

The Holme, Regent's Park, Inner Circle, NW1 TQ 2799 8265 MOLAS (Ian Grainger) watching brief Oct 1993 The Colson Stone Partnership HRP93

The basic underlying structure of the banks of the Rock Garden, belonging to The Holme (built 1818-19), and laid out in the early 19th c, survived beneath modern landscaping.

Victoria Embankment Gardens, Victoria Embankment, rear of 13 York Buildings, WC2 TQ 3039 8051 MOLAS (Robert Cowie) watching brief Mar-Apr 1993 Westminster City Council VEG93

A riverfront wall was revealed which, from cartographic evidence, has been dated to the 2nd half of the 18th c. On its landward side the wall retained associated reclamation dumps, while on its riverward side were further reclamation dumps, presumably deposited during construction of the Victoria Embankment in the 1860s.

SPELTHORNE

Burrows Hill Close Estate/Wessex Rd (Terminal 5 Development, Heathrow), Spelthorne TQ 0512 7550 MOLAS (Stewart Hoad) evaluation July-Sept 1993 British Airport Authority plc BWH93

Natural gravel was overlain by areas of brickearth, ploughsoil and topsoil. The E and W ditches of the Stanwell Cursus, a neolithic monument, were found cutting through what is interpreted as a henge monument. Numerous medieval, post-medieval and undated ditches and pits were recorded.

Sanctuary Rd, Spelthorne TQ 073 742 MOLAS (Stewart Hoad) evaluation Aug-Sept 1993 British Airports Authority plc SRS93

Above natural brickearth lay topsoil and modern dumped deposits. Features identified include five ditches, of which three may have been prehistoric and two post-medieval in date, the latter possibly part of a drainage system flowing N into the River Longford. Next to the river lay the remains of a building, probably 18th c in date.

South West Entrance Site Heathrow Airport (Terminal 5), off Western Perimeter Rd, Southern Perimeter Rd, Stanwell Moor Rd, Stanwell, Spelthorne TQ 0495 7489 MOLAS (Stewart Hoad)

evaluation Sept-Nov 1993 British Airports Authority SWE93

Natural brickearth was cut by a ditch and a pit containing prehistoric flint flakes and pottery. Above this was ploughsoil with post-medieval plough marks and field drains, sealed by modern dumped deposits and topsoil.

ESSEX

Abbey Gardens House, Waltham Abbey TL 3814 0067 Waltham Abbey Historical Society (P J Huggins) evaluation

A staggered trench was dug E-W across the garden in advance of a new Parish Centre. The width of the cellarer's range of the Augustinian Abbey of c 1200 AD was established at 8.84m (29ft) internally. Cellar floors were between 0.74 and 0.91m (2ft 5in and 3ft) below that in the cloister walk and church. Evidence of one springer indicates the presence of a line of central pillars to the stone-vaulted cellar. To the S of the *cellarium*, a cross wall defines the existence of a parlour where the cloister and the outside wall met; herein was a base probably for a spiral staircase. A post-medieval feature was a brick- and stone-lined sump filled with moulded abbey stone; it is interpreted as a soaking pit to help remove mortar before the stone was burnt in a nearby lime kiln.

A significant find, well out of context, was an Anglo-Saxon fastener of Salin style II of the 7th c. It is argued (*LA* 7 no 6 (1994) 163-7) that this piece, with a fish and the eagle of St. John, may be as early as the bishopric of Mellitus 604-616 AD.

Late entry

Ealing

Gypsy Corner, Acton, W3 tq 206 817 South Eastern Archaeological Services (Chris Place) evaluation May 1993

Trenches revealed the S side of the courtyard of Friars Place Farm, of late 17th(?)-early 19th c date and demolished in the 1980s. 19th c buildings, possibly cottages, were recorded on the N side of the courtyard. The probable location of the original medieval moat was sectioned but no evidence for it was found.

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The London Archaeological Research Facility was established in 1992 with the aim of promoting the archaeological study of London, primarily through fostering closer co-operation amongst the increasingly diverse agencies working in this field. It was also felt that the compilation of annual surveys of recent publications of London material would be of assistance to those engaged in current research. It is intended that an annual Bibliography will be published in *London Archaeologist*, in which the titles of recent works are listed.

The first of this series is presented here, and incorporates a range of material published in 1992-3. Subsequently it is hoped that concise summaries, or abstracts, of all London publications will be prepared and published on an annual basis. These services are undertaken in collaboration with the British Archaeological Bibliography, based at UCL Institute of Archaeology.

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