Barry Cunliffe. *Routledge & Kegan Paul*, 1984. 232pp.

THE PUBLICATION of narrative descriptions of major excavations is very welcome, for they tell the story to a much wider non-specialist readership. Particularly so in this case, where several sessions of investigation have taken place, Barry Cunliffe has summarised present knowledge in an excellent book that is difficult to stop reading.

However, due to the familiarity of the author with the locality and his subject, a number of references are made to modern streets without indicating their position in the drawings. It would have eased understanding if the street names had been inserted in the general plan comparing the modern roads with the Roman features.

Similarly, the insertion of the streets on the excellent drawings, i.e. Figs. 95, 96, 101 & 102, would have helped the reader to identify the locations more easily.

Nevertheless, a very well written and presented book which well complements the definitive work.

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**Courts of the Manors of Bandon and Beddington 1498-1552**, translated by H. M. Gowans, edited by M. Wilks and J. Bray. *London Borough of Sutton Libraries and Arts Services*, 1983. xxxviii + 92pp., £7.00.

THIS WORK COMPRISES the Latin text and an English translation of the only surviving court roll of Bandon Manor, in the Parish of Beddington, Surrey. Clearly a great deal of hard work and expertise has gone into the volume, as a glance at the Latin text with its numerous abbreviations makes clear. Publication of documents is always welcome, but this reviewer found himself doubting whether the effort and expense had been worthwhile in this case. It is a peculiarly uninformative court roll, particularly on topographical matters. Most of the information could well have been presented in a condensed form, and anyone needing the Latin could reasonably be expected to consult the original document. The excellent discussion in the introduction as to precisely where Bandon lay seems to me the most valuable part of the work, and the description of manorial procedure is also useful.

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**Hammersmith & Fulham**, by Fulham Archaeological Rescue Group. Processing of material from Sandford Manor and Fulham High Street. Tuesdays, 7.45 p.m.-10 p.m. at Fulham Palace, Bishop's Avenue, Fulham Palace Road, S.W.6. Contact Keith Whitehouse, 86 Clancarty Road, S.W.6. (01-731 0338).

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**South-West London Boroughs**, by Museum of London, Department of Greater London Archaeology (South-West London). Excavations and processing. Enquiries to Scott McCracken, St. Luke's House, Sandycombe Road, Kew. (01-940 5989).

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