

Commentary

by Gromaticus

Updates all round

THERE IS more news on several of the topics that we have covered recently. First, the Anglo-Saxon cemetery at Croydon (see Vol 7, no. 16 (1996), 424-31; Vol. 8, no. 4 (1997) 94-7). The site has been acquired by Frogmore Investments Ltd., who have turned down a further proposal for a total excavation of the site, although this would have cost them no more than the partial excavation that they will have to fund under the terms of the Public Enquiry. Their consultants, Wessex Archaeology, are now preparing a project design.

Next, Stonehenge (see Vol. 7, no. 15 (1995) 386; Vol. 8, no. 3 (1996) 58). The new Culture Secretary, Chris Smith, has pledged himself to help to try to find a solution to the problem of a worthy presentation of this World Heritage site. He may find this easier than his predecessors have, because the Ministry of Defence have recently withdrawn their objections to access via their land at Larkhill. A visitor centre at Larkhill would provide a dramatic approach to the stones, and would help to solve some of the problems that have dogged the site. The next step is discussions with the local community.

Finally, the Museum of London's archaeological archive (Vol. 8, no. 1 (1996) 2); we hear that the Museum is preparing a bid for lottery funds to help with a solution to this intractable problem. We hope to report good news next year.

Apologies

WE HAVE received this apology: "In the article on recent work at Bolsa House (76-80 Cheapside), published in the Autumn 1997 issue of *London Archaeologist*, the Museum of London Archaeology Service (MOLAS) omitted to include Richard Hughes of Ove Arup & Partners in the acknowledgements. MOLAS would like to point out that

Richard played an instrumental role in the work, having written the *Bolsa House Archaeological Desk Study* (June 1994) and devised the *Archaeological Strategy* (September 1994)." The *London Archaeologist* would like to apologise to MOLAS and to readers that the contour overlay to Fig. 2 of the same article was printed upside down and back to front.

Fieldwork Round-up 1997

CONTRIBUTIONS to the 1997 Round-up should be sent to the Editor, c/o Institute of Archaeology, 31-34 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PY, and should be modelled on the ones in the 1996 Round-up (Vol. 8, Supplement 2). It would be a great help if they could be sent in on a floppy disk (ASCII format, PC or MAC disk) as well as on paper.

Vacancies

THE *LONDON Archaeologist* has two vacancies for Officers, which must be filled at the next AGM. They are Advertising and Promotion Manager, whose job is to secure advertising in the magazine, and to promote its sales, and Assistant Editor, whose main job is to provide back-up to the Editor in case of illness, holidays, etc., as well as to help with design and proof-reading. Neither post is paid, and both involve only a few hours' work per week. If you would like to explore either of these posts, without commitment, please contact the Editor, c/o Institute of Archaeology, 31-34 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PY.

Best wishes

WE ARE sure that readers will wish to join us in sending their best wishes to Nicholas Fuentes, our Managing Editor, who at the time of going to press is very seriously ill. Nick had already announced his intention to stand down at the next AGM, and we are looking for someone who could take on this task.

Annual Lecture and Meeting

THE ANNUAL Lecture and Meeting of the London Archaeologist will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 12 May in the Lecture Theatre of the Institute of Archaeology, 31-34 Gordon Square, London WC1. Dr. Edward Impey will speak on recent archaeological work at the Tower of London. Before the talk, the annual reports and accounts will be presented. The proceedings will include the

election of officers (note that several posts have become vacant this year, see above) and the election to the Publication Committee of the six local society representatives, whose nomination should be made to the Chairman, c/o 7 Coalecroft Road, SW15 6LW. All are welcome to attend; local societies are invited to send one member with voting powers. Refreshments will be served from 6.30 p.m.