

STRATIGRAPHIC BLOCK A (EXCAVATION AREA 1)

A 1 ?Pit (function unknown)

Matrix

```

                A 4
*****|*****
                56
[A 1]   |
                55
*****|*****
        natural gravel
```

Interpretation

Shallow cut into natural gravels, mostly truncated by graves and standing building. Shallow sloping sides suggest a pit rather than a truncated grave. At base of stratigraphic sequence in this area.

No date, ?Roman.

A 2 Linear cut / ?ditch

Matrix

```

                A 5
*****|*****
                54
[A 2]   |
                53
*****|*****
        natural gravel
```

Interpretation

North-south aligned linear cut, probably a shallow ditch. Recorded as below brickearth layer [A 5], but this was probably a problem of definition. Probably part of the series of north-south and east-west ditches elsewhere on the site, provisionally interpreted as property/plot/field boundaries.

This feature may be early Roman, as the inhumation graves in the area show little respect for its alignment.

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A 3 Pit (function unknown)

Matrix

```
          A 6
*****|*****
          44
[A 3]   |
          43
*****|*****
      natural gravel
```

Interpretation

Small sub-rectangular pit with shallow sides and flat base, containing animal bone. Function is unknown - a disturbed cremation grave? -a robbed post setting? -pit for food offering?.

A 4 Cut (function unknown)

Matrix

```
          A 6
*****|*****
          46
[A4]   |
          45
*****|*****
          A 1
```

Interpretation

Cut, mostly truncated by standing building. Fe nails in backfill may indicate a wooden container, but may be residual. Position and appearance of cut suggests it might be the north end of a north-south aligned inhumation grave, perpendicular to inhumation [A 9].

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A 7 Inhumation

Matrix

```

          A 9
*****|*****
          42
          |
[A 7]   41
          |
          40
*****|*****
          A 5
```

Interpretation

East-west aligned supine extended encoffied inhumation, head lying to west. ?Packing deposit of ragstone boulders at west end of the grave. No grave goods, but Cu. coin (86 AD) in upper backfill.

A 8 Linear cut (?slot)

Matrix

```

          A 13
*****|*****
          16
          |
[A 8]   21
          |
          22
          |
          15
*****|*****
          A 6
```

Interpretation

Narrow north-south aligned slot, function unknown. Shares one of the major alignments of the area (see A 2, A 6, A 7). Backfill contains burnt material including burnt bone.

A 9 Inhumation

```

                A 14
*****|*****
                38
                |
[A 9]         39
                |
                37
*****≥*****
√⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗×
  ≥      ≥
A 6         A 7

```

Interpretation

North-south aligned supine extended encoffined ihumation. Head lies at north. Hands crossed over pelvis. Glass fragment, probably residual and coin (87 AD) found beside right pelvis may derive from underlying inhumation [A 7]. Two ragstone boulders lay beside either foot, outside the coffin.

The alignment of this grave is properly NE-SW and marks a significant deviation from earlier alignments (A 2, A 6, A 7).

A 10 Cut (?possible post-hole)

Matrix

```

                A 14
*****|*****
                49
[A 10]       |
                48
*****|*****
                A 5

```

Interpretation

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Small sub-circular cut, possibly a post-hole. Function is unclear. Compare with other eggs [A 17] depth/position etc for consideration as markers/structures.

A 11 Inhumation

Matrix

```

      A 14      A 5
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
*****≥*****
              31
[A 11] | 32
        |
        30
*****|*****
              A 5

```

Interpretation

East-west aligned, supine extended inhumation. Head lies at east, forearms crossed with hands on opposite elbows. No coffin recorded, but nails in backfill suggest burial was probably encoffined. No grave goods. Alignment appears to be on the "earlier" true east-west and north-south alignment, cf [A 7], contrast [A 9]

A 12 Inhumation

Matrix

```

      A 15      A 16
      ≥      ≥
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
*****≥*****
              35
[A 12] | 34
        |
        33

```


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                24
                |
[A 16]         25
                |
                23
*****|*****
                [A 12]
```

Interpretation

Severely truncated remains of extended encoffined inhumation. Only parts of left and right tibia and fibula remain. Head ?located at North end of the grave. The alignment of the cut is uncertain, but the one surviving edge appears to place it in a group with [A 7, A 11, A 12], ie. graves aligned n-s or e-w.

A 17 Post Hole

Matrix

```

                unstratified
*****|*****
                51
[A 17]         |
                50
*****|*****
                [A 5]
```

Interpretation

Small Post Hole, respecting/respected by other features. Possibly associated with grave [A 9] or [A 7].

A 18 Pit

Matrix

```

                [A 19]
*****|*****
[A 18]         27
*****|*****
                [A 6]
```

Interpretation

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Post-medieval ?refuse pit, no finds retrieved, no fill number assigned.

A 19 Animal burial, Post-medieval

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          10
          |
[A 19]  12
          |
          9
*****|*****
          [A 18]
```

Interpretation

Ovoid post-medieval cut, containing an iron vessel with the articulated remains of a small mammal (?cat) inside. Likely to be a magical/superstitious "offering" made at the time of construction of the 18th century basement which obviously disturbed some burials.

Discussion of Subgroups A 1-19

Activity appears to fall into the following broad phases:

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-natural gravel, top of deposit at c. 10.85m OD (not planned, based on recorded levels of [A 2]).

-north-south aligned ditch [A 2].

-activity that disturbed of redeposited the natural brickearth [A 5], top of deposit at 11.18m OD.

-north-south and east-west inhumations [A 7, A 11, A 12] and some pitting [A 1, A 3, A 4].

-north/east-south/west inhumations [A 9, A 14, A 15, A 16].

-some pitting and truncation to the upper cemetery deposits by the basements of the standing buildings [A 18, A19].

Sub-groups and spot-dating

Could broadly phase out as above. Problems occur with inhumation [A 12], which has a pottery vessel grave good of AD 50-160, but pottery in the backfill dated to AD 250-400.

The spot date for pit [A 4] AD 250-400 may be a problem as the overlying sub-group [A 6] is dated AD 70-160. However, this is in turn cut by inhumation [A 14], which could belong to the possible late group of ne-sw burials.

STRATIGRAPHIC BLOCK B (EXCAVATION AREA B)

B 1 Cut (function unknown)

Matrix

```

                [B 2]
*****|*****
[B 1]      28
*****|*****
        unexcavated
```

Interpretation

Partially excavated fill of large feature. Extent and form unclear.

B 2 Cut (function unknown)

```

        unstratified
*****|*****
                14
                |
[B 2]      26
```


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standing building. Patches of "chalk" were recorded beneath the ?left femur head and over the surviving ribs.

Discussion of sub-group C 1

Chalk burial with a spot date of AD 70-160. Alignment appears to correspond with putative early group in stratigraphic block A.

Highest surviving (truncated) natural deposits survive at c. 10.71m OD (based on plan [C 1] only).

STRATIGRAPHIC BLOCK D (EXCAVATION AREA 4)

D 1 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          220
          |
[D 1]   221
          |
          219
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

North-south oriented extended supine inhumation, severely truncated by later activity. Head would have been at the

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north end of the grave. No direct evidence for coffin, but the only surviving fill is a "chalk" deposit, normally only found as coffin packing.

[D 1] is the only surviving burial in excavation area 4, and the only feature in the area that is definitely Roman. NB This is one of two inhumation burials with chalk fills observed during the Trial Work, TP 5. Appears here as two feet, supine, legs probably straight and extended. The other (oriented e-w, supine, head to the west, upright, left arm slightly flexed with hand probably one same side of the pelvis) was presumably destroyed by the site clearance. No bone was lifted from TP 5 during the Trial Work.

D 2 Pit

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          66
[D 2]  |
          65
*****|*****
          [D 14]
```

Interpretation

Small, shallow cut, irregular ovoid in plan. Function unknown.

D 3 Pit

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          59
[D 3]  |
          58
*****|*****
```

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natural

Interpretation

Large sub-rectangular pit, cutting natural gravel. Possible quarry pit.

D 4 Pit

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          73
          |
          82
          |
          78
          |
          79
[D 4]   |
          84
          |
          90
          |
          91
          |
          74
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Sub-rectangular pit cutting natural gravel. Probable gravel quarry.

D 5 Pit

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          81
[D 5]   |
```

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```
          81
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

Refuse pit, rectangular in plan.

D 6 Linear feature

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          87
[D 6]   |
          86
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

North-south aligned linear cut, possible narrow gully.

D 7 Pit

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          89
[D 7]   |
          88
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

Small irregular pit cut into natural gravel.

D 8 Pit

Matrix

```
          Unstratified
*****|*****
```

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```
          236
[D 8]    |
          235
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Sub-circular pit cutting natural gravels, possible Roman feature. Site records report redeposited human and animal bone in the backfill. Function unknown.

D 9 Pit

Matrix

```
          [D 11]
*****|*****
          199
[D9]    |
          266
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Partially excavated pit, sub-circular in plan. Possible gravel quarry pit.

D 10 Pit

Matrix

```
          [D 11]
*****|*****
          265
[D 10]  |
          264
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Partially excavated pit, ovoid in plan. Possible gravel quarry pit.

D 11 Pit

Matrix

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```

                [D 12]
*****|*****
                259
[D 11]      |
                258
*****|*****
      √⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗
        ≥ ≥
      [D 9]  [D 10]
```

Interpretation

Partially excavated pit, sub-rectangular in plan. Possible gravel quarry pit.

D 12 Dump Layer

Matrix

```

                [D 13]
*****|*****
[D 12]      197
*****|*****
                [D 11]
```

Interpretation

Dump deposit, partially filling underlying cut [D 11].

D 13 Pit

Matrix

```

                [D 14]
*****|*****
                196
[D 13]      |
                195
*****|*****
                [D 12]
```

Interpretation

Pit cut, sub-rectangular in plan. Possible refuse or quarry pit.

D 14 Pit

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D 16 Cut, function unknown

Matrix

```
          [D 18]
*****|*****
          156
[D 16]  |
          155
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Shallow cut, mostly truncated, function unknown.

D 17 ?Charnel pit

Matrix

```
          [D 18]
*****|*****
          103
[D 17]  |
          100
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Pit, sub-rectangular in plan, fill containing frequent redeposited human bone. Possible charnel pit.

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D 20 Pit, function unknown

Matrix

```

          [D 21]  [D 22]
*****≥*****≥*****
      N⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗^
          ≥
          102
[D 20]    |
          99
*****|*****
          [D 19]

```

Interpretation

Pit cut, ?ovoid in plan, function unknown.

D 21 Pit, function unknown

Matrix

```

          [D 23]
*****|*****
          94
[D 21] |
          98
*****|*****
          [D 20]

```

Interpretation

Shallow pit, shape in plan unknown. Function uncertain, but [D 21, D 22 and D 20] may in fact be the same feature, with the interfaces assigned cut numbers in error.

D 22 Pit, function unknown

Matrix

```

          [D 23]
*****|*****
          111
[D 22] |
          110

```


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D 25 Pit, function unknown

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          63
          |
[D 25]   72
          |
          64
*****|*****
          [D 24]
```

Interpretation

Pit, sub-rectangular in plan. Probable gravel quarry, backfilled with refuse.

D 26 Pit, function unknown

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          134
[D 26]   |
          133
*****|*****
          [D 24]
```

Interpretation

Small, circular pit. Function unknown.

D 27 Pit

Matrix

```
          [D 28]
*****|*****
```

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```
          244
[D 27]   |
          243
*****|*****
        natural
```

Interpretation

Pit, irregular in plan. Probably part of same operation as cutting of pit [D 28]. Possible gravel quarry pit.

D 28 Pit

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          183
          |
[D 28]   | 184
          |
          182
*****|*****
          [D 27]
```

Interpretation

Pit, irregular in plan. Possibly part of same feature as [D 27]. Possible gravel quarry.

D 29 Pit

Matrix

```
          [D 30]
*****|*****
          268
          |
          269
          |
[D 29]   | 270
          |
          271
          |
          267
*****|*****
        natural
```

Interpretation

Partially excavated pit, shape in plan unknown. Probable gravel quarry. [D 30, D 31 and D 32] should probably all

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be seen as part of the backfilling of this feature rather than as cuts in their own right.

D 30 Pit

Matrix

```
          [D 31]
*****|*****
          225
[D 30]  |
          224
*****|*****
          [D 29]
```

Interpretation

Site records call this a pit. Probably a stage in the backfilling of possible quarry pit [D 29].

D 31 Pit

Matrix

```
          [D 32]
*****|*****
          223
[D 31]  |
          222
*****|*****
          [D 30]
```

Interpretation

Site records call this a pit. Probably a stage in the backfilling of possible quarry pit [D 29].

D 32 Pit

Matrix

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```
unstratified
*****|*****
      273
      |
[D 32] 274
      |
      272
*****|*****
      [D 31]
```

Interpretation

Site records have this as a pit. Probably simply part of the backfilling process of possible quarry pit [D 29].

Discussion of subgroups [D 1-32]

[D 1], a north-south inhumation is the only certain Roman sub-group in excavation area 4.

[D 8], a small circular pit contains only Roman material. Check if this may be residual.

All other sub-groups may be post-Roman (mostly post-medieval). Sub-groups [D 2, D 3, D 4, D 6, D 7, D 15, D 17, D 19, D 20, D 23, D 25, D 28, and D 31] definitely residual Roman material and are post-Roman.

The string [D 9, D 10, D 11, D 12, D 13, D 14] needs closer attention from finds as [D 13] is spot-dated to AD 40-250 and [D 14] to AD 250-400. Thus the whole string may be Roman, but functionally, it appears to fit in better with the sequence of post-Roman (?post-medieval) quarrying activity in this area.

The entire area was truncated by clearance of modern construction debris and basement slabs; no natural brickearth survived. The highest recorded natural gravel occurred at 10.99m OD [D 28], and over much of the area, truncation was deeper to c. 10.03m OD [D 6, D 24].

STRATIGRAPHIC BLOCK E (EXCAVATION AREA 5)

E 1 Cremation

Burial 290

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          729
       v⊗⊗⊗J⊗⊗⊗J
[E 1] ≥ ≥
        681      692
       N⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗^
        ≥
          680
*****|*****
        natural
```

Interpretation

Cremation (692) in vessel <313> with lid <326>. Evidence for a wooden casket in the form of nails and soil stain (681). Backfill (729). Latest early pot-spot date is AD 100. A flint tool [SF 748] found within the cremated bone deposit may well be deliberately selected and placed.

TPQ AD100

E 2 Inhumation

Matrix

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```
unstratified
*****|*****
      162
      |
      92
[E 2] 163
      |
      252
      |
      164
*****|*****
      natural
```

Inhumation

North-west to south-east extended supine encoffined (stain and nails 252) inhumation (163). The arms are slightly flexed, hands lying on the pelvis. Head lay to the north-west. Coffin fill (92) contained a wooden box of jewellery, which lay over the feet. It was not clear if the box had originally rested on or in the coffin. At the head end of the grave, outside the coffin were a ceramic vessel and a pewter dish. The backfill was (162). The latest early pot spot-date is AD 250, and the TPQ is provided by a coin in the box, AD 259.

E 3 Inhumation

Matrix

```
unstratified
*****|*****
      121
      |
[E 3] 122
      |
      120
*****|*****
      natural
```

Inhumation

North-west to south-east aligned supine encoffined (nails) inhumation (122), head lies at the north-west end of the grave. The latest early pottery spot date from the backfill (121) is AD 120.

E 4 Inhumation

Matrix

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```
      unstratified
*****|*****
      190
      |
[E 4]  189
      |
      191
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

East-west aligned, ?extended, ?supine inhumation (189). Head would have been at the west end of the grave. Badly truncated by intrusions and/or machine clearance. Pottery in the backfill (190) gives a latest early spot-date of AD 50

E 5 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

```
      unstratified
*****|*****
      138
[E 5]  |
      137
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

Shallow, flat bottomed cut, recorded as a pit. Heavily truncated. One partially surviving edge is aligned north-south. It seems possible that this sub-group may be the truncated remnants of a n-s aligned grave cut. Check relation to Test Pit context (*85/*81) a north south aligned inhumation. No spot date.

E 6 Post Hole

Matrix

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```
      unstratified
*****|*****
      728
[E 6]  |
      727
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

[E 53] square in plan, post hole. May relate to one of the burials in the area as a marker and/or to post-hole [E 53], possibly as part of a structure. No spot-dates.

E 7 Inhumation

Matrix

```
      unstratified
*****|*****
      816
      |
[E 7] 817
      |
      815
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

Severely truncated remains of a ?north-west to south-east aligned inhumation. Only a small fragment of the skull (817) survives, at the north west end of the grave. No spot-dates.

E 8 Inhumation

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Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          304
          |
[E 8]   305
          |
          303
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned extended ?supine encoffined (nails) inhumation (305). Head would have lain to the north-east. No spot-date.

E 9 Cremation

Burial 297

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          158
          |
[E 9]   159
          |
          157
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Cremation deposit (159) in pottery vessel <61> with lid, slightly disturbed by a post-medieval intrusion. Backfill (158) contains two tiles used as packing (or possibly to form a crude cist). TPQ is AD 180.

E 10 Cut, function unknown

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          331
[E 10]  |
          332
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Small pit cut, square in plan. Backfill contains pot, animal bone and nails, not reported as in situ. Function unknown, could be a disturbed cremation pit, or other pit. Latest early pot spot-date AD 150.

E 11 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          349
[E 11]  |
          348
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Sub-rectangular cut, flat base, severely truncated by post-medieval activity. A line of nails indicates the presence of a timber structure ie box or coffin. This cut is probably a grave, but not enough evidence survives to determine whether it is the north-west end of a north-west

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to south-east inhumation or part of a sub-rectangular cremation pit. The latest early date from pottery spot-dates is AD 40.

E 12 Inhumation

Matrix

```
unstratified
*****≥*****
  v⊗⊗⊗J⊗⊗⊗J
    ≥      ≥
  317=====379
    |
  415
    |
  316
*****|*****
  natural
```

Inhumation

North-west to south-east aligned, extended supine encoffined (nails) inhumation, head lying to the north-west. Grave goods may include a glass vessel beside the right humerus, a large mammal tooth inside the left femur. A decorated samian sherd and some other glass fragments may be residual, although the glass fragments (SF 150) may be from another grave offering broken by the excavator as they lay close to the other vessel above the right shoulder. Latest early date from the pot spot dates is AD 120, but intact glass vessel is C 3/4th.

E 13 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

```
[E 14]
*****|*****
  445
[E 13] |
  444
*****|*****
  natural
```

Interpretation

Shallow cut, ?sub-rectangular in plan (truncated), containing two broken pottery vessels. Backfill is very clean. Latest early spot date is AD 140. This provides a TPQ for the string of burials above it.

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It is possible that this is the base of a very disturbed cremation or inhumation grave, but its irregular sides suggest it may be a pit. Deposition of pots may need to be discussed as "ritual".

E 14 Cremation

Burial 301

Matrix

```

      [E 22]      [E 15]
*****≥*****≥*****
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
          484
[E 14]      |
          485
          |
          483
*****|*****
          [E 13]
```

Interpretation

Amphora cremation, much disturbed by later inhumations. The fill (485) of the amphora <228>, is a mixed deposit which includes fragments of cremated bone (presumably originally in an urn). TPQ is AD 40.

NB relationship [E 13] - [E 14] is shown on 1:20 plans. 1:10 plans have grid error.

E 15 Possible inhumation

Matrix

```

      [E 23]
*****|*****
          234
[E 15]      |
          233
*****|*****
          [E 14]
```

Interpretation

Truncated sub-rectangular flat bottomed cut. Appears to be the end of a grave aligned north-west to south-east.

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Contains a large skull fragment which is either residual or disturbed by later intercutting.

E 16 Possible cremation

Burial 303

Matrix

```

                [E 18]
*****|*****
                452
[E 16]   |
                451
*****|*****
                natural

```

Interpretation

Severely truncated cut for presumed amphora <206> cremation. No cremated bone recorded, probably removed by later activity. Glass vessel frags recorded, but they are intrusive. TPQ is AD 40, if (452) was labelled as (453).

NB this is the bottom of a string. TPQ of AD 40.

E 17 Cremation

Burial 304

Matrix

```

    [E 21]      [E 33]
*****≥*****≥*****
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
                722
[E 17]   |
                723
                |
                721

```

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*****|*****
natural

Interpretation

Small pit containing cremation deposit (723). Feature is severely truncated by overlying inhumations. Contains sherds of an amphora <322>, but the cut is small and would not have held an amphora cremation. It is remotely possible that this is a post setting containing redeposited cremated material, but is more likely a cremation deposit without a ceramic container.

This sub-group lies at the base of a string of inhumations. TPQ is AD 40, providing the TPQ for the overlying string.

E 18 Inhumation

Matrix

```

      [E 31]      [E 22]
*****≥*****≥*****
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
      412
[E 18] |
      411
      |
      410
*****|*****
      [E 16]
```

Interpretation

North-west to south-east aligned extended supine inhumation. Head to north-west. Iron staining appeared to indicate the presence of a coffin. Ragstone and tile packing around the south-west end of the grave. A flint flake came from the upper backfill and is probably residual, although deliberate collection is known (cf [E 2]).

Latest early date from pottery spot dates is AD 120.

E 19 Post Hole

Matrix

```

      [E 22]
*****|*****
      726
[E 19] |
```

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725
*****|*****
natural

Interpretation _

Small post-hole, earliest in a string, no dating evidence, either early Roman or prehistoric.

Plan position may reveal functional relationship to graves or other features.

E 20 Possible inhumation

Matrix

[E 23] [E 27]
*****≥*****≥*****
N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
647
[E 20] |
646
*****|*****
natural

Interpretation

Sub-rectangular cut aligned north-east to south-west. Appears to be a typical grave cut, but contains only disarticulated remains. Check bone from context - is this disturbed remains of an individual (animals, grave digging, etc) or simply charnel (grave digging, cenotaphs, etc). Also check overlying burials for missing limbs etc, in case this cut was excavated out of sequence.

No spot dates.

E 21 Inhumation

Matrix

[E 24]
*****|*****

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E 35 Pit, function unknown

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          124
[E 35]  |
          123
*****|*****
          [E 28]
```

Interpretation

Cut, rectangular in plan. Backfilled with black clay/silt. Cu alloy pin may be residual. Function is unclear. Possibly a robbed out child's grave, or a refuse pit.

Post-Roman

E 36 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

```
          [E 37]
*****|*****
          691
[E 36]  |
          690
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Cut sub-rectangular in plan, truncated. Could be east end of east-west aligned inhumation, or disturbed cremation pit. In the absence of any coffin/box nails, it may be simply a pit.

No spot date, base of string.

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[E 39]

$$\begin{array}{c} | \\ 153 \\ | \\ 226 \\ | \\ 227 \\ \sqrt{\otimes\otimes\otimes\otimes\otimes\otimes\otimes\otimes\otimes} \\ 253 \text{ ===?} 416 \\ | \qquad \qquad \qquad | \\ 254 \text{ ===?} 417 \\ \aleph\otimes\otimes\otimes\otimes\aleph\otimes\otimes\otimes\otimes\wedge \\ 255 \\ \text{*****|*****} \\ \text{νατυραλ} \end{array}$$

Interpretation

Εαστ-ωεστ αλιγνεδ, συπινε εξτενδεδ ενχοφφινεδ (ναιλσ) ινηυματιον (254). Λωεερ λεφτ λεγ αππεαρσ το ηαπε βεεν δισαρτιχυλατεδ βψ λατερ αχιτιπιτψ ανδ σλυμπεδ, ρεχορδεδ ασ (416). Βεσιδε τηε λεφτ πελπιχ ωινγ λαψ α ποττερψ πεσσελ. Ιτσ ποσιτι ον ιν τηε ρελατιον το τηε χοφφιν χαννοτ βε δετερμινεδ δυε το λατερ διστυρβανχε. Ανοτηερ ποττερψ πεσσελ ωασ φουνδ βεσιδε τηε λεγ (416), βυτ τηισ ισ ρεσιδυαλ.

Ιν τηε υπερ φιλλσ οφ τηισ γραπε, τωο ινφαντ ινηυματιονσ ωερε εξχαπατεδ, ονε α λιγνεδ εαστ-ωεστ (153) ανδ ονε αλιγνεδ νορτη σουτη (227). Βοτη αππεαρ το ηαπε βεεν χονταινεδ ιν χοφφινσ ορ βοξεσ, ανδ νο τραχεσ ωερε φουνδ οφ σεχονδαρψ χυτ σ το ινδιχατε τηειρ ινσερτιον.

Τηε ΤΠΘ φορ τηε γραπε φρομ τηε ποττερψ σποτ-δατεσ ισ ΑΔ 250.

E 40 Pit, function unknown

Matrix

[E 41]

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{*****|*****} \\ 149 \\ [E 40] | \\ 148 \\ \text{*****|*****} \\ [E 38] \end{array}$$

Interpretation

Πιτ, συβ-ρεχτανγυλαρ ιν πλαν, βαχκφιλλ χονταινινγ ρεσιδυαλ Ρομαν ματεριαλ α νδ ποστ μεδιεπαλ ρεφυσε. Ποσσιβλε ρεφυσε πιτ.

Ποστ-Ρομαν.

E 41 Pit, function unknown

Matrix

 υνστρατιφιεδ
*****|*****
 147
[E 41] |
 146
*****≥*****
 √⊗⊗⊗⊗ζ⊗⊗↓
 [E 40] [E 39]

Interpretation

Πιτ, συβ-ρεχτανγυλαρ ιν πλαν, βαχκφιλλ χονταινινγ ρεσιδυαλ Ρομαν ματεριαλ α νδ ποστ-μεδιεπαλ ρεφυσε.

Ποστ-Ρομαν.

E 42 Cut, function unknown

Matrix

 υνστρατιφιεδ
*****|*****
 125
[E 42] |
 126
*****|*****
 [E 39]

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Interpretation

Semi circular cut, mostly truncated, function unknown.

Post-Roman.

E 43 Cut, function unknown

Matrix

```

          unstratified
*****|*****
          145
[E 43]  |
          144
*****|*****
          [E 39]

```

Interpretation

Cut, sub-rectangular in plan, truncated. Looks like south end of a large north-south grave cut, but all Roman material is residual. Function unknown.

Post-Roman.

E 44 Inhumation

Matrix

```

          [E 56]      [E 46]
*****≥*****≥*****
          N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
          575

```

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

```
      |
[E 44] 576
      |
      574
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, supine extended inhumation. There is no evidence for a coffin. Head lay to north-west, but removed by later activity. A copper alloy brooch lay over the stomach area, and two hobnailed soles were recorded, one perpendicular to the body, lying over the lower legs, the other in the south-west corner of the grave, probably disturbed by later activity. The arm position is unusual, left hand crossed to right elbow, right hand lying on right shoulder.

TPQ from backfill pottery spot-dates is AD 180. NB - this sub-group is at the base of a string.

E 45 Cut, unknown function

Matrix

```
      [E 53]      [E 50]
*****≥*****≥*****
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
      687
[E 45]  |
      686
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

Irregular cut filled with redeposited brickearth, function unknown.

No spot-date.

E 46 Inhumation

Matrix

```
      [E 51]
*****|*****
```

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```

              735
              |
[E 46]        752
              |
              708
*****|*****
              [E 44]
```

Interpretation

North-west to south-east aligned inhumation, head to north-west. Only skull and mandible escape truncation. One surviving nail may indicate burial in a wooden coffin.

No spot-date.

E 47 Post Hole

Matrix

```

              [E 51]
*****|*****
              701
              |
              700
[E 47]        |
              828
              |
              699
*****|*****
              natural
```

Interpretation

Small cut, ovoid in plan, with a flat base. Post-hole, with brick post pad (700). Function is unclear. May just be marker, but check when plans plotted.

No spot-date.

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E 48 Inhumation

Matrix

```
      [E 51]      [E 52]
*****≥*****≥*****
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
              296
              |
[E 48]      491
              |
              295
*****|*****
              natural
```

Interpretation

North-west to south-east aligned, supine extended encoffined (nails) inhumation, head to north-west. Glass fragments in the backfill are thought to be residual. Check id of (SF 209), described as Fe sheet, lying beside left shoulder (not in finds assessment).

Spot-date problems see finds.

E 49 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

```
      [E 52]
*****|*****
              714
[E 49]  |
              713
*****|*****
              natural
```

Interpretation

Fragment of cut, mostly truncated by other features. Cut, function unknown. May be remnant of grave cut.

No spot-date.

E 50 Inhumation

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Matrix

```

      [E 54]      [E 62]
*****≥*****≥*****
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
          605
          |
[E 50]    606
          |
          604
*****|*****
          [E 45]

```

Interpretation

South-west to north-east aligned, extended ?supine inhumation, head to south-west. No recorded evidence for a coffin. Grave cut irregular, appears more of a scoop than a grave.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 70.

E 51 Structure 1, path or floor

Matrix

```

      [E 60]      [E 55]
*****≥*****≥*****
      698==613==630
[E 51] |         |
      697==612==629
*****|*****|*****|*****
      [E 46] |   [E 47]
          |
          [E 44]

```

Interpretation

Shallow, irregular depressions filled with redeposited brickearth and chalk/ragstone/tile fragments. Together, these appear to form a linear feature running north-east to

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south-west. The features seem to be best interpreted as areas of erosion (through use) of certain areas and consolidation, possibly forming a path. Highest surviving surface 11.31m OD.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 180.

E 52 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

```
          [E 58]
*****|*****
          490
[E 52]  |
          489
*****|*****
          [E 49]
```

Interpretation

Fragment of cut, mostly truncated by other features. Cut, function uncertain, may be remnant of grave cut.

No spot date.

E 53 ?Post-Hole

Matrix

```
          [E 58]
*****|*****
          685
[E 53]  |
          677
*****|*****
          [E 45]
```

Interpretation

Small cut, ?circular in plan. Probable post-hole. Check plan position for structural or "marker" function.

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TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 160.

E 54 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

```

          [E 58]
*****|*****
          603
[E 54]  |
          602
*****|*****
          [E 50]
```

Interpretation

Fragment of flat bottomed cut, ?rectangular in plan, mostly truncated by later features. Cut, uncertain function. In cemetery context, this is most likely to be a remnant of a grave, but no bone or coffin nails survive to confirm this.

There are no spot-dates.

E 55 Cremation

Burial 333

Matrix

```

          [E 57]
*****|*****
          238
          |
          240
          |
[E 55]  | 302
          |
          239
          |
```

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237
*****|*****
[E 51]

Interpretation

Cremation grave, with tile cyst (239) enclosing pottery vessel with lid, containing cremation deposit (302). Backfill of cyst (240) covered with tiles. Backfill of cut (238).

TPQ for assemblage is AD 250. NB, cremation urn has range of 250-400, but lid is 90-160, suggesting extreme pot curation, or more likely the reuse of previously buried examples.

E 56 Inhumation

Matrix

[E 59]
*****|*****
666
|
[E 56] 667
|
665
*****|*****
[E 44]

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended inhumation. Badly disturbed by later (inc. modern) activity. Head would have been to north. Only parts of legs and arms remain semi-articulated. No evidence for a coffin survives. Outline of grave cut is uncertain due to disturbance.

No spot-dates.

E 57 Cremation

Burial 335

Matrix

[E 61]
*****|*****
213
|
[E 57] 214
|
212

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

```
      unstratified
*****|*****
      524
      |
[E 59] 525
      |
      523
*****|*****
      [E 56]
```

Interpretation

North-west to south-east aligned, extended supine inhumation. Coffin nails present, but may be redeposited. Skull missing, but apparently disturbed rather than decapitated. Would have lain to north-west. Traces of a stone grave lining or packing are planned, on either side of the body, but would have been truncated at either end of the grave.

TPQ from pot spot-dates is AD 180.

E 60 Cut, function unknown

Matrix

```
      unstratified
*****|*****
      611
[E 60] |
      610
*****|*****
      [E 51]
```

Interpretation

Shallow cut, severely truncated, possibly terminal of a gully, or one end of an inhumation grave. Backfill includes cobbles, tile, mortar, animal bone.

TPQ from pot spot-dates is AD 40. NB, check size, condition of assemblage as this cuts sub-groups with TPQ's of AD 180.

E 61 Inhumation

Matrix

```
      unstratified
*****|*****
```


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```
      600
[E 63] |
      601
        |
      511
        |
      509
*****|*****
      νατυραλ
```

Interpretation

Νορτη-ωεστ το σουτη-εαστ αλιγνεδ, συπινε εξτενδεδ χηιλδ ινηυματιον (511). Ηεα δ λιεσ το τηε νορτη-ωεστ. Βοδψ λιεσ ωιτην α ωοοδεν χοφφιν (ναιλσ), ανδ τηε χοφφιν ισ λοοσελψ συρρουνδεδ βψ ραγστονε παχκινγ (600). Α δεποσιτ οφ ΎχηαλκΎ (601) χοπερεδ τηε τορσο ανδ λεγσ οφ τηε σκελετον ανδ χονφιρμεδ τηε χοφφιν ουτλι νε. Τηε δεποσιτ ωασ 30μμ τηιγκ οπερ τηε χηεστ, ταπερινγ το 5μμ τηιγκ οπερ τηε φεετ.

ΤΠΘ φρομ ποττερψ σποτ-δατεσ ισ ΑΔ 40.

E 64 Inhumation

Matrix

```
      [E 65]
*****|*****
      161
        |
[E 64] 380
        |
      160
*****|*****
      [E 63]
```

Interpretation

Σουτη-ωεστ το νορτη-εαστ αλιγνεδ, εξτενδεδ προνε ενχοφφινεδ (ναιλσ) ινηυματιον. Ηεαδ ωουλδ ηαπε λαιδ ατ σουτη-ωεστ οφ γραψε.

Νο σποτ δατεσ, χυτσ γραψε δατεδ ΤΠΘ ΑΔ 40.

E 65 Cremation

Burial 343

Matrix

υνστρατιφιεδ


```

[E 69]
*****|*****
      498
      |
[E 67] 497
      |
      496
*****|*****
      νατυραλ
    
```

Interpretation

Νορτη-ωεστ το σουτη-εαστ αλιγνεδ ενχοφφινεδ (ναιλσ) ινηυματιον. Ηεαδ λιεσ το νορτη-ωεστ, ?συπινε. Σεπερελψ τρυνηατεδ ανδ σκελετον βαδλψ διστυρβεδ.

Νο σποτ-δατεσ, βασε οφ στρινγ.

E 68 Inhumation

Matrix

```

[E 72] [E 70]
*****>*****>*****
  N⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗^
    813
[E 68] |
        814
        |
        812
*****|*****
        [E 66]
    
```

Interpretation

Νορτη-εαστ το σουτη-ωεστ αλιγνεδ, εξτενδεδ συπινε ενχοφφινεδ ινηυματιον. Ηεα δ λαψ το νορτη-εαστ. Α γρουπ οφ αρτιχυλατεδ βιρδ βονεσ ωερε φουνδ υνδερ τηε λ εφτ φεμυρ οφ τηε σκελετον. Αρμ ποσιτιον ισ υνυσυαλ, ωιτη ριγητ ωριστ φολδεδ βα χκ το ριγητ σηουλδερ ανδ λεφτ ωριστ βψ ριγητ ελβωω.

ΤΠΘ φρομ βαχκφιλλ ποτ σποτ-δατεσ ισ ΑΔ 100, φιρστ δατε ιν στρινγ.

E 69 Inhumation

E 71 Cremation

Burial 349

Matrix

```

[E 74] [E 75] [E 76]
**>*****>*****>*****
  N⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊕⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗
[E 71] 535
  v⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗
    818 536
  |   |
    819 811
ε0  N⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗
    534
*****|*****
  [E 69]

```

Interpretation

NB. Χεντραλ βυριαλ, ωιτην Στυρυτυρε 2 (E 74 ανδ 76).

Βαδλψ διστυρβεδ αμπηορα χρεματιον. Συβ-ρεχτανγυλαρ χυτ, λογγ σιδεσ αλιγγεδ νορτη-εαστ το σουτη-ωεστ (534). Αμπηορα <257> ρεσσο ωιτην τησ, ισο πριμαρψ φιλλ χονταινιγγ α διστυρβεδ χρεματιον πεσσελ <349> ανδ παρτ οφ ισο χοντεντσο (811). Α δουβλε σπικεδ Φε λοοπ ιν τηε βονε δεποσιτ μαψ βε α χοφφιν φιττιγγ. Βελοω τησ, ιν τηε βασε οφ τηε αμπηορα λαψ τιλε φραγσ <347>, περηαπο α διστυρβεδ λι δ το τηε πεσσελ. Τηε αμπηορα ισο βαχκφιλλεδ ωιτη (536). Ωιτην τηε χυτ βαχκφιλλ (535), τωο λενσεσ οφ ποτ ανδ χρεματεδ βονε ωερε ιδεντιφιεδ (818 ανδ 819), ωηιχη μαψ δεριπε φρομ τηε πριμαρψ χρεματιον ανδ πεσσελ ορ το σεχονδαρψ/ρεδεποσιτ εδ ονεσ. Συβγρουπ E 75, ισο πρεσεντλψ ρεχορδεδ ασ α σεπατατε βυριαλ, βυτ ασ ιτ ο περλιεσ τιποσ (818) ανδ (819), σομε χονφυσιον μαψ ηαπε οχχυρρεδ δυριγγ εξχαπα τιον ανδ τηεσε δεποσιτσο μαψ βε ρελατεδ.

ΤΠΘ φρομ ποτ σποτ-δατεσ ισο ΑΔ 180, βυτ νεεδσ χηεχκιγγ (νο δατεσ φορ χοντεξτσο 818, 819, 535).

Notes 11/11/94 in response to Jackie's archive text

Amphora cremation burial with an associated four post structure. Interpretation is a problematic due to the level of disturbance by overlying graves. [811] was the disturbed remains of a cremation vessel (accession = <349>) and its burnt bone fill within the amphora.

1. [818], [819] These were two lenses of cremated bone and pot found in the upper backfill of the burial pit. [818] overlay [819], and both abutted the outer side of the

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amphora (see 1:10 plan already sent of B349 for exact position).

[818] contained pot sherds <350>, part of the same vessel as <349> within the amphora.

[819] contained pot sherds <356>, the base and body of a different vessel.

The crem. bone archive suggests that the cremated bone from [818] could be the same individual as that from [811]. This agrees with the pottery evidence, suggesting that part of the cremation urn and its fill was redeposited sometime after burial. I would accept that [818] = [811] = B349.

The crem. bone archive states that [819] contains a different individual, and this agrees with the evidence for its association with a different cremation vessel.

The mechanism for this redeposition is probably explained by the intrusion of B850 [5.75]. This was recorded on site as a small pit containing cremated material [582], and I initially interpreted it as a possible redeposited cremation burial. However it lies directly over the plan position of the two "tips" of cremated material [818] and [819] in (5.71), B.349.

It seems probable that B850 was contained in a bigger cut than was recorded, that it disturbed the urned cremation burial within the amphora B349, [811] and that it redeposited part of that urn and its contents as [818] over another burial [819].

This would be confirmed if the cremated material from [819] was the same individual as that from B850, [582]. If so, [819] is currently assigned to the wrong subgroup and burial.

[820] is a lens of cremated material found within the south-western post hole of the four post structure overlying B349, (5.71). I hope it is just residual, although it could represent the use of a convenient hole for casual burial, or a deliberate association with the structure and those buried within it (family member etc).

E 72 Inhumation

Matrix

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```
      [E 77]
*****|*****
      756
      |
[E 72] 757
      |
      755
*****|*****
      [E 68]
```

Interpretation

Νορτη-σουτη αλιγνεδ, εξτενδεδ ?συπινε ?ενχοφφινεδ (ναιλσ) ινηυματιον. Ηεαδ ω ουλδ ηαπε βεεν ατ νορτη. Ονλψ α περψ σηαλλοω χυτ συρπιπεδ/ωασ ρεχογνισεδ ανδ τηε ωηολε σκελετον αβοπε τηε τιβιαε ηασ βεεν τρυνχατεδ.
ΤΠΘ φρομ ποτ σποτ-δατεσ ισ ΑΔ 180

E 73 Inhumation

Burial 351 and 352

Matrix

```
      [E 77]
*****|*****
      607
      ρ⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗┘
[E 73] 739  608
      ρ⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗^
      609
*****|*****
      [E 70]
```

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended supine encoffined (nails) juvenile inhumation (608) Burial B351 . Head to north-east. Truncated at middle torso. A single pottery vessel lies outside the coffin at the south-west corner of the grave. This could be a grave offering, but is currently interpreted as a redeposited cremation (Burial B352) vessel, its burnt fill is (739).

TPQ from backfill and vessel pot spot-dates is AD 180.

E 74 Post Hole

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Matrix

```
          [E 77]
*****|*****
          793
[E 74]  |
          792
*****|*****
          [E 71]
```

Interpretation

NB. Part of Structure 2

Post-pipe, square in plan and its silt fill, probably representing the decay of an upright post in situ (cross section 0.22 x 0.12m). Lies at north-west corner of the backfilled amphora cremation pit [E 71], forming one corner of Structure 2.

No spot-dates.

E 75 Cremation (?redeposited)

Burial B850

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          582
[E 75]  |
          537
*****|*****
          [E 71]
```

Interpretation

Lies within Structure 2.

Small pit cut into the backfilled cut for amphora cremation [E 71]. Contains cremated human bone, fragments of pottery and a silver ?leaf <344>. This may be redeposited material disturbed by [E 71], or a separate cremation.

TPQ from pot spot-dates is AD 50, perhaps arguing for redeposition. However, check all pottery from Structure 2 as it might be the case that [E 75] dates the backfilling of cut [E 71], but the amphora within it has been re-used. B850 may in fact be part of the dumps of cremated material recorded as (818/819) in [E 71], Burial B349.

E 76 Post Hole

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Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          810
          |
[E 76]  820
          |
          809
*****|*****
          [E 71]
```

Interpretation

NB. Part of Structure 2.

Post-pipe, square in plan and its silt fill, probably representing the decay of an upright post in situ (cross section 0.26 x 0.22m). Lies at south-west corner of backfilled cut for amphora cremation [E 71], forming a corner of Structure 2. The fill contains a lens of cremated material and pot (820). The origin of this material is uncertain.

No spot-dates (?yet) available.

NOTES ON STRUCTURE 2 ([E 71], [E 74], [E 75], [E 76])

Structure 2 is reconstructed as a four post structure over or around an amphora cremation. Post pipes survived in the north-west and south-west corners. The south east corner was destroyed by post-medieval activity, and the north east corner was also disturbed by unstrat activity. Size of posts may suggest mortuary house/shrine/monument rather than simply a fence. Sherd links between the various pot fragments with the various scatters of cremated bone in the amphora (811), the pit backfill (818, 819) and the post pipe fill (820) may help determine the depositional process.

E 77 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          579
          |
[E 77]  578
          |
```


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Matrix

```

          [E 84]
*****|*****
          620
[E 79]  |
          619
*****|*****
          natural

```

Interpretation

Cut, vertical sides and flat base, mostly truncated but ? subrectangular in plan. Backfill contains Fe nails (not planned). Possible grave cut (north-west corner of north-south grave).

No spot-dates. Base of string.

E 80 Inhumation

Matrix

```

          [E 85]    [E 177]
*****≥*****≥*****
          N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗^
          719
                |
                821
                |
[E 80]        720
                |
                1000
                |
                718
*****|*****
          natural

```

Interpretation

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North-east to south-west aligned grave cut. Contains lead coffin (SF 361). Extended supine inhumation (720) rests on a layer of "chalk" (1000). Some silt (821) had washed into the coffin. The backfill of the grave (719) contained two copper alloy objects resting on the lid of the coffin, one a coin. Fragments of redeposited human bone and Fe nails suggest that this burial disturbed at least one other, although this was not apparent in excavation.

TPQ from pottery spot dates is AD 180, although there was one sherd of intrusive medieval pottery in the backfill. Base of string with late C 2nd TPQ.

E 81 Cut, function uncertain

Matrix

```

[E 177]
*****|*****
      823
[E 81]  |
      822
*****|*****
[E 78]
```

Interpretation

Cut, steep sided and flat bottomed, sub-rectangular in plan. Long sides aligned north-east to south-west. No finds, backfill was mostly gravel. Only found after first spit of brickearth removed. Possible child grave, bone decayed - this on basis of size and alignment only. No spot-dates.

E 82 Inhumation

Matrix

```

[E 85]      [E 92]
*****≥*****≥*****
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗^
      ≥
      882
      |
      886
      |
      890
      |
[E 82]      891
      |
      715
      |
      232
```


MSL87 Sub-group summaries

North-east to south-west aligned, extended supine encoffined (nails) inhumation. Head to south west. There are a large number of nails just left of the shoulder, which do not all relate to the coffin - ?unrecognised hobnails.

TPQ from backfill pot spot-dates is AD 120. Base of string.

E 84 Probable inhumation

Matrix

```

          [E 89]
*****|*****
          597
          |
[E 84]  598
          |
          596
*****|*****
          [E 79]

```

Interpretation

Severely truncated remains of cut, possibly sub-rectangular in plan, flat bottomed and with one side aligned north-east to south-west. Contains a large fragment of skull to south-west and one nail, possibly in situ. It seems likely that this is a very badly disturbed inhumation.

TPQ from pot spot-dates is AD 120

E 85 Inhumation

Matrix

```

          [E 99]      [E 91]
*****≥*****≥*****
          N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
          710
          |
[E 85]  711
          |
          709
*****≥*****
          v⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗J⊗⊗⊗⊗┘

```

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

[E 80] [E 82]

Interpretation

East-west aligned, extended supine encoffined (nails) inhumation. Head to west. Context sheet notes that some of the nails may be hob-nails, but these are not planned separately. Some nails were remarkable for lack of corrosion, a feature noticed on some other sites in the eastern cemetery. A bone pin from the backfill may be residual. No co-ordinates are recorded.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 250.

E 86 Inhumation

Matrix

```

          [E 92]      [E 101]
*****≥*****≥*****
          N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
          799
          |
[E 86]  800
          |
          798
*****|*****
          [E 83]

```

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned encoffined (nails) inhumation. Site records refer to this as a crouched burial. However, this is due to disturbance from inhumation [E 101] and its original attitude appears to have been extended, lying slightly over on its right side.

TPQ from pot spot-dates is AD 40, but this is based on a single abraded sherd. Cuts [E 83], TPQ AD 120.

E 87 Cremation

Burial B 362

Matrix

```

          [E 93]
*****|*****
          473
          |
[E 87]  503
          |

```

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

472
*****|*****
natural

Interpretation

Cut for cremation (503) in pottery vessel <213>. No plan at 1:10. Frags of a pottery lid also be present. Cremation deposit contains broken flint blade <SF 754>, cf tool in [E 1].

TPQ from vessel spot-date is AD 180.

E 88 Inhumation

Matrix

[E 95]
*****|*****
660
|
661
[E 88] |
669
|
659
*****|*****
natural

Interpretation

Truncated remains of east-west aligned, extended ?prone inhumation (661). Head would have been to west. No recorded evidence for coffin, although a "chalk" deposit (669) exists around the knee area.

TPQ from pot spot-dates is AD 120. Base of string.

E 89 Animal Burial (inhumation)

Matrix

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

cremation. Cremation deposit (638) lay within and around a pottery vessel <284>, accompanied by a "dog bowl" lid <286> and another vessel <285> (all slightly disturbed by later inhumation grave [E 102]). The backfill of the amphora was (530), and contained Fe nails, perhaps suggesting the cremation was in a wooden container. From this backfill also came a broken bone pin <255>, possibly a grave offering. The broken neck of the amphora was sealed with a tile <238>. In the two surviving corners were piles of limestone and tile (791) which appear to have acted as post-pads for timber uprights. The backfill (529/790) contained organic silt in the corners, suggesting that posts had rotted in situ.

Cut (568) is probably part of the main pit cut for the amphora, but was recorded separately and its fill (569) was noted to contain Fe nails (check for id - ? box/redepo. coffin/hobnails).

Reconstruction is of a four post structure over the amphora cremation pit, which stood for some time after the pit had been backfilled.

TPQ for subgroup is AD 200 from (469). If (469) were intrusive, TPQ would be AD 180 from (530). Base of string.

E 95 Probable inhumation

Matrix

```

                [E 103]
*****|*****
                478
                |
[E 95]    495
                |
                477
*****|*****
                [E 88]
```

Interpretation

East-west aligned cut, sub-rectangular in plan, severely truncated, steep sides and flat base. Contains "chalk" deposit (495), but no in situ human remains. Probably the remnant of a "chalk" burial.

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

north-west, but is absent, probably removed by unstratified intrusion.

No spot-dates.

E 98 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

```

[E 105]
*****|*****
      347
[E 98]  |
      346
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

Cut, sub-rectangular in plan, long sides aligned north-east to south-west, with vertical sides and flat base. Context sheet mentions a dark stain, but this is not planned. Possible inhumation grave cut.

No spot dates.

E 99 Cut, function unknown

Matrix

```

[E 106]
*****|*****
      541
[E 99]  |
      540
*****|*****
      v⊗⊗⊗J⊗⊗⊗J
[E 90]  [E 85]
```

Interpretation

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

Cut, possibly sub-rectangular in plan, steep sides and flat base. Only partially excavated due to obstruction of polyspan, but rest of feature not identified as excavation continued. Either not a real feature, or possibly the north end of a north-south aligned grave cut, with no coffin or bone surviving.

TPQ from backfill pot spot-dates is AD 180, but this is abraded. Cuts [E 90] and [E 85], spot dated to TPQ AD 250.

E 100 Inhumation

Matrix

```

[E 106]
*****|*****
      493      [E 100]
    v@@@@@J@@@@@J
     494      527
    N@@@@@R@@@@@^
      492
*****≥*****
    v@@@@@J@@@@@R@@@@@J
    [E 91]  [E 92]  [E 93]

```

Interpretation

North-west to south-east aligned, extended supine encoffined (nails) inhumation (494). Head to north-west. A disarticulated human cranium (527) lay at the south-east end of the grave and a group of tiles lay in the corner of the cut, beside the right shoulder, placed end-on. Tiles may have formed a base/surface for some organic grave goods, but may well be incidental or packing. A Cu frag between the femurs may be significant.

TPQ from backfill pot spot-dates is AD 300. All the pottery is abraded. Definite C 4th or later burial.

E 101 Inhumation

Matrix

```

[E 106]
*****|*****
      376
      |
[E 101] 390
      |
      375
*****≥*****
    v@@@@@J@@@@@R@@@@@J
    [E 86]  [E 93]  [E 94]

```

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

Interpretation

North-west to south-east aligned, extended supine encoffined (nails) inhumation. Head to north-west. A tutulus brooch lay on either shoulder, and a bone comb below the cranium (described as fragment on Angela's list, ? whole when lifted). Beside the left foot, within the coffin, was a flagon.

TPQ for sub-group is AD 250, and all backfill pot is abraded, so it could well be later. However the flagon, apparently in situ grave goods is dated AD 200-270. Is this a problem?

Tutulus brooches are the only unusual features of the burial. Otherwise it confirms to cemetery norms.

E 102 Inhumation

Matrix

[E 107]
*****|*****
357
|

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

E 104 Inhumation

Matrix

```

                [E 108]
*****|*****
                748
                |
[E 104]  802
                |
                747
*****|*****
                natural
```

Interpretation

Very shallow, severely truncated cut, sub-rectangular in plan, steep sided and flat bottomed, long sides aligned north-east to south-west. Contains disturbed, disarticulated inhumation (802), check this as this is the site record. It may be that this is just a pit with assorted redeposited human bone.

No spot-dates, base of string.

E 105 Inhumation

Matrix

```

                [E 112]
*****|*****
                301
                |
[E 105]  333
                |
                300
*****|*****
                [E 98]
```

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended inhumation. Head would have been to north-east. Nails present, but no plan, so may be redeposited. Burial very disturbed/truncated by unstratified activity.

TPQ from backfill pot spot-dates AD 120.

E 106 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

grave, but if so it is residual, and its co-ordinates are incorrect.

No spot-date, top of string.

E 110 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

```

[E 113]
*****|*****
      827
[E 110] |
      826
*****|*****
      [E 97]
```

Interpretation

Cut, heavily truncated, steep sides and irregular base. Interpreted on site as a possible grave cut, but there seems no reason to favour this interpretation. Backfill contains some oyster, plaster and tile.

No spot-dates.

E 111 Inhumation

Matrix

```

[E 113]
*****|*****
      705
      |
[E 111] 706
      |
      707
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended inhumation. Head would have been to south-west. Severely truncated. Only evidence for coffin is a single ?in situ nail.

No spot dates, isolated burial.

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

Brick lined (672) post-medieval well, backfilled with refuse (673). Top of string. Highest point after machine clearance is 11.30m OD.

E 114 Inhumation

Matrix

```

                [E 115]
*****|*****
                741
                |
[E 114]    742
                |
                740
*****|*****
                natural
```

Interpretation

East-west aligned child inhumation. Coffin suggested by three nails around cranium at west end of grave cut. No other bone or nails survive.

Base of string, no spot-dates.

E 115 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

```

                [E 116]
*****|*****
                831
[E 115]    |
                830
*****|*****
                [E 114]
```

Interpretation

Much truncated cut, steep sides and flat base, probably sub-rectangular in plan. Most likely the south end of a north-south aligned grave cut, although no nails or bone survive.

No spot dates.

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

TPQ from spot-dated backfill pot is AD 50. Cuts [E 116],
spot-dated to AD 180

E 118 Inhumation

Matrix

```

                [E 119]
*****|*****
                587
                |
[E 118]    588
                |
                586
*****|*****
                [E 117]
```

Interpretation

North-west to south-east aligned, extended supine encoffined (nails) inhumation. Head lies to north-west. Body survives as little more than a stain. Large Fe object at south-east end of coffin <SF 370> may be corroded coffin nails, or ?hobnails (check).

TPQ from pot spot-dates for abraded sherds is AD 150. Over [E 116], TPQ AD 180.

E 119 Possible cremation

Burial B388

Matrix

[E 120]

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

```
*****|*****
      545
[E 119] |
      544
*****|*****
      [E 118]
```

Interpretation

Small pit, irregular in plan, containing nails (not planned) and pottery sherds. Interpreted on site as possible disturbed cremation. This is possible, although no cremated bone seems to have been recovered.

TPQ from pot spot-dates is AD 180.

E 120 Inhumation

Matrix

```
      [E 121]
*****|*****
      456
      |
[E 120] 457
      |
      455
*****|*****
      [E 119]
```

Interpretation

North-west to south-east aligned inhumation. Possibly supine, probably encoffined (nails). Head to north-west. Below the upper torso, the body has been almost totally truncated.

TPQ from backfill pot spot-dates is AD 150. Above [E 116], spot-dated TPQ AD 180.

E 121 Inhumation

Matrix

```
      [E 122]
*****|*****
      423
      |
[E 121] 424
```

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

```
      |
      422
*****|*****
      [E 120]
```

Interpretation

North-west to south-east aligned, encoffined (nails) inhumation. Badly truncated. Head lay to north-west. Lower part of body mostly truncated. Two pieces of glass <SF 227> are probably residual, but this is uncertain due to extent of horizontal truncation.

TPQ From backfill pottery spot-dates is AD 250.

E 122 Inhumation

Matrix

```
      [E 123]
*****|*****
      371
      |
[E 122] 386
      |
      370
*****|*****
      [E 121]
```

Interpretation

Truncated remains of east-west extended inhumation, head would have been at west. No evidence for coffin remains.

No spot-dates.

E 123 Cut, function unknown

Matrix

```
      [E 130]
*****|*****
      369
[E 123]  |
      368
*****|*****
      [E 122]
```


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353,354>. A glass bottle fragment <SF 358> was described as broken but thought to be all present when excavated.

Grave goods presumably to be interpreted as a mixture of items of possible religious significance, and items of personal meaning to the deceased or the bereaved.

TPQ from backfill pot spot-dates is AD 120. Perforated coin dates AD 117-161. Glass vessels provisionally dated to mid-late 1st century AD. Bottom of string.

E 125 Inhumation

Matrix

```

[E 150]      [E 132]
****≥*****≥*****
  N⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
    480
[E 125] 516  |
            |
            479
*****|*****
      ναυραλ

```

Interpretation

North-south aligned, extended supine encoffined (nails) ? juvenile inhumation. Head lies to north.

TPQ from backfill pot spot-dates is AD 200, all abraded sherds. Base of string.

E 126 Post Hole

Matrix

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

```
          [E 133]
*****|*****
          694
[E 126]  |
          693
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Small cut, square in plan, vertical sided, 0.28m deep. Cut of small post hole.

No spot dates. Base of string. Function unclear, see plan layout for possible marker etc.

E 127 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          [E 134]
*****|*****
          405
          |
[E 127]  443
          |
          404
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Truncated remnant of north-east to south-west aligned inhumation. Head ?to the north-east. All non Fe finds in this grave given the number <SF 174> on site. Sketch on sheet (405) shows "composite object" - the bead (now <SF 747>), the copper alloy (now <SF 174>) and some glass (now not on finds list). Some or all of these may be in situ grave goods, or disturbed by the adjacent post-medieval pit, or a contamination from it.

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

TPQ from backfill pottery spot-dates is AD 250. Base of string.

E 128 Layer

Matrix

```

                [E 135]
*****|*****
[E 128]  506
*****|*****
        natural

```

Interpretation

Recorded as a layer of redeposited brickearth. No plans, levels or dimensions exist in the archive (cf situation for all natural deposits). Probably a layer of disturbed or redeposited brickearth, but insufficient evidence survives for interpretation.

No spot-dates.

E 129 Inhumation

Matrix

```

    [E 133]    [E 156]
*****≥*****≥*****
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
      327
      |
[E 129] 581
      |
      326
*****|*****
      [E 116]

```

Interpretation

North-west to south-east aligned, ?child or juvenile inhumation. A cranium and mandible lie to the north-east, just south of a fragmentary vessel (probably deposited whole, but since truncated) <SF 266>. Some disarticulated bone in the south-east of the grave may relate to this

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

inhumation. Nails may indicate disturbed remains of wooden coffin, but could be residual.

TPQ from backfill pot spot-dates is AD 180. Small find pot date AD 160.

E 130 Inhumation

Matrix

```

      [E 146]          [E 136]
****>*****>*****
      N@@@R@@@^
      306
[E 130] 308 |
          |
          307
*****|*****
      [E 123]

```

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned inhumation. Much disturbed and truncated by intercutting graves. Head possibly lay to north east. Coffin appears to be present (nails). Skeleton (308) appears largely disarticulated or absent (check with bone specialist that this is not just a bit of miscellaneous redeposited bone).

Spot date from backfill pot spot-dates is AD 180, abraded sherds. Above [E 121], spot dated TPQ AD 250.

E 131 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

```

          [E 139]
*****|*****
          573
[E 131]  |
          572
*****|*****
          [E 124]

```

Interpretation

Heavily truncated, vertical sided, flat bottomed cut. One remaining edge aligned east-west. Possibly part of end or

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

side of north-south or east west aligned inhumation grave, but equally could be pit cut for cremation etc.

No spot-dates. Above [E 124], TPQ AD 120.

E 132 Probable grave cut

Matrix

```

          [E 140]
*****|*****
          467
[E 132] |
          466
*****|*****
          [E 125]

```

Interpretation

Truncated cut, steep sides and flat base, long sides aligned east-west. Probably sub-rectangular in plan. Fill contains coffin nails described as in situ in site records, but not planned. Definitely a grave, but whether the east end of an east-west inhumation, or a cremation pit cannot be established from records (check nail type).

No spot-dates. Overlays [E 125], TPQ AD 200.

E 133 Cremation and Structure 4

Burial B399

Matrix

```

          [E 152]   [E 141]
*****≥*****≥*****
[E 133] N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
      √⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊕⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗J
      140=310   399   454   414   242
          |       |       |       |
          |       520   522   521   245
          |       |       |       |
          311   400   518   519   241
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊕⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗J⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗J⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗^
          309=139
*****≥*****

```


MSL87 Sub-group summaries

North-east to south-west aligned, ?extended supine encoffined (nails) inhumation. Head lies to south-west. A large mammal bone (?cow) lay beside the left shoulder, and may be a food offering.

TPQ from abraded backfill pot spot-dates is AD 140, but cuts [E 127], spot-dated TPQ AD 250.

E 135 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          [E 142]    [E 154]
*****≥*****≥*****
          N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
          508
          |
[E 135]   538
          |
          507
*****|*****
          [E 128]
```

Interpretation

East-west aligned, extended supine inhumation. No evidence for a wooden coffin (ie no stain or nails). Skull lies to west.

TPQ from backfill pot spot-dates is AD 150. First (dated) sub-group in string.

E 136 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          [E 148]
*****|*****
          360
          |
          361
[E 136]  |
          323
          |
```

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

359

*****|*****
[E 130]

Interpretation

North-west to south-east aligned, extended supine encoffined (nails) inhumation (361). Head to north-west. A copper coin <SF 115> lay behind the cranium, apparently a deliberate grave good. Two patches of "chalk" (323) lay on either side of the neck, just above the shoulders. Burial badly truncated by [E 148].

TPQ from backfill pot spot-dates is AD 120. The coin dates to AD 98-113.

NB - there is a problem with this sub-group. The coin suggests it is EC2nd, but it is recorded in plan and matrix as cutting the string [E 130] to [E 114], and a true TPQ should be provided by [E 121], ie AD 250. Either this is the deliberate re-use of a "found" coin, or this sub-group was incorrectly recorded and should be at the base of its own string, cutting natural. The plans suggest the latter is very unlikely.

E 137 Possible cremation

Burial B403

Matrix

[E 146]
*****|*****

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

```

          315
[E 137]  |
          314
*****|*****
          natural

```

Interpretation

Small pit cut, sub-circular in plan, conical in profile. Fill contains abraded pot and a nail. Form is suggestive of the cut for a cremation vessel. Severe truncation. No cremated bone apparently recovered. Interpretation very dubious.

TPQ is AD 40, base of string.

E 138 Cut, function unknown

Matrix

```

          [E 147] [E 148]
*****≥*****≥*****
      N⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗^
        471
[E 138]  |
          470
*****|*****
          [E 124]

```

Interpretation

Cut, vertical sided and flat bottomed, sub rectangular or square in plan. Could be the north-east end of a north-east to south-west aligned inhumation grave, a square cremation grave, or a pit. Fill offers no firm clues, containing some charcoal and tile. No bone or nails present. See also [E 139].

No spot-dates. Cuts [E 124], TPQ AD 120.

E 139 Cut, function unknown

Matrix

```

          [E 148]
*****|*****
          571
[E 139]  |
          570
*****|*****

```

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

[E 131]

Interpretation

Cut, vertical sided, with flat base, possibly sub-rectangular or square in plan. Similar in form and alignment to [E 138]. Could form the north corner of a north-east to south-west inhumation grave, or a disturbed cremation pit, or simply a pit. No nails or bone recovered to aid interpretation. Could have held post-pad.

No spot-dates. Above [E 124], TPQ AD 120.

E 140 Inhumation

Matrix

```

                [E 151]
*****|*****
          427
          |
[E 140]  428
          |
          426
*****|*****
                [E 132]
```

Interpretation

East-west oriented, extended infant inhumation. Badly disturbed by other features. Head would have lain to the west. Attitude of body unknown, no evidence for a coffin.

No spot dates. Above [E 125], TPQ AD 200.

E 141 Inhumation

Matrix

```

                [E 153]
*****|*****
          246
          |
          251
          |
[E 141]  249
          |
          336
          |
          248
```


MSL87 Sub-group summaries

Above this was a fragmentary north-south aligned extended inhumation (421). This is probably skeleton (*85) from MSL Trial Work, Test Pit 23. The skeleton has been largely destroyed by the trial trench. The backfill over this inhumation was assigned several numbers (420), (568), (192), (193).

The two inhumations were thought to occupy the same grave shaft, an uncommon, but not unknown practice in the cemetery (cf. HAY 86). However, disturbance by the trial trench makes this interpretation uncertain.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 150 for whole sub-group. If there were two separate events, the lower burial would have a TPQ of AD 120 (569) and the upper burial a TPQ of AD 150 (193), (420). However this sub-group is above [E 135], TPQ AD 150.

E 143 Post Hole

Matrix

```

                [E 155]
*****|*****
                689
[E 143]   |
                688
*****|*****
                natural
```

Interpretation

Small cut square in plan, 0.08x0.08m and 0.25m deep. Cut into natural brickearth. Function may be resolved by plan layout. Appears identical to post-hole [E 126], and may well be related.

No spot dates.

E 144 Cut, function unknown

Matrix

```

                [E 156]
*****|*****
                634
[E 144]   |
                633
*****|*****
```

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

[E 116]

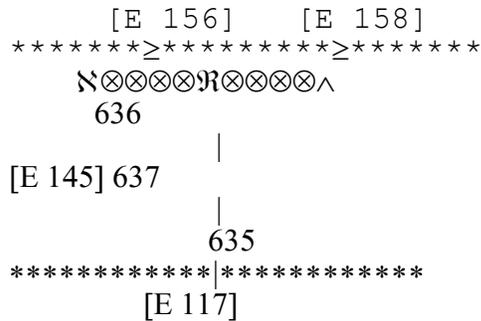
Interpretation

Truncated cut, steep sided with slightly rounded base. Possibly sub-rectangular in plan. May be the extreme south end of a north-south inhumation grave, or a cremation pit, or a pit. Surviving backfill contains no finds to assist interpretation. .

No spot-dates. Over [E 116], spot date TPQ AD 180.

E 145 Inhumation

Matrix



Interpretation

Νορτη-σουτη αλιγνεδ, εξτενδεδ προνε ?ενχοφφινεδ (τωο ναιλσ πλαννεδ, ?ιν σιτυ) ινηυματιον. Σομε διστυρβανχε φρομ οτηερ φεατυρεσ. Χρανιυμ δισπλαχεδ, χηεγκ φ ορ σιγνσ οφ δεχαπιτατιον.

ΤΠΘ φρομ αβραδεδ βαγκφιλλ σηερδ σποτ-δατεσ ισ ΑΔ 180. Αβοπε [E 116], σποτ-δατε ΤΠΘ αλσο ΑΔ 180.

E 146 Inhumation

Matrix

E 148 Inhumation

Matrix

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[E 158] [E 159] [E 160]
****>*****>*****>*****
NXXXXXXXXXX+XXXXXXXXXX^
  285
[E 148]   |
          | 322
          |
          | 284
          |
*****>*****>*****>*****
VXXXXXXXXXX+XXXXXXXXXXJ
[E 136] [E 138] [E 139]

```

Interpretation

Shallow sub-rectangular grave cut for east-west oriented extended supine encoffined (nails) inhumation. Head lay to west. Bone in poor condition, particularly skull and torso. The outside of the coffin was packed with redeposited brickearth and ragstone rubble. A piece of tile <SF 132> which lay on the left knee appears incidental.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 300, from a small and abraded assemblage. This is a definite C4th or later inhumation.

E 149 Cremation

Burial B413

Matrix

```

[E 159]
*****|*****
      750
      |
[E 149] 749
      |
      751
*****|*****
      [E 124]

```

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Interpretation

Small pit, ?circular in plan, containing cremation vessel <339> of which about half survived truncation. Vessel has not been planned. Cremated bone fill is (749), backfill of cut is (750).

TPQ from vessel and other pot spot-dates is AD 180.

E 150 Cut, function unknown

Matrix

```

[E 160]
*****|*****
      374
[373]  |
      373
*****|*****
      [E 125]
```

Interpretation

Cut, steep sides and flat base, rectangular or linear in plan. Long sides aligned north-west to south-east. Extent unknown. Width 0.30m. Function of cut unknown. It is possible that this is one end of a child's grave, but could also be a small pit, or the terminal of a gully.

No spot-dates. Over [E 125], TPQ AD 200.

E 151 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

```

[E 161]
*****|*****
      396
[E 151] |
      395
*****|*****
      [E 140]
```

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

Interpretation

Cut, probably sub-rectangular in plan, with rounded ends. Backfill contains coffin nails, not in situ. Function unclear. May be west end of inhumation grave, nails and skeleton removed or disturbed by [E 161], but could just be pit.

TPQ from abraded backfill pot is AD 50, but over [E 125], TPQ AD 200.

E 152 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          366
          |
[E 152] 365
          |
          367
*****|*****
          [E 153]
```

Interpretation

North-east to south west aligned, extended supine encoffined (nails) inhumation. This is the topmost burial in a string. Top of cut is at 11.34m OD, base at 10.68m OD. Skeleton destroyed below ribs/distal ends of humerii by Trial Work Test Pit 23. Level of base of grave is same as that of trial work inhumation grave cut (*84), but that inhumation is described as east-west.

TPQ from backfill pot spot-dates is AD 40, but over [E 133], TPQ AD 180.

E 153 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          181
          |
          174
```


MSL87 Sub-group summaries

A fragment of tile <327> in this deposit is either residual or part of the lid to the amphora. Despite the disturbance there are two backfills inside the broken amphora, (654) and (658) which contain Fe objects <295 and 296>, probably nails (check type - ?coffin or casket). The backfill of the cut is (639).

TPQ from pot spot-dates is AD 250, which at least dates the robbing/disturbance. Amphora is dated AD 40-300. Fragment of cremation vessel is dated AD 180-300. Top of string, top of cut 11.23m OD.

E 155 Inhumation

Matrix

```

                unstratified
*****|*****
                168
                |
[E 155]       194
                |
                167
*****|*****
                [E 143]
```

Interpretation

Small, shallow cut, irregular in plan, scoop-like. Contained east-west aligned, extended supine infant inhumation. No evidence for coffin. Head lay to west. Body truncated by Test Pit 23. Not recorded in trial work. Sherds of amphora (check sherd links with amphorae from [E 133] and [E 154]) and burnt glass in the backfill are residual.

TPQ from backfill pot spot-dates is AD 180.

E 162 Inhumation

Matrix

```

[E 163]
*****|*****
      128
      |
[E 162] 129
      |
      127
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

North-west to south-east aligned, extended encoffined (nails) inhumation. Head would have lain to the north-west. Severely truncated, only south corner of grave cut remains. Only parts of one foot of the skeleton survive. Outside the coffin, in the south corner of the grave and parallel with the long sides of the cut was at least one hobnail boot, <SF 44>.

TPQ from backfill pottery spot-dates is AD 40. Base of string, top of cut 11.05m OD.

E 163 Inhumation

Matrix

```

unstratified
*****|*****
      216
      |
[E 163] 217
      |
      215
*****|*****
      [E 162]
```

Interpretation

North-west to south-east aligned, extended supine inhumation. Head lies to north-west. Only one nail

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survives, but this does appear to be in situ, and the others may be disturbed.

TPQ AD 180, from backfill pot spot-dates. Top of string, top of cut 11.12m OD.

E 164 Inhumation

Matrix

```

                [E 165]
*****|*****
                475
                |
                517
[E 164] |
                505
                |
                474
*****|*****
                natural

```

Interpretation

North-south aligned, extended supine encoffined (nails and "chalk" deposit) inhumation (505). Skeleton lies on a layer of "chalk" (517), which also covered the left arm, the lower right arm and the top of the left femur. The head lay at the north end of the grave, the left arm was extended beside the body and the right forearm was contracted, hand on right clavicle. A shale bracelet <SF 282> and a copper alloy bracelet <SF 183> were worn on the left forearm. Several fragments of lead, copper and glass were probably residual (check id of <SF 263> and <SF 265>).

TPQ from backfill pottery spot-dates is AD 120. Base of string, C2nd inhumation. Top of grave cut 11.11m OD.

E 165 Possible layer

Matrix

```

                [E 172]    [E 168]
*****>*****>*****
                N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
[E 165] 668
*****|*****

```

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[E 164]

Interpretation

Layer of redeposited brickearth, truncated on all sides. It is possible that this is an upper fill of [E 164].

No spot dates.

E 166 Possible inhumation

Matrix

```

          [E 170]
*****|*****
        431
          |
[E 166] 432
          |
        430
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

Cut, probably sub-rectangular in plan. Steep sides and flat base. May be the west end of an east-west inhumation grave. Fill contains a cranium, lying on its side, but rotated by 180 degrees from normal in situ position. This can happen due to normal post-depositional processes, or decapitation or redeposition. A number of nails are planned as in situ: they may be coffin nails, but their arrangement suggests a box around the cranium, rather than a normal coffin. The backfill contained some cremated material.

Either this is an unusual burial (ie. redeposition of a skull in its own container or decapitation) or it is a severely truncated normal inhumation, or it is redeposited human bone in a possible grave backfill context.

No spot dates. Base of string, top of cut 11.13m OD.

E 167 Inhumation

Matrix

```

          [E 171]
*****|*****
```

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

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          351
          |
[E 167]  352
          |
          350
*****|*****
        natural

```

Interpretation

North-west to south-east inhumation grave, only the north-west end of which survived. The end of the coffin was represented by a line of nails. Outside the coffin, at the end of the grave, a tile was laid flat on the base of the cut, possibly packing, possibly a platform for a food offering. Two fragments of skull (352) may indicate that the head lay to the north-west, but due to disturbance and truncation, this is uncertain.

Spot date from backfill pot spot-dates is AD 150. Base of string, C2nd grave. Top of grave 11.11m OD.

E 168 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

```

          [E 175]   [E 173]
*****≥*****≥*****
        N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
          392
[E 168] |
          391
*****|*****
          [E 165]

```

Interpretation

Severely truncated cut, vertical sides and flat base, probably sub-rectangular in plan. Survives 0.11m deep. Most probably the west end of a ?east-west aligned inhumation grave cut, but this cannot be confirmed.

No spot dates, over [E 164], TPQ AD 120.

E 169 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

```

          [E 174]
*****|*****

```

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

```

          385
[E 169]  |
          384
*****|*****
        natural

```

Interpretation

Vertical sided, flat bottomed cut, ?sub-rectangular in plan. Severely truncated, probably the corner of a north-west to south-east aligned inhumation grave mostly destroyed by [E 174]. Evidence for this is only on form of cut and land use. Backfill contains residual material, including burnt pot.

TPQ from backfill pottery spot-dates is AD 40. Base of string, top of cut 10.94m OD.

E 170 Possible layer

Matrix

```

          [E 174]  [E 175]
*****≥*****≥*****
          N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
[E 170  429
*****|*****
          [E 166]

```

Interpretation

Small layer of redeposited brickearth with nails, occasional burnt bone and glass frags. Truncated on all sides. This is either a layer, probably of cemetery soil upcast, or an upper fill of possible inhumation grave [E 166]

TPQ from spot-date pot AD 200. May date inhumation [E 166] (see above).

E 171 Cut, function unknown

Matrix

```

          [E 175]
*****|*****
          186
[E 171]  |
          185
*****|*****
          [E 167]

```

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Interpretation

Cut, shallow, gradually sloping sides, ?sub-rectangular or ovoid in plan. Severely truncated. Form and function uncertain. This could be an disturbed inhumation grave, a disturbed cremation grave or a small pit.

No spot-dates, but cuts [E 167], TPQ AD 150.

E 172 Cut, unknown function

Matrix

```

                [E 175]
*****|*****
                338
[E 172]      |
                337
*****|*****
                [E 165]
```

Interpretation

Cut, vertical sided, flat bottomed, probably sub-rectangular in plan. form and land-use are only evidence for function. May be one corner of an inhumation grave cut, a cremation grave cut, or simply a pit.

TPQ from pot spot-dates is AD 70. Over [E 164], TPQ AD 120.

E 173 Layer

Matrix

```

                [E 176]
*****|*****
[E 173]      339
*****|*****
                [E 168]
```


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pelvis and is probably an in situ grave-good. A length of textile cord <SF 207> may have related to this ring. It lay below the left side of the pelvis and along the top surface of the left femur (does not appear in Angela's list - check if lost or deleted).

TPQ from spot-dates of abraded sherds in backfill is AD 50. First datable sub-group in string.

STRATIGRAPHIC BLOCK F (EXCAVATION AREA 6)

After machine clearance, this area survived at a lower height than the rest of the open area. This is due to the depth of the basement slabs in this area and their machine clearance (not recorded, see MSL 87 Colour Film 71, Frames 11-17). The consequent truncation made it much more difficult to define features and determine relationships than elsewhere on the site. Trial work records show top of slab at c 11.00m OD.

F 1 Cut, unknown function

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1945
[F 1]   |
          1944
```

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*****|*****
[F 63]

Interpretation

Steep sided cut, mostly truncated, ?sub-circular or sub-rectangular in plan. Possibly north end of a north-south aligned inhumation grave, or a pit. Backfill is redeposited brickearth.

No spot-dates. Top of string, top of cut 10.69m OD. Over [F 63], TPQ AD 200.

F 2 Inhumation

Matrix

unstratified
*****|*****
1837
|
[F 2] 1983
|
1836
*****|*****
natural

Interpretation

East-west aligned grave cut, badly disturbed by unrecorded post-medieval intrusion. No skeleton number assigned, but a single bone fragment was planned in a position which suggests that it might be the only survival from an extended inhumation. There were traces of a timber structure, possibly rectangular in plan within the grave, represented by intermittent stain (1983), but no nails were recovered. The scale of this structure, 0.90m wide by at least 2.10m long makes it comparable to known "mortuary chambers" and is atypical of coffins from elsewhere in the Eastern Cemetery.

On the north side of the cut, within the timber structure, was a set of glass gaming pieces <SF 718-741>, four bone dice <SF 714-717> within a poorly preserved wooden box bound with fittings <SF 678, 707, 709-711, 713>.

On the south side of the grave, where the timber stain did not survive, was a crushed pottery vessel <SF 679>. The status of this vessel is uncertain. It is described on the site records as "containing charcoal", although this material does not appear to have been sampled; hopefully it was kept. This is most likely a burnt food offering,

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accompanying the inhumation burial. However, without analysis of the burnt material, the other possibilities are that it is a redeposited cremation, or indeed that it is the primary (cremation) burial in this mortuary chamber.

TPQ from vessel spot-date is AD 40. Date range is AD 40-70. Base of string, probable C1st inhumation grave

F 3 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1828
          |
[F 3]   1829
          |
          1827
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

North-east to south west aligned, extended inhumation. Truncated horizontally and vertically. Only a few long bones survived, head would have been at the north-east end of the cut. No surviving evidence for a coffin.

No spot dates.

F 4 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1819
          |
[F 4]   1820
          |
          1818
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

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North-east to south-west aligned, extended supine juvenile inhumation, survives to a depth of only 0.10m below machine clearance. Head to south-west. Coffin nails present, but not planned, so either redeposited, or disturbed by machine clearance. A small pottery vessel <SF 614> lay on the left side of the skull, but was partially destroyed by the machine.

TPQ from vessel spot-dates is AD 140. Treated as an isolated burial, although the site records note a possible relationship [F 4] cuts [F 5]. However, the graves only clip each other, and elsewhere the relationship is recorded [F 5] cuts [F 4]! Top of cut 10.88m OD.

F 5 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1797
          |
[F 5]   1798
          |
          1796
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Severely truncated, north-east to south-west aligned extended supine inhumation. Head to north-east. No surviving evidence for a coffin.

Treated as an isolated burial (see notes to [F 4] above), would have had a relationship with [F 4], but obscured by truncation. Top of cut 10.88m OD

No spot-dates.

F 6 Cut, function unknown

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          2028
[F 6]   |
          2027
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

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Steep sided, rounded based, ?linear cut. Extent unclear due to truncation to north and south. Backfill contains miscellaneous cemetery material, including building material, pot and bone. Possible ditch.

TPQ from spot-dates is AD 250. Isolated feature.

F 7 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1811
          |
[F 7]   1812
          |
          1810
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Severely truncated remains of north-east to south-west, supine inhumation. Head would have been to south-west, but has gone along with most of the body. No surviving evidence for a coffin.

No spot dates, isolated inhumation. Cut as planned is largely hypothetical - needs reconstructing.

F 8 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          [E 9]
*****|*****
          1951
          |
[F 8]   1952
          |
          1950
*****|*****
```

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

natural

Inhumation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended supine confined (nails) inhumation. Head to north-east. Fragment of glass vessel <SF 661> and glass bead <SF 660> lay outside the coffin and are probably residual unless symbolic. A copper binding, <SF 667> was found below the right femur and may be in situ.

TPQ from backfill pottery is AD 180. Base of string, LC2nd inhumation. Top of cut 10.90m OD.

F 9 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1942
          |
[F 9]    1943
          |
          1941
*****|*****
          [F 8]
```

Interpretation

Severely truncated north-east to south-west aligned, extended inhumation. The only surviving articulated remains was a foot (1943). Head would have been at the south-west end. No surviving evidence for a coffin. Several disarticulated human bones were found in the backfill, some possibly relating to inhumation (1952) in [F 8].

TPQ from backfill sherds AD 50. Cuts [F 8], TPQ AD 180.

F 10 Pit, possibly pre-Roman

Matrix

```
          [F 11]
*****|*****
          1991
[F 10]   |
          1990
```

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

*****|*****
natural

Interpretation

Concave sided pit with rounded base, sub-circular in plan. Backfilled with sandy silt and gravel. Finds <SF 676> flint tool (scraper) and <SF 675> ?prehistoric pot. Pit may be pre-historic: alternatively, the backfill may contain pre-historic finds disturbed from the old ground surface at the start of Roman land use.

Spot-dates not available. Base of string, top of cut 10.79m OD.

F 11 Cut, unknown function

Matrix

[F 12]
*****|*****
1979
[F 11] |
1978
*****|*****
[F 10]

Interpretation

Small pit, steep sides and flat base, ?sub-circular in plan. Backfill consists of gravel with some clay, no finds. It is possible that this feature relates to the underlying pre-Roman pit [F 10].

No spot dates.

F 12 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

[F 13]
*****|*****
1973

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```
[F 12]      |
            | 1972
*****|*****
            | [F 11]
```

Interpretation

Vertical sided, flat bottomed cut, sub-rectangular in plan. Backfill consists of light grey silty clay with no finds. It is possible that this feature relates to underlying cuts [F 10 and F 11]. Function is not clear. This cut appears like an inhumation grave in plan, but has no nails or bone and is on an alignment that is deviant for the area.

No spot-dates.

F 13 Inhumation

Matrix

```
unstratified
*****|*****
            | 1961
            |
[F 13]    | 1962
            |
            | 1960
*****|*****
            | [F 12]
```

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended supine confined (nails) inhumation. Head lies at north-east. Body badly disturbed by clearance and construction.

No spot dates.

F 14 Cut, probably part of inhumation grave F 22

Matrix

```
unstratified      [F 23]
```


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F 16 Inhumation

Matrix

```
unstratified
*****|*****
      1860
      |
[F 16] 1861
      |
      1862
*****|*****
      [F 15]
```

Interpretation

North-west to south-east aligned, extended supine articulated inhumation. Head lies to north-west, body slightly disturbed by machine clearance. Some coffin nails present, but either disturbed or redeposited.

No spot dates, TPQ provided by [F 15], spot date TPQ AD 200. Top of string, top of cut 10.81m OD.

F 17 Inhumation

Matrix

```
unstratified
*****|*****
      1954
      |
[F 17] 1955
      |
      1953
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

Severely truncated north-east to south-west aligned, extended, ?supine confined (nails) inhumation. Head would have been to north-east, only feet survive truncation.

TPQ from backfill pot spot-dates AD 50. Isolated burial, top of cut 10.83m OD.

F 18 Inhumation

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

Matrix

```
          [F 19]
*****|*****
          1893
          |
[F 18]  2026
          |
          1892
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

North-south aligned, extended supine inhumation. Head would have been to south. No evidence for in situ coffin nails. Legs slightly flexed. A copper fragment, found by the left ankle is likely to be residual.

TPQ from backfill pot spot-dates is AD 50. Base of string, top of cut 10.77m OD, base of cut 10.44m OD. Possibly truncated to the south by Test Pit 12, although no human remains were recorded in this pit during the trial work. May relate to trial work contexts (*56) flat bottomed cut and (*55) its fill.

Check alignments, again a ?early inhumation on the "true" north-south alignment, cf Stratigraphic Block A. Is this random, or an indication of change of alignment of cemetery/boundaries with the establishment of the road?

F 19 Cut, function unknown

Matrix

```
          [F 20]
*****|*****
          1963
          |
[F 19]  1964
          |
          2058
*****|*****
          [F 18]
```

Interpretation

Small cut, irregular ovoid in plan, containing disarticulated ?human bone and redeposited coffin nails. Unclear if this is a "charnel" deposit, or an accidental backfill. Purpose unknown.

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TPQ from backfill pottery spot-dates is AD 120.

F 20 Inhumation

Matrix

```

          [F 22]      [F 59]
*****≥*****≥*****
          N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
          1981
                |
                1982
[Φ 20]  |
                1965
                |
                1980
*****|*****
                [F 19]

```

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended supine inhumation 1982). Head would have been to north-east. Coffin indicated by nails and coffin fill (1965) which is described as "?chalky" silt. No sample was taken, however, so no confirmation available that this was a "chalk" burial. A copper tack <SF 673> found in the upper backfill needs comparison to similar, usually uncorroded single finds in other inhumation graves eg H0088.

TPQ from backfill pot spot-dates (some abraded) is AD 120. Cuts [F 19], also TPQ AD 120.

F 21 Inhumation

Matrix

```

          [F 22]
*****|*****
          1985
                |
[F 21]  | 1986
                |
          1984
*****|*****
          natural

```

Interpretation

Truncated remnant of north-west to south-east aligned, extended supine inhumation. Head would have been to the north-west. No evidence for coffin. NB. planned edges of

F 23 Dump layer

Matrix

```

      [F 24]      [F 26]
*****≥*****≥*****
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
      1888
*****|*****
      [F 22]

```

Interpretation

A thin layer of black silty clay with charcoal and cremated human bone, partially overlying inhumation [F 22]. Sampled 30%, Sample No 66.

Interpretation problematic. Could be the truncated remains of a cremation without a vessel, a dump of cremated material disturbed during the cutting of an inhumation grave in the area (eg. [F 22]), or the base of a truncated deposit related to the cremation process such as those recovered at H0088.

TPQ from pot spot-dates is AD 120. Some sherds are abraded.

F 24 Inhumation

Matrix

```

      [F 25]
*****|*****
      1895
      |
      1933
[F 24] |
      1896
      |
      1894
*****|*****
      [F 23]

```

Interpretation

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

North-east to south-west aligned, extended ?supine child inhumation (1896), head to north-east. Coffin is indicated by nails and silty "chalk" deposit (1933) which preserves the internal form of the coffin. The body is badly truncated by unstratified cuts, and only parts of the left side survived. A few glass beads <SF 656> lying within the coffin, within the matrix of "chalk" beside the left leg are probably a remnant of a once complete assemblage. Outside the coffin, on the east side, level with the expected position of the pelvis, was a complete pottery vessel <SF 655>, possibly a miniature. TPQ from pottery backfill and vessel spot-dates is AD 200. A third or fourth century burial.

F 25 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1884
[F 25]  |
          1883
*****|*****
          [F 24]
```

Interpretation

Cut, possibly sub-rectangular in plan, only one corner surviving truncation by contractors piling line at extreme west edge of excavation. In form could be part of a grave cut, but the fill contained only one sherd of pot, one piece of bone and was flecked with charcoal. Interpretation uncertain.

No spot-dates. Overlies [F 24], spot date TPQ AD 200. Top of string, top of cut 10.79m OD, horizontal truncation indicated.

F 26 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1914
          |
[F 26]  | 1906
          |
          1913
*****|*****
```

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[F 23]

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended supine inhumation. Head would have been to the south-west. Hands lay in a normal position, crossed over the pelvis. On the right forearm was a copper alloy bracelet <SF 641>, and on the left, a bracelet made up of six jet beads <SF 642-7>. No evidence for a coffin survived and the grave cut appears irregular, but horizontal truncation may be responsible as the cut was only 0.15m deep.

TPQ from backfill pot spot-dates is AD 120. Top of a string with four earlier links all with pot spot-date TPQ's of AD 120.

F 27 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

```

                [F 29] (Site records have [F 28] see below)
*****|*****
        1977
        |
[F 27]  1976
        |
        2041
*****|*****
        natural
```

Interpretation

Cut, steep sided, sub-rectangular in plan with base sloping to the south. Alignment north-east to south-west. Survived 0.31m deep. In form cut resembles an typical inhumation grave. Upper fill (1977) consists of redeposited brickearth, lower fill consists of redeposited sands and gravel. Fills contains no nails or human bone. Possibly an inhumation burial where all bone has decayed and a nailed coffin was not used.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 40. ?A C1st century feature (abraded sherds). Base of string, top of cut 10.84m OD. Relationship with [F 29] a is post-excavation revision, in better accordance with the spot dates, and allowing for the difficulty of establishing correct relationships in this part of the site.

F 28 ?Ditch

Matrix

[F 31] (site records also had [F 29], see below)
*****≥*****≥*****

N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
1975

|
[F 28] 2043
|
2042

*****|*****

[F 29] (Site records had [F 27], see below)

Interpretation

Cut with gently sloping sides and concave base, irregular in plan but approximately sub-rectangular (truncated to north). Survives <0.40m deep. Lower fill (2043) consists of sandy silt. The upper fill (1975) contains large quantities of building material, including mortar (Sample Nos 68 and 69) and painted plaster <SF 697>; some disarticulated human bone, cremated bone, animal bone including a cow skull ? placed over a dog skull, pottery sherds from a wide range of vessels and a copper bracelet <SF 701>. The inclusions were concentrated in the centre of the fill, but were not bonded or laid to form a structure.

Interpretation is problematic. The feature could be seen as a disturbed (?robbed) burial with associated structure, but the range of finds and building material suggests the collection of material disturbed by general grave digging, whether simply for disposal in this cut, or for some other (?ritual) purpose.

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My current preferred interpretation is that this is the southern terminal end of a linear feature, associated with ditch [F 52], together forming the entranceway into an enclosure (see plan at 1:20 of (1835) and compare to plan of rubble etc in this sub-group.

TPQ from (mostly abraded sherds) pottery spot-dates is AD 200, this is a C3rd or 4th feature. This appears problematic in relation to the generally earlier spot-dates for the overlying sub-groups, although none of these are from grave-goods. Check relationships again.

(Site Records have [F 29] cuts [F 28], but this was based on a very slight overlap of the cut edges. It is here suggested that the relationship is in fact reversed, ie that they were excavated in the wrong order, a solution which makes better sense of the sequence and the spot-dates.)

Top of cut at 10.74m OD, base at 10.34m OD.

F 29 Inhumation

Matrix

```
      [F 30]      [F 28]
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗^
*****≥*****
          2003
          |
[F 29] 2004
          |
          2005
*****|*****
          [F 27]
```

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended supine juvenile inhumation. Head to the north-east. No evidence for coffin. Legs crossed at ankles, skull probably originally rested on sandstone "pillow".

TPQ from backfill pot spot-dates is AD 70. Recorded as cutting [F 28] (TPQ AD 200), but this appears to be the result of incorrect excavation and the relationship has been amended.

F 30 Inhumation

Matrix

```
[F 58]
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```
*****|*****
      |
      | 1959
      |
[F 30] | 1958
      |
      | 1957
*****|*****
      |
      | [F 29]
```

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended supine inhumation. Head lies to south-west. Body has slumped partly into underlying grave [F 29]. There is no evidence for a coffin, although one ?nail was found in the backfill. The backfill contained occasional building material, pottery sherds and animal bone.

TPQ from backfill (small abraded sherds) pottery spot-dates is AD 150.

F 31 Inhumation

Matrix

```
      | [F 32]
*****|*****
      |
      | 1998
      |
[F 31] | 1999
      |
      | 1997
*****|*****
      |
      | [F 28]
```

Interpretation

Truncated remains of north-east to south-west aligned, extended supine inhumation. Head lay to south-west. Probably coffined (one in situ nail). A copper alloy object <SF 683> lay on the left shoulder, and the right hand is recorded as lying over the pelvis and said to be gripping a pebble (!?). Backfill contains some burnt bone and building materials. Apparently inserted into partially filled ?ditch [F 28], cf the burials which may have been inserted between ditch [F 44] and its recut [F 52].

TPQ from backfill (mostly abraded) pottery spot-dates is AD 180. Relationship with [F 28] is definite, so true TPQ is provided by that sub-group, ie. AD 200.

F 32 ?Recut Ditch

Matrix

```
          [F 33]
*****|*****
          1974
[F 32]  |
          2055
*****|*****
          [F 31]
```

Interpretation

Shallow sided terminus of a linear feature, truncated to the north by unstratified activity. Levels and plan show this to be a recut of ?ditch [F 28]. Top of cut 10.83m OD, base 10.70m OD. Fill contains disarticulated human bone, animal bone and building material.

TPQ from backfill pottery spot-dates is AD 140 (all small abraded sherds), but the true TPQ is provided by [F 28], ie AD 200. This suggests the backfill consists of material disturbed from elsewhere in the cemetery, and perhaps that this ditch was rapidly and deliberately backfilled.

F 33 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1924
          |
[F 33]  | 1925
          |
          1926
*****|*****
          [F 32]
```

Interpretation

Severely truncated remains of north-east to south-west aligned, extended supine inhumation. No surviving evidence of coffin. Head would have been to north-east. Only a small part of the left side of the body has escaped truncation by unstratified activity.

NB. No 1:20 plan as no cut recoverable, see 1:10 body plan.

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TPQ from backfill pot spot-dates is AD 50. Real TPQ provided by [F 28], ie AD 200.

F 34 Cut, unknown function

Matrix

```
          [F 35]
*****|*****
          2048
[F 34]  |
          2047
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Cut, possibly sub-rectangular in plan but with poorly defined edges. Sides are gently sloping, maximum depth 0.30m. Backfill contains redeposited human bone, pottery sherds, tile, charcoal flecks and burnt bone. Function unknown, check pot for possible vessel sherds, as this might have contained a vessel cremation disturbed by later activity. It may even have contained an amphora cremation. Frags of amphora and a cremation vessel were found in [F 35], below.

Base of string, TPQ from backfill pot spot-dates is AD 120. The redeposited material suggests the cemetery was already in use at the time of backfilling.

F 35 Inhumation

Matrix

```
      [F 36]   [F 38]
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗^
*****≥*****
          2033
          |
[F 35]  2034
          |
          2032
*****|*****
          [F 34]
```

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended inhumation. No evidence of coffin. Body is prone, neck arched back, but no obvious sign of decapitation. Two large blocks of ragstone rubble lay over the lower back, a third close by on the

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base of the grave. A scatter of cremated material and a broken ceramic vessel <SF 700> lay beside the body, apparently indicating that this inhumation destroyed a cremation burial. The cremated bone was kept, but the deposit does not appear to have been sampled.

Prone inhumation is a relatively well known "deviant" burial rite. Check skelly for signs of decapitation. Presumably the stones on the body were symbolic and this is not an example of live burial.

TPQ from backfill and vessel spot-date is AD 120, although this may date the redeposited cremation. This may be part of the assemblage originally contained in cut [F 34].

F 36 and F 37 Layers

Matrix

[Φ 59] (σιτε ρεχορδσ ηαπε [Φ 38], ρελατιονσηπ νοω δροπεδ)
N⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
*****≥*****
[F 37] 1875
*****|*****
[F 36] 1876
*****|*****
[F 35]

Interpretation

Site Records indicate sub-groups [F 36] and [F 37] were first interpreted as a two cuts and their fills (cut 1848, and its fills 1849 and 1855; cut 1856 and its fills 1875 and 1876), and on excavation re-interpreted and recorded as two layers (1875 and 1876 respectively, all other numbers were made redundant, but after some finds were labelled). This explains some of the confusion on finds bag labels and finds computer records.

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(1876), [F 36] was a layer of stained black redeposited brickearth 0.06m thick, with one straight edge aligned north-east to south-west, other edges poorly defined or destroyed by truncation. It contained charcoal, pottery sherds (including many burnt examples) and a number of registered finds. <SF 627> and <SF 629> copper alloy bracelets, <SF 629> a necklace of glass beads on a wire were clustered together. A copper ligula <SF 693> and a possible coin <SF 689> lay further north. Site Records indicate that an enamelled copper brooch <SF 684> and a burnt glass vessel <SF 694> also came from this deposit, but their co-ordinates are not recorded. No trace of human bone or a coffin is recorded.

(1875), [F 37] was a layer of dark brown redeposited brickearth containing frequent charcoal flecks and the shattered remains of a samian vessel <SF 630>, directly overlying the cluster of two bracelets and the necklace from [F 36].

Interpretation of these deposits is problematic. The layers may be a dump of material upcast by the digging of pits and graves through other cemetery deposits nearby. It is possible that they are the extremely truncated remains of one or more graves including a cremation or spread of burnt material. With a surface level of 10.79-10.83m OD, these thin deposits have been spread by the machine and a clear interpretation is now impossible.

The relationship of these thin spreads with pit [F 38] must be regarded as questionable, in view of the spot-dates, and is now abandoned (see below, and Block F matrix). [F 36] may have been cut by [F 44], but this is not clear.

Although [F 36] has pot spot-date TPQ's of AD 120, the clear association of the jewellery from this layer with the pottery vessel <SF 630> in [F 37] (spot-date TPQ AD 200), seems to date both sub-groups and make the other material residual.

An unresolved problem is that finds section records place copper bracelet <SF 583> and jet ring <SF 584> in [F 36] (and this has passed into print - "Treasures and Trinkets". Site strat and finds records do not support this, indeed these numbers were among a batch given to conservation for their use during the excavation of the jewellery box from inhumation [E 2]. Reports on the box do not show these two objects or numbers, but there is nothing to indicate that the numbers were later re-used on site. At present I assume they are either incorrectly numbered or accidentally omitted from the conservation reports.

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rounded north-east end. Truncated to the south and east. It is unclear if this is a truncated ?gravel quarry pit, a precursor to ditches [F 44] or [F 52] or part of a larger more amorphous linear feature whose excavation was confused on site (ie it is possible that [F 39], [F 44]] and [F 52] are one feature).

This feature is recorded in Section 27.

No spot dates. Base of string, top of cut 10.64m OD.

F 40 Possible cremation

Burial B462

Matrix

```
                [F 44]
*****|*****
                2035
[F 40]      |
                2036
*****|*****
                natural
```

Interpretation

Cut, steep sided with rounded base, ovoid in plan. Black silty clay fill contains v. frequent charcoal and the neck of an amphora <696>. Truncated from above by [F 44]. Original function unclear, no samples of fill are recorded. It is possible that this was an amphora cremation, mostly destroyed by the cutting of [F 44], but it could equally be a pit without clear function, backfilled with burnt material, possibly deriving from the cremation process.

TPQ from backfill pot spot-dates is AD 100 (?180+) If vessel type from backfill includes cremation vessel lid (see spot-date list), this would strengthen the argument for this sub-group being the disturbed remains of an amphora cremation.

Base of string, C2nd or later ?cremation. Top of cut 10.41m OD.

F 41 Cut, uncertain function

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Matrix

```
          [F 44]
*****|*****
          2044
[F 41]   |
          2045
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Cut, linear or sub-rectangular in plan (truncated to north by modern foundations), steep sides and flat base. Backfill consists of sandy silt with no finds. Function unclear. Form and alignment are suggestive of an inhumation grave, but no definite evidence.

No spot-dates. Base of string, top of cut 10.74m OD.

F 42 Pit, uncertain function

Matrix

```
          [F 44]
*****|*****
          2030
          |
[F 42]   | 2031
          |
          2029
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Pit, sub-circular in plan, steep concave sides and flat base. Upper fill consists of redeposited brickearth with some building material (tile, sandstone, chalk) and charcoal. The lower fill was a sandy silt with a high proportion of gravel, with no finds and a few charcoal flecks. Small pit, function unknown, could be small gravel quarry or disturbed cremation pit. Truncated from above by [F 44].

No spot dates (although pottery noted on sheet (2030)). Base of string, Top of cut 10.64m OD.

F 43 cut, uncertain function

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Matrix

```
          [F 45]
*****|*****
          1908
          |
          1966
[F 43]  |
          1967
          |
          1907
*****|*****
          [F 43]
```

Interpretation

Cut, ?sub-circular in plan (badly truncated). Primary fill (1967) was redeposited gravel, upper fills were redeposited brickearth. No evidence for function, could be small gravel quarry. Check for possible plan relationship of small pits in this area. ?Function of area at one time defined by pitting.

No spot-date, although pottery noted on sheets (1908) and (1966). Base of string, top of cut 10.51m OD.

F 44 Ditch

Matrix

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Matrix

```

          [F 48]      [F 57]
*****≥*****≥*****
  N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
  v⊗⊗⊗⊗S⊗⊗⊗⊗J
  |   1947
          |           |
          |           1948
[F 45]   |           |
          |           |
          2038=====1949
          |           |
          2037=====1946
*****≥*****≥*****
          N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
          [Φ 43]
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Interpretation

Cut, ?sub-rectangular in plan with rounded corners. Steep sides and flat base. Truncated from above by [F 48] and [F 52] (see Section 29). Lower fill (2038=1949) consisted of mixed silt and gravel with occasional redeposited human and animal bone noted on context sheet. Fill (1948) was black silt with pottery and oyster shell. The upper fill was redeposited brickearth. Pit cut, possibly for small scale gravel extraction, not enough pot/bone for refuse pit.

TPQ from pot spot dates is AD 120 for subgroup (1948). TPQ for 1947 is AD 40, for (2038) is AD 70, these probably explained by redeposition.

F 46 Inhumation

Matrix

```

          [F 51]
*****|*****
          2046
          |
[F 46]  1970
          |
          1996
*****|*****
          [F 44]
```

Interpretation

Severely truncated north-east to south-west aligned extended supine inhumation. Head would have been to south-west, no evidence for coffin. Only fragments of the left

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side of the skeleton survive. Parts of this individual may be redeposited in overlying inhumation [F 51]. Grave cut poorly defined, may in fact have been inserted into ditch [F 52] during filling.

No spot-dates, cut into ditch [F 44], TPQ AD 250 (pot), AD 270 (coin).

F 47 Post-hole

Matrix

```

                [F 52]
*****|*****
                2039
[F 47]   |
                2040
*****|*****
                [F 44]
```

Interpretation

Small sub-circular cut with vertical sides and flat base. Diameter 0.20m, depth 0.22m. Backfill contains occasional pottery, mortar and charcoal. Post-hole, function unknown.

TPQ from v small pottery assemblage is AD 40. Real TPQ is given by dates for underlying sub-group [F 44].

F 48 Inhumation

Matrix

```

                [F 52]
*****|*****
                2010
                |
[F 48]   2011
                |
                2009
*****|*****
                [F 45]
```

Interpretation

North-east to south-west to south-east aligned, extended ? supine coffined (nails) inhumation. Head would have been to south-west.

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No spot-dates (residual pottery noted on context sheet).
TPQ provided by dates from [F 45], AD 120.

F 49 Inhumation

Matrix

```

                [F 53]
*****|*****
                2053
                |
[F 49]      1968
                |
                2052
*****|*****
                [F 53]
```

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended prone inhumation. No evidence for coffin, head would have been to north-east. Hands are crossed below pelvis. No obvious signs of decapitation, but should be checked carefully. Grave cut never properly defined, it is likely that this burial was inserted into ditch [F 52], possibly during its backfilling.

No spot dates. Over [F 44], therefore later than MC3rd.

F 50 Inhumation

Matrix

```

                [F 53]
*****|*****
                1992
                |
[F 50]      1993
                |
                1994
*****|*****
                [F 44]
```

Interpretation

Poorly preserved north-east to south-west aligned, extended infant inhumation. Head lay to north-east, no surviving evidence for a coffin. A complete pottery vessel <SF 677> overlay the right tibia.

Λινεαρ φεατυρε, αλιγνεδ νορτη-εαστ το σουτη-ωεστ, παραλλελ ωιτη ανδ χυττινγ αλονγ τηε ωεστ σιδε οφ διτχη [Φ 44]. Ποορλψ δεφινεδ ιν πλαν, ιτ αππεαρσ ιν Σεχτι ονσ 24, 25 ανδ 27 ασ στεεπ σιδεδ ωιτη α ρουνδεδ βασε, αλτηουγη εφεν τηισ ισ ιρρ εγυλαρ. Μαξιμουμ δεπτη 0.55μ. Τηε πριμαρψ φιλλ (2013) ισ α γρεψ χλαψ σιλτ, χον ταινινγ οχχασιοναλ χηαρχοαλ. Τηε υππερ φιλλσ αρε α μιξτυρε οφ σανδ σιλτ ανδ χλαψ, προβαβλψ ρεδεποσιτεδ βριχκεαρτη. Τηισ συβγρουπ ισ ιντερπρετεδ ασ α ρεχ υτ οφ διτχη [Φ 44], ασ ιτ σηαρε α χομμον αλιγνμεντ, φορμ ανδ ηασ α σιμιλαρ τερμ ιναλ το τηε νορτη.

ΤΠΘ φορμ ποττερψ σποτ-δατεσ (ονλψ 2012 αππεαρσ ον τηε ποττερψ φινδσ λιστσ) ισ ΑΔ 120, αλτηουγη τηισ μυστ ινδιχατε ρεδεποσιτιον οφ εαρλιερ ματεριαλ ασ ερο σιον ορ βαχκφιλλ ορ φυστ ποσσιβλψ φορμ τηε σλιγητινγ οφ α βανκ (NB οπεν αρεα το εαστ), σινχε τηισ συβ-γρουπ ισ οπερ [Φ 44], ωιτη α ΤΠΘ οφ ΑΔ 270.

F 53 Layer

Matrix

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                                [F 54]
*****≥*****
                                v@@@@@J@@@@@J
[F 53]    1835 ===== 2051
                                N@@@@@R@@@@@^
*****≥*****
                                v@@@@@R@@@@@J@@@@@R@@@@@J
[F 49] [F 50] [F 51] [F 52] [F 62]

```

Interpretation

Layer of redeposited brickearth containing large quantities of building material (ragstone rubble, chalk and sandstone fragments, tile, mortar and op sig lumps), pottery sherds, oyster shells, and disarticulated human and animal bone. The layer was <0.22m thick, and its limits were uncertain in places.

Deposit seals recut ditch [F 52] and is aligned with it. Also recorded as sealing burials [F 49-51], although definition in this area was poor. An apparent dump deposit, perhaps laid down to level partially filled or slumped linear features [F 44] and [F 52].

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 180 (worth checking), presumably indicating redeposition either as upcast from other excavations or from the slighting of an upstanding bank (see also text for [F 44] and [F 52]). Genuine TPQ seems to be provided by relationship to [F 44], TPQ AD 270.

Investigate similarity/difference of the assemblage between this deposit and the ditch fills and normal grave backfills. Any special activities indicated?

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Relationship between [F 53] and [F 62] not recorded in site records, but plan position indicates there was one. Date and levels of the plans show that [F 53] was removed prior to the excavation of [F 62], and it can only be assumed that this is stratigraphically correct.

F 54 Inhumation

Matrix

```

                [F 55]
*****|*****
                1859
                |
[F 54]    1858
                |
                1857
*****|*****
                [F 53]
```

Interpretation

Extremely truncated inhumation, grave cut not defined, visible in surface of layer [F 53] and assumed to cut it. North-east to south-west aligned extended ?supine inhumation. No evidence for coffin, although one Fe stain was noted at the north-east end of the grave. Head would have been at south-west end of the grave. Probably supine, although it appears that the excavator has dislodged the top of the shoulder blade and replaced it in the prone position.

No spot-dates. TPQ of AD 250/270 provided several links down by [F 44]. Fill probably contaminated with layer [F 53].

F 55 Inhumation

Matrix

```

                [F 56]
*****|*****
                1847
                |
[F 55]    1846
                |
                1845
*****|*****
```

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[F 54]

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended ?supine inhumation. Head lies to south-west. No surviving evidence of a coffin. Severely truncated by footings and by machine clearance of slab. A decorated tile and a flint nodule lay beside the skull, possibly the remains of a packing deposit. Disarticulated human bone may be from underlying inhumation [F 54].

Spot date TPQ is AD 60, from an abraded sherd. True TPQ rests on string above [F 44], TPQ AD 250/270.

F 56 Ditch

Matrix

```

                [F 61]
*****|*****
                1783
[F 56]   |
                1782
*****|*****
                [F 55]
```

Interpretation

Linear ditch/gully, with straight steeply sloping sides and narrow flat base. Aligned north-south, marking a major change in alignments from previous "landscape" features [F 52] and [F 44]. Backfill was an homogeneous grey clay silt, containing tile, pottery, disarticulated human and animal bone, oyster and snail shells. Uniform fill thought to indicate rapid deliberate backfilling. There was no trace of slumping of the natural gravels in the side of the feature.

Cuts backfilled ditches [F 44] and [F 52], some possibility of contamination. TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 200 (most sherds are C3/4th and abraded). A coin <SF 607> dates AD 270-300, and is mostly unworn. Two other possible coins are noted in the site records <SF 601> and <SF 604>. See string above [F 44] for indication of true TPQ.

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F 57 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          [F 62]
*****|*****
          2022
          |
[F 57]   2023
          |
          2021
*****|*****
          [F 45]
```

Interpretation

North-south aligned extended, extended supine inhumation. Possibly coffined (Fe object <SF 699>, possible bracket or nail). Head would have lain to the south-west. Grave cut poorly defined, horizontally truncated by machine clearance/slab, survives <0.02m deep.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 70, but cuts [F 45], TPQ AD 120.

F 58 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          [F 64]
*****|*****
          1931
          |
[F 58]   1932
          |
```


MSL87 Sub-group summaries

```
unstratified
*****|*****
      1919
[F 60] |
      1918
*****|*****
      [F 38]
```

Interpretation

Poorly defined cut, of uncertain alignment, surviving <0.11m deep. Contains disarticulated human remains (cranium, ribs, fingers) which may be either disarticulated or disturbed. A line of nails was recorded <SF 652> (check if coffin or hob) as were some copper alloy fragments <SF 648>. Possible badly disturbed inhumation burial.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 180. Top of string, top of cut 10.76m OD.

F 61 Inhumation

Matrix

```
unstratified
*****|*****
      1801
      |
[F 61] 1800
      |
      1799
*****|*****
      [F 56]
```

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended ?supine confined (nails) juvenile inhumation. Head would have been to the north-east. Although severely truncated by an intruding foundation, it is possible that this is a decapitation (cf H0088 [5.114]) as the mandible lay at the top of the neck, while the skull and a few cervical vertebrae lay over the mid torso area. This position is unlikely to have resulted from the recorded intrusions, but could possibly be a result of "bone tumble" (check bone).

TPQ from backfill pot is spot-dates is AD 70 (few small sherds). True TPQ given by TPQ of [F 44] and [F 56]. Top of long string, top of cut 10.82m OD.

F 62 Inhumation

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sheets and no co-ords are given. The object is presumably residual.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 200 (C3/4th). Top of string, top of cut 10.74m OD. Cuts [F 44], TPQ AD 250/270.

F 64 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1921
          |
[F 64]  1922
          |
          1923
*****|*****
          [F 58]
```

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended supine inhumation. No surviving evidence for coffin. Head would have lain to the south-west (truncated by MSL87 Trial Work Test Pit 13. (1921) =?= *62, (1923) =?= *63. The cranial skeleton was apparently removed unobserved during the trial work). An animal tooth was located among the bones of the left hand. Backfill finds included several large tile fragments, frequent charcoal fragments, burnt human bone and pottery. The grave had been disturbed by unstratified activity, the lower legs of appeared to be missing. Several

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Head lay at the north-west end of the grave. A patchy "chalk" deposit (1833) lay beneath the body (not planned or sampled). The spine appears "s" shaped, but it is not clear if this is degenerative change or post-depositional movement. Glass vessel frag <SF 608> from the backfill (1784) is residual. A bone pin <SF 606> from the same context may be residual, but this is not certain (? condition).

TPQ from pottery spot-dates (abraded sherds) is AD 180. Isolated LC2nd or later inhumation burial. Top of cut 11.13m OD.

G 2 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          2001
          |
[G 2]   2002
          |
          2000
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Severely truncated north-east to south-west aligned extended supine inhumation. Head would have been to the south-west, only the lower legs remain. No evidence for coffin. A pair of hobnail boots overlay the feet in the "worn" position (check x-ray to see if worn or simply placed over the feet). Just east of the feet was a pottery vessel <SF 682>, recorded as broken during machine clearance.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 300. Isolated C3rd burial. Top of cut 10.84m OD.

G 3 Pit, function unknown

Matrix

```
          unstratified
```

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

```
*****|*****
      1133
[G 3]  |
      1132
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

Small shallow pit, bowl shaped in plan, filled with grey sand/silt containing small fragments of building material, sandstone and pot.

TPQ from pottery spot dates is AD 40. Isolated feature, top of cut 11.26m OD.

G 4 Inhumation

Matrix

```
      unstratified
*****|*****
      1074
      |
[G 4] 1159
      |
      1073
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

North-south aligned, extended supine coffined (nails) inhumation. Head would have been at the north end of the grave. Both ends of the coffin survive as nail alignments, but only the legs of the skeleton survive. no intrusion is planned, but site records explain lack of bone by removal by unrecognised intrusive feature. Also two coins were found on the base of the grave, <SF 456> below expected head position and <SF 448> below expected left elbow position. It is possible that these are in situ. A brooch <SF 446> was found high in the backfill at the north end of the grave and is likely to be residual.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 180. Coin <SF 456> dates 270-370. TPQ for subgroup AD 270. Isolated LC3rd inhumation, top of cut 11.28m OD.

G 5 Cut, function unknown

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1682
[G 5]   |
          1682
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Shallow cut sub-rectangular in plan, steep sides and flat base. Filled with a dark-grey charcoal stained silt containing pottery sherds, oyster and mussel shells and building material flecks. Superficially similar to inhumation grave backfills, although could be a refuse pit.

TPQ from pot spot-dates (abraded sherds) is AD 120. Isolated feature, top of cut 11.09m OD.

G 6 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1915
          |
[G 6]   | 1916
          |
          1917
*****|*****
```


MSL87 Sub-group summaries

```
          1676
[G 8]    |
          1675
*****|*****
        natural
```

Interpretation

Truncated shallow pit, irregular ?ovoid in plan, with irregular shallow sloping sides, backfilled with a peaty loam containing gravel. Interpreted on site as a plant bedding trench. Function unknown and samples were not taken. No cremated material was recovered. Smell of fill noted as similar to that of [G 11].

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 350. A late C4th or later feature, with no obvious function. Isolated feature, top of cut 11.19m OD.

G 9 Pit, function unknown

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1666
[G 9]    |
          1665
*****|*****
        natural
```

Natural

Small pit, vertical sided with a flat base, circular in plan, 0.07m deep, diameter 0.46m. Backfilled with a black "oily" silty clay and occasional pieces of pot. Although this looks like several known cremations without ceramic vessels, site records specifically note that no cremated material was found. No samples were taken.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 120. Isolated feature of unknown function, top of cut 11.24m OD.

G 10 Possible Cremation

Burial B483

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1290
[G 10]  |
          1289
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Small pit cut, sub-circular in plan, vertical sides and flat base. Survives 0.11m deep. Backfilled with a dark grey silt containing the shattered remains of a pottery vessel <469>. No cremated material was identified, so this should be interpreted as either an accessory vessel from a disturbed cremation burial, or as a separately buried vessel (?food offering etc).

TPQ from spot-dates is AD 40. Isolated feature, top of cut 11.26m OD.

G 11 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1674
[G 11]  |
          1673
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Small pit, sub-rectangular in plan with vertical sides and base sloping from north to south. Survives to a maximum depth of 0.18m. Cut aligned north-east to south-west. Backfilled with black sandy clay containing tile and pottery fragments cremated and ?unburnt human bone. Recorded as possible shrub bedding cut, but appears similar to cremations without ceramic vessels found elsewhere in the cemetery. Other possible interpretation is that this is an uncoffined infant burial. Interpretation may depend on

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

North-east to south-west aligned, extended coffined (nails) inhumation. Head would have been at the north-east end. Very poor bone survival, often stain only. Arms appear disturbed.

One large piece of ragstone rubble lay outside the foot end of the coffin.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 250. Top of cut 11.17m OD.

G 14 Possible cremation

Burial B487

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          846
[G 14]  |
          845
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Very shallow circular depression (heavily truncated cut) backfilled with grey clay silt, containing nails <392>, a tack <394>, an unidentifiable copper alloy object <391> and scatter of corroded traces of copper that could not be lifted. Charcoal frags and pottery are also noted, but no cremated bone. Nails may be from casket etc and this appears very like the remains of a cremation without a ceramic container. No samples were taken, so we'll never know.

TPQ from spot-dates (a very small abraded sherd) is AD 40. Top of cut 1.11m OD.

G 15 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          837
          |
[G 15]  | 836
          |
          835
*****|*****
          natural
```

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

Interpretation

North-west to south-east aligned, extended ?supine inhumation. Head would have lain at the north-west end of the grave. One coffin nail may be in situ. Badly disturbed by intrusive features. Backfill contains charcoal and tile.

No spot-dates, although pottery is noted on the context sheets. Undated isolated inhumation. Top of cut 11.17m OD.

G 16 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          833
          |
[G 16]  834
          |
          832
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Severely truncated inhumation grave. Bones appear disturbed and attitude of body is uncertain. Cut aligned east-west, hard to reconcile with alignment of surviving bones, but brickearth in this area was very dried out and definition was poor. No evidence for coffin.

TPQ from pot spot-dates is AD 40. Isolated, disturbed inhumation burial. Top of cut 11.24m OD.

G 17 Probable Inhumation

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          839
          |
          840
[G 17]  |
          862
          |
          838
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

East-west aligned, disturbed or badly preserved inhumation grave. Coffin indicated by nails and tile and stone (862) packing. No trace of skeleton, although it is not clear if this is due to disturbance or decay of bone. The two backfill deposits contain disarticulated human bone (mainly around the west end of the cut), burnt bone, pot sherds and charcoal. A coin <SF 372> lay in the south-west corner of the lower fill (840).

TPQ from pot spot-dates is: upper fill (839) is AD 200, lower fill (840) AD 180. The coin is dated AD 218-22.

G 18 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

```
                [G 19]
*****|*****
                2007
[G 18]      |
                2006
*****|*****
                natural
```

Interpretation

Truncated remnant of vertical sided, flat based cut, rectangular in plan. Backfill contains small amounts of charcoal and disarticulated "animal" bone. Long sides aligned north-west to south-east. Probably the south-west end of an inhumation grave.

No spot-dates. Base of string, top of cut 10.82 m OD.

G 19 Inhumation

Matrix

```
                [G 20]
*****|*****
                1788
                |
[G 19]      1787
                |
                1786
*****|*****
                [G 18]
```

Interpretation

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

North-west to south-east aligned, extended supine confined (nails) inhumation. Head would have been to the north-west.

TPQ from pot spot-dates is AD 160.

G 20 Cut, function unknown

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1790
[G 20]  |
          1789
*****|*****
          [G 19]
```

Interpretation

Cut, possibly sub-rectangular in plan, with steep sides and flat base. Cut into top of inhumation [G 19]. Backfill was silty clay, containing no evidence for function, but form suggests this could be the south-east end of a north-west to south-east inhumation grave.

TPQ from pottery spot dates is AD 40, but cuts [G 19], TPQ AD 160. Top of string,

G 21 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          [G 22]
*****|*****
          1851
          |
[G 21]  1852
          |
          1850
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended supine inhumation. No surviving evidence for coffin. Head lay to north-east. Body partly truncated by construction trench

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

and then crushed by ramp for contractors site access. A healed fracture of the right femur is noted on the context sheet.

TPQ from backfill pottery is AD 140. Base of string C2nd or later inhumation. Top of cut 11.11m OD.

G 22 Cut, unknown function

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1842
[G 22]  |
          1841
*****|*****
          [G 21]
```

Interpretation

Cut, irregular in plan, shallow, with gently sloping to vertical sides. Backfill contains building material, disarticulated human bone and a bone point <SF 625>. Possible refuse pit.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 300. Top of string, C4th pit. Top of cut 11.08m OD.

G 23 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          [G 24]
*****|*****
          1868
          |
          1900
[G 23]  |
          1869
          |
          1867
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

North-west to south-east aligned, extended supine confined (nails) inhumation (1869). Head lay at the north-west end of the grave. A deposit of broken tiles (1900) overlay the coffin. The skull was noted to have a hole in the forehead; in photographs this looks suspicious but it isn't.

TPQ from backfill pottery spot-dates is AD 180. Base of string, LC2nd or later inhumation. Top of cut 11.00m OD.

G 24 Inhumation

Matrix

```

                [G 25] (see note to [G 25])
*****|*****
        1839
        |
[G 24]  1840
        |
        1838
*****|*****
                [G 23]
```

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended supine confined (nails) inhumation. Head would have lain at the south-west end of the grave. An iron object <SF 621> at the base of the grave, inside the left femur may be a group of hobnails (check x-rays).

TPQ from pot spot-dates is AD 200.

G 25 Cut, function unknown

Matrix

```

                [G 26]      [G 29]
*****≥*****≥*****
        N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
        1866
[G 25]  |                (NB see note below)
        1865
*****|*****
                [G 24]
```

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

Interpretation

Cut, sub-rectangular in plan, with concave sides and a flat base. Backfill contains no finds or inclusions. <0.54m deep as excavated. Could be an inhumation grave for a body without a nailed coffin, where all the bone has decayed, but the excavator suspected that this was taken out in error due to a variation in the natural.

No spot dates, possibly not a real feature.

NB this would affect relationships in this area such that: [G 29] would be an isolated feature; strand [G 23] - [G 24] would be isolated; [G 26] would be the base of a strand terminating in [G 28]. The matrix has not yet been changed.

G 26 Possible Cremation

Burial B497

Matrix

```

                [G 27]
*****|*****
                1874
[G 26]   |
                1873
*****|*****
                natural
```

Interpretation

Small pit, circular in plan with a flattened "U" shaped profile. Backfill contains charcoal and burnt human bone. This seems likely to be a cremation without a ceramic vessel, although it is possible that it was an urned cremation disturbed by intrusive burial [G 27].

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 180. Base of string, 1C2nd or later ?cremation. Top of cut 10.94m OD.

G 27 Inhumation

Matrix

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

```
          [G 28]
*****|*****
          1831
          |
[G 27]   1832
          |
          1830
*****|*****
          [G 26]
```

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned cut, sub-rectangular in plan, vertical sided and flat bottomed. Two backfills fills were identified, the lower fill contained two nails and a coin <SF 617>. Although the cut was comparable in size and form to be an inhumation grave, no body was identified. The finds were not identified as in situ, although the coin was found just north-east of the centre of the grave. The grave cut into the natural gravel, and it is not impossible that all traces of bone had decayed.

TPQ from pot spot-dates (1832) is AD 250. LC3/4th ? inhumation. The coin, <SF 617> dates AD 170-250.

G 28 Pit, uncertain function

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1822
[G 28]   |
          1821
*****|*****
          [G 27]
```

Interpretation

Circular cut with shallow sides and rounded base, cut into the upper fill of [G 27]. Backfill contained building material (ragstone frags and mortar), burnt clay frags, burnt shell, burnt bone and charcoal. Not sampled, so interpretation is a problem. Location suggests some connection with underlying ?inhumation burial, possibly an offering *dis manibus*, but the fill is suggestive of a cremation without ceramic vessel with packing deposit.

TPQ from pot spot-dates (small sherds, some abraded) is AD 150, but cuts [G 27] TPQ AD 250. Top of string LC3/4th feature. Top of cut 11.16m OD.

G 29 Cut, function unknown

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1898
[G 29]  |
          1897
*****|*****
          [G 25] (see note to [G 25])
```

Interpretation

Shallow cut with gently sloping sides, plan form uncertain, could be irregular sub-rectangular. Base flat. Heavily truncated by machine and piling along south limit of excavation. Backfill contains small building material fragments, disarticulated human bone and a few nails. Although this could be a grave, too little remains for a definite interpretation.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates. is AD 150, but may (see notes on [G 25]) be over [G 24], TPQ AD 200. However all this pottery is likely to be residual in a medieval or later feature.

G 30 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          [E 33] (link between Excavation Areas 5 and 6)
*****|*****
          627
          |
[G 30]  | 626
          |
          625
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended supine ?juvenile inhumation. No evidence for coffin. Head lay to north-east of the cut. A large block of flint lay east of the left humerus, possibly as a packing deposit.

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 250. Base of string, LC3/4th inhumation. Top of cut 11.28m OD.

G 31 Inhumation

Matrix

```
      [G 31]      [G 32]
*****≥*****≥*****
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
          1117
          |
          1116
[G 31]   |
          1086
          |
          1115
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

North-east to south west aligned, extended supine confined (nails and coffin stain (1086) infant inhumation (1116). Head lay to south-west of cut. Cut brickearth, not gravel.

No spot-dates although context sheets refer to pot. Base of string, undated inhumation. Top of cut 11.25m OD.

G 32 Cut, unknown function

Matrix

```
      [G 34]
*****|*****
          984
[G 32] |
          983
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

Cut, only one edge surviving, side shallow and concave possibly ovoid in plan. Two possible stake-holes in side of feature. Backfill is redeposited brickearth. No function apparent, could be bedding feature, grave etc. Amphora and jar frags in overlying inhumation [G 33] - could be extremely disturbed amphora cremation pit????.

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Interpretation

Cut (1185=1260), form uncertain, surviving vertical sides aligned north-east to south-west. Base is flat. Truncated to north, south and down the centre. Sequence of backfills is identical in each half. Primary fill (1190=1260) is a redeposited brickearth containing a disarticulated human femur and mortar fragments. (1189=1262) is redeposited brickearth without inclusions. (1188=1263) is a yellow clay with pebbles and occasional pot and shell. (1187=1264) is a loose layer of yellow mortar mixed with orange sand. (1186) is a redeposited brickearth with occasional tile, mortar and pebbles.

Function is unclear. May be an inhumation grave backfilled with debris from construction/demolition activities in the area, or it may relate directly to [G 108], a stone and mortar structure lying immediately to the west.

TPQ from pot spot-dates is AD 40. Base of string, Top of cut 11.33m OD.

G 36 Inhumation

Matrix

```

                [G 37]
*****|*****
                1067
                |
[G 36]      1069
                |
                1068
*****|*****
                [G 35]
```

Interpretation

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

East-west aligned, extended supine inhumation. Head to west end of grave. Coffin is indicated by four coffin nails (not planned) and ragstone rubble packing (no separate number, planned on cut sheet) around the edges of the east end of the grave. "Severe pitting" noted on cranium, see Jan.

TPQ from backfill pottery is AD 250. Late C3/4th inhumation. Top of cut 11.32m OD.

G 37 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

```
unstratified
*****|*****
      1173
[G 37] |
      1174
*****≥*****
  [Γ 36]
```

Interpretation

Cut, 0.67m deep, truncation obscures form. possibly ovoid or sub-rectangular with rounded ends in plan. Sides steep and base flat. Backfill is a clay silt containing tile and mortar fragments, pot and charcoal flecks. Four small lumps of ragstone and sandstone <0.18m³ lay on the base of the cut.

Function is unclear. little evidence for disturbance that would have removed all bone from an inhumation. Perhaps like [G 35] there is some link to mausoleum [G 108], ? flower bed etc etc...!

TPQ from pot spot-dates is AD 40. Cuts [G 36] TPQ AD 250. Top of string, top of cut 11.33m OD.

G 38 Cut, function unknown

Matrix

```
[G 39]
*****|*****
      1225
[G 38] |
      1224
*****|*****
  natural
```

Interpretation

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

[Γ 40] 903
*****|*****
natural

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended supine coffined (nails) child inhumation (972). Head lay t the south-west. Partly destroyed by MSL87 Trial Work Test Pit 22 without record. In the north corner of the cut, outside the coffin is a pottery vessel <SF 434> and an articulated bird skeleton (978). A pot sherd resting on the skull <SF 929> and a fragment of copper <SF 415> are probably residual.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 180. Base of string, LC2nd or later inhumation. Top of cut 11.41m OD.

G 41 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

unstratified
*****|*****
902
[G 41] |
901
*****|*****
[G 40]

Interpretation

Small pit, irregular ovoid in plan, cut into the south-west end of backfilled inhumation grave [G 40]. Backfilled with a dark gray redeposited brickearth, containing a coin <SF 405>. Possibly connected with ritual for burial [G 40], or annual festivals etc. It cannot be ruled out that the excavator has simply followed variations in the backfill of the underlying grave.

No spot-dates available. Coin not id'd

G 42 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

[G 43]
*****|*****
1929
[G 42] |
1928

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

```
      |
[G 44] 1826
      |
      1824
*****|*****
      [G 43]
```

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended supine inhumation. Head would have been at the north-east end of the grave. No surviving evidence for coffin. Backfill is black reworked brickearth, containing tile, pot sherds and animal bone, none of which were recorded in significant positions.

TPQ from spot-dates is AD 120. True TPQ from [G 43], TPQ AD 300. C4th inhumation.

G 45 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

```
      unstratified
*****|*****
      1809
[G 45] |
      1808
*****|*****
      [G 44]
```

Interpretation

Cut, sub-rectangular in plan, rounded corners; sides steep to vertical where they survive general horizontal truncation. Base flat. Backfill is a black sandy silt, containing pot, tile, charcoal, human bone, and nails. None of the nails or bone were identified as in-situ. It is probable (form and alignment) that this was an inhumation grave. Perhaps the interment had rotted or was not recognised. Redeposited parts of torso, arms or cranial skeleton may belong to [G 44] which this sub-group cuts. Some of the backfill pottery is burnt, origin unclear - either from disturbed cremation burial/fires/feasting deposits.

TPQ from backfill pot spot-dates is AD 250. True TPQ from [G 43], two links down, TPQ AD 300. A C4th feature, quite possibly an inhumation grave. Top of string. Top of cut 11.15m OD.

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

Interpretation

Two stakeholes, cutting the upper fill of possible cremation [G 46]. Part of possible Structure 9, with other stakeholes in [G 7].

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 60. Cuts [G 46], spot-date TPQ AD 60.

G 48 Possible Inhumation

Matrix

```
          [G 49]
*****|*****
          1680
          |
          1681
          |
          1679
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Cut, sub-rectangular in plan with rounded ends, aligned north-west to south east, with steeply sloping sides and a flat base. Backfill contains coffin nails (planned on 1:20 plan of grave cut) and human bone (1681). Plans indicate disturbance by machine and inhumation [G 49]. If this is an inhumation burial, it is very badly disturbed, as the bone appears disarticulated. It is possible that the excavators confused parts of the inhumation (1706) from [G 49] with this burial (check with Jan).

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 180 (?medieval pot is certainly intrusive). Base of string, LC2nd possible inhumation burial.

NB from the colour photograph of this burial (film 62, frame 14), it appears possible that [G 48] actually cut [G 49] and that the bone assigned (1681) is redeposited from [G 49].

G 49 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1704
          |
          1706
[G 49]  |
          1708
          |
          1705
*****|*****
          [G 48]
```

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended coffined (nails and "chalk" outline) inhumation (1706). Head probably lay at south-west end of the coffin, although only a fragment of the skull and a clavicle were recovered. Badly disturbed by the machine, and possibly mixed by the excavators with (1681) from [G 48] (check with Jan). A "chalk" deposit (1708) lay within the coffin, below the inhumation (1706).

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 40, but true TPQ from [G 48], AD 180. Top of string, LC2nd or later inhumation. Top of cut 11.19m OD. NB may have in fact been cut by [G 48], see notes on that subgroup, above.

G 50 Cut, unknown function

Matrix

```
          [G 51]
*****|*****
          1764
[G 50]  |
          1763
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

Small cut, sub-rectangular in plan, with shallow concave sides and a rounded base. Backfilled with a dark brown sandy silt containing mortar charcoal and small ragstone frags. Directly below inhumation [G 51], no apparent function, although may have been a child's grave.

No spot-dates. Base of string. Top of cut 11.00m OD.

G 51 Inhumation

Matrix

```

                [G 52]
*****|*****
                1718
                |
[G 51]       1719
                |
                1717
*****|*****
                [G 50]
```

Interpretation

North-west to south-east aligned, extended supine confined (nails) inhumation. Head lay at north-west end of the grave. Horizontal truncation extensive, surviving depth of cut 0.13m. Ragstone rubble packing remained in situ outside the coffin at the foot end of the grave.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 300. However intrusive medieval pottery dates to AD 1150-1200, so this date may not be secure. ?C4th or later inhumation (group with [G 52/3]). Top of cut 11.15m OD.

G 52 Inhumation

Matrix

```

                [G 53]
*****|*****
                857
                |
[G 52]       1711
                |
                856
*****|*****
                [G 51]
```

Interpretation

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

North-west to south-east aligned, extended supine confined (nails) inhumation. Head lay to the north-west end of the grave. A ring shaped iron object <SF 538> lay over the left shoulder joint, possibly a brooch or a coffin fitting.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates (small abraded sherds) is AD 180. True TPQ ?from [G 51], AD 300. ?C4th or later inhumation burial (group with [G 51/3]). Top of cut 11.20m OD. Note alternating E-W, N-S and E-W inhumation here - ? phased usage.

G 53 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1678
          |
[G 53]  1700
          |
          1677
*****|*****
          [G 52]
```

Interpretation

North-west to south-east aligned extended supine confined (nails) child inhumation. Head would have been at the north-west end of the grave. Considerable evidence of bone tumble or disturbance, although no evidence of intrusive features is recorded. The cranium is missing but the mandible is in situ, so this is either an example of decapitation where (cf H0088 [5.114]) where the mandible is replaced at the top of the neck /the skull is removed after soft tissue decay or the cranium has been removed as disarticulated bone by the excavator (check with Jan). A fragment of glass <SF 521> in the backfill is residual.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 300. Two links above [G 51], TPQ AD 300. Top of string C4th or later inhumation burial (one of a group with [G 51/2]). Top of cut 11.16m OD.

G 54 Cut, function unknown

Matrix

```
          [G 57]
*****|*****
          1040
[G 54]  |
          1039
```

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

*****|*****
natural

Interpretation

Severely truncated cut, possibly sub-rectangular in plan originally. Backfilled with redeposited brickearth. Just possibly a truncated grave, but no hard evidence other than shape shown on sketch plans. Planned after a fashion on 1:20 plan (878).

No spot-dates, base of string. Top of cut 10.96m OD.

G 55 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

[G 57]
*****|*****
1156
[G 55] |
1155
*****|*****
natural

Interpretation

Cut, possibly sub-rectangular in plan, steeply sloping sides and flat base. sides aligned north-west to south-east. Truncated to south by [G 57], to north by unrecorded mattock stripping of brickearth to identify features missed during initial excavation of the area. Backfilled with sandy redeposited brickearth containing tile flecks. no other finds. Form suggestive of a grave, but evidence is inconclusive.

No spot dates. Base of string. Top of cut as defined 10.99m OD.

G 56 Inhumation

Matrix

[G 57]
*****|*****
963
|
965
|
[G 56] 964
|
1018
|

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

Layer. Interpreted during excavation as weathered natural brickearth. May be an old ground surface preserved below Structure 5, [G 78,79,80,88,90].

No spot dates. Top of layer 11.39m OD

G 61 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

```

      [G 63]      [G 63]
*****≥*****≥*****
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
      1567
[G 61] |
      1566
*****|*****
      natural

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Interpretation

Cut, only one vertical edge surviving, aligned north-east to south-west, with flat base. Backfilled with dark grey reworked brickearth. Possible grave, but no real evidence.

No spot dates. Base of string. Top of cut 11.01m OD.

G 62 Ditch

Matrix

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[G 63] [G 66] [G 67] [G 81] [G 92] [G 94] [G 95] [G
96]
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G 65 Inhumation

Matrix

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          [G 68]      [G 87]
*****≥*****≥*****
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
        1569
[G 65] √⊗⊗⊗⊗S⊗⊗⊗⊗↓
      1570   1664
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
        1568
*****≥*****
      √⊗⊗⊗⊗S⊗⊗⊗⊗↓
[G 64]      [G 63]

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Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended supine coffined (stain (1664) and nails) inhumation. Severely truncated, head would have been at the north-east end of the grave.

Note very close superimposition of [G 65] and [G 64], may suggest re-use, family plot etc.

TPQ from backfill pottery spot-dates is AD 50. True TPQ derives from strat link to the backfilling of ditch [G 62], AD 80-120.

G 66 Inhumation

Matrix

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          [G 68]      [G 75]
*****≥*****≥*****
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
        1178
[G 66]  1177 |
           |
           1179
*****|*****
           [G 62]

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Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended supine coffined (nails) inhumation. Head would have lain to the south-west. Check coffin nail x-rays as there is a possible fitting by

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

North-west to south-east aligned, extended inhumation. No evidence of coffin. Head would have been to the north-west. Badly truncated, but skeleton appears to lie on its left side. There was some confusion during excavation of the south-eastern end of the grave cut; a square pit (1228), fill (1229) was originally excavated and found to contain disarticulated human bone, including two skulls, one with its mandible in situ. Later it was realised that this feature was in fact the south-eastern end of grave cut (1531) and the numbers (1228) and (1229) were deleted. (Jan - This disarticulated bone may still be recorded as from (1229)) The skull with in situ mandible may in fact be part of skeleton (1533), making this burial a decapitation, as it was deposited prior to the decay of the soft tissues.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 40. Two links above [G 62], backfilled c. AD 70-120.

G 69 Inhumation

Matrix

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          [G 83]      [G 71]
*****≥*****≥*****
  N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
    1035
          |
[G 69]    | 1036
          |
          | 1034
*****|*****
          [G 67]
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Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended supine coffined (one in situ nail) inhumation. Head would have been to north-east. Only legs survive truncation.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 120. C2nd or later inhumation.

G 70 Inhumation

Matrix

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          [G 74]
*****|*****
          1194
          |
[G 70]  1195
          |
          1193
*****|*****
          [G 68]

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Interpretation

East-west aligned, extended inhumation. Attitude uncertain, probably supine. Head would have been to the east. No evidence for coffin. Only fragment of ?left leg survives.

No spot dates. Three links above [G 62], backfilled c. AD 70-120.

G 71 Inhumation

Matrix

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          [G 85]      [G 76]
*****≥*****≥*****
          N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
          808
          |
[G 71]   829
          |
          807

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MSL87 Sub-group summaries

*****|*****
[G 69]

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended ?supine confined (nails) inhumation. Head lay to north-east, inverted and rotated (check for decapitation, but probably due to post-depositional processes). At south-east end of the grave, between the feet and the end of the coffin was a glass vessel <SF 421>. Another glass vessel <SF 420> lay to the left of the left lower leg, possibly outside the coffin. The necks of both vessels pointed south west, lying on their sides.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 100. Overlies [G 69], TPQ AD 120. John Shepherd has provisionally dated the glass: <SF 420> - second half C2nd to early C3rd and <SF 421> - LC1st-EC2nd.

<SF 421> appears to be an heirloom.

G 72 Inhumation

Matrix

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          [G 88]      [G 78]
*****≥*****≥*****
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
        1126
          |
[G 72]  1127
          |
          1125
*****|*****
          [G 60]
```

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended supine confined (nails) inhumation. Head would have been to the south-west.

No spot-dates. Earliest inhumation in string. Cuts only ? natural features. Top of cut 11.29m OD.

G 73 Inhumation

Matrix

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          [G 80]
*****|*****
          1373
          |
[G 73]  1374
```

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

 |
 1372
*****|*****
 natural

Interpretation

North-west to south-east aligned, extended supine inhumation. Head lay to north-west. An Fe object <SF 506> may derive from a coffin, but no other nails were found, so this is not likely. Attitude appears to suggest restriction by shroud or un-nailed coffin. A ceramic disk <SF 599> is actually a redeposited base sherd.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates (abraded sherds) is AD 250. Base of string. M/LC3rd or later inhumation. Top of cut 11.19m OD.

G 74 Inhumation

Matrix

 [G 83]
*****|*****
 1022
 |
[G 74] 1161
 |
 1021
*****|*****
 [G 70]

Interpretation

North-west to south-east aligned, extended supine confined (nails) juvenile inhumation. Head lay to north-west. Coffin appears long for the body it contains.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 250.

G 75 Inhumation

Matrix

 [G 84] [G 86]
*****≥*****≥*****

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The rubble fragments were <0.32m across, and the deposit as a whole was up to 0.15m deep.

During excavation it was thought that inhumation [G 89] was inserted into the inside south-west corner of the structure between the deposition of (939) and (907), but the plans suggest that [G 89] is in fact intrusive.

This sub-group is directly associated with [G 79] and [G 90], a tile structure in its centre and indirectly associated with [G 88] a series of stakeholes. Together they are interpreted as a structure (Structure 5), ie a mausoleum or funerary monument.

Although this feature could be seen as a trench (gully/bedding trench for hedge etc) backfilled with rubble from the demolition of a central structure [G 79 and 90], the general absence of mortar calls for another explanation. It seems most likely that the cut [905] is a construction cut and that the fills (939) and (907) are a foundation for a stone superstructure that does not survive. This may have been a square enclosure wall, or a mausoleum. No evidence for a floor survives, either due to horizontal truncation or because they were not necessary for the function of the structure. It is not considered probable that this subgroup represents an area of hard standing or a path around a central structure ([G 79, 90]) due to the large, angular nature of the rubble and the fact that it does not run up to the edge of [G 79, 90].

As a mausoleum, the lack of a central inhumation suggests that this feature contained a cremation burial (resting on [G 90], a platform too small for anything but an infant inhumation).

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 250 (939). The pot in (907) dates to AD 120-250 and is therefore residual. Top of cut 11.40m OD, top of fill 11.47m OD. NB this is one of the areas of the site least subject to horizontal truncation (is this due to presence of rubble forcing Ken to stop machining?).

G 79 Construction deposit (part of Structure 5)

Matrix

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          [G 89]      [G 90]
*****>*****>*****
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
      971
[Γ 79] |
          906
*****|*****
          [Γ 60]

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Interpretation

A shallow cut in the centre of the square area defined by [G 78], containing a friable yellow/pink mortar with inclusions of small CBM fragments. Bedding for tiles [G 90]. Part of Structure 5, mausoleum. Compared with [G 78], this would make an insubstantial foundation. It is therefore unlikely that any substantial structure was built off [G 90], which is more likely to have been a platform, perhaps for a cremation burial.

No spot dates. TPQ of Structure 5 is AD 250.

G 80 Inhumation

Matrix

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          [G 91]      [G 92]
*****>*****>*****
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
      986
[Γ 80] 1077 |
          |
          985
*****|*****
          [G 73]

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Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended supine confined (nails) inhumation. Head would have been at the north-east end of the grave (nb north-east end of cut is poorly defined due to intrusion of [G 92]). Two "iron loops" were excavated, one <SF 467>, below the right radius was a split pin (?coffin fitting) and the other <SF 465> lay below the

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right hand side of the pelvis and may have been a buckle (very corroded).

TPQ from pottery (small and abraded) spot-dates is AD 120, but cuts [G 73], TPQ AD 250. LC3rd or later inhumation.

G 81 Inhumation

Matrix

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          [G 93]
*****|*****
          1114
          |
[G 81]   1162
          |
          1113
*****|*****
          [G 62]
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Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended neonatal/infant confined (nails) inhumation. Head lay to north-west. Described by excavator as prone, although this is unclear from the photographic record. An orange sandy stain overlay the lower torso/upper legs, and this was sampled (Sample No 48). Two pottery vessels were deposited in the grave, outside the coffin. <SF 486> lay west of the coffin, halfway along the length of the grave. <SF 487> lay north of the head of the coffin, but was badly damaged by an intrusion. Fragments of copper alloy were located between the head end of the coffin and pot <SF 487>, but were too decayed for identification. A glass fragment <SF 467> is residual.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 250. A LC3rd or later inhumation, first inhumation in string.

G 82 Inhumation

Matrix

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          [G 96]
*****|*****
          1658
          |
[G 82]   1657
          |
          1656
*****|*****
          natural
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North-west to south-east aligned, extended supine confined (nails) inhumation. Head lay to north-west. Unusually large grave cut and coffin nails. Body is in a standard attitude, with the arms extended by the sides of the body. Below the left shoulder lay a chip carved belt set <SF 323>; between the torso and the mid-shaft of the left humerus was a gilded crossbow brooch <SF 325>. There was considerable bone tumble in the upper torso/cranial area (doesn't look like decapitation, but check). A glass bottle <SF 324> lay upright beside the left side of the skull. Another glass bottle <SF 294> lay fragmented directly above the mandible (the skull had either rolled or been removed).

TPQ from backfill pot spot-dates is AD 250. John Shepherd has dated <SF 324> to the M/LC4th. The date of the metalwork is not resolved, nor is its significance. Top of string, a mid to late 4th century inhumation. Top of cut 11.21m OD.

G 87 Cremation

Burial B539

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1310
          |
[G 87]  1311
          |
          1309
*****|*****
          [G 65]
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Interpretation

Small pit, circular in plan containing cremation vessel <SF 502> and burnt bone fill (1311).

TPQ from vessel spot-date AD 180. LC2nd or later cremation. Top of string. Top of cut 11.15m OD.

G 91 Possible cremation

Burial B541

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          872
[G 91]  |
          871
*****|*****
          [G 80]
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Interpretation

Small pit, sub-circular in plan, backfilled with a dark grey clay silt containing charcoal, human bone, burnt and unburnt, small frags of ragstone, tile and chalk and many iron nails <404>. The fill was not sampled, but sounds very much like a cremation without a ceramic vessel, possibly in a wooden container (check iron object ids).

TPQ from pottery (abraded sherds) spot-dates AD 250. Top of string, possible M/LC3rd cremation. Top of cut 11.19m OD.

G 92 Probable inhumation

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          961
[G 92]  |
          960
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[Γ 97] 1707 |
 |
 1671
 *****|*****
 νατυραλ

Interpretation

Νορτη-εαστ το σουτη-ωεστ αλιγνεδ, εξτενδεδ συπινε χοφφινεδ (ναιλσ) χηιλδ ινηυ ματιον. Ηεαδ λαψ το νορτη-εαστ. Α ποττερψ πεσσελ <ΣΦ 532> ηαδ βεεν βροκεν ο περ τηε βοδυ. Σομε σηερδσ λαψ ινσιδε ανδ σομε ουτσιδε τηε χοφφιν. Τηερε ισ νο ε πιδενχε τηατ τηε χοφφιν ηαδ α λιδ, σο τηε σηερδσ μαψ ηαπε βεεν δεποσιτεδ τηισ ωαψ, βυτ δυε το τηε (?) ποστ-δεποσιτιοναλ δισπλαχεμεντ οφ τηε σκυλλ, ιτ ισ ποσ σιβλε τηατ τηε σηερδσ ωερε αλλ οριγιναλλψ δεποσιτεδ ωιτηιν τηε χοφφιν. Α σμαλ λ ποττερψ πεσσελ <ΣΦ 520> λαψ ουτσιδε τηε χοφφιν το τηε ωεστ, λεπελ ωιτη τηε μιδ ποιנט οφ τηε φεμυρσ. Α νυμβερ οφ σμαλλ ναιλσ <ΣΦ 533> ωερε ρεχοπερεδ φρο μ οπερ τηε τορσο οφ τηε ινηυματιον, ποσσιβλψ α παιρ οφ ηοβναιλεδ σολεσ, αππα ρεντλψ πλαχεδ εαστ-ωεστ οπερ τηε τοπ οφ τηε χοφφιν. Βαχκφιλλ χονταινεδ θυαν τιτψ οφ οψστερ σηελλ.

ΤΠΘ φρομ ποττερψ σποτ-δατεσ ισ ΑΔ 200 (<ΣΦ 520>). Μοστ βαχκφιλλ ποτ ισ αβρ αδεδ Χ3ρδ. Βασε οφ στρινγ, Χ3ρδ ινηυματιον. Τοπ οφ χυτ 11.23μ ΟΔ.

NB. χονσιδερ ωηετηερ στρατ λινκ το διτχη [Γ 103] σηουλδ βε λοστ, σεε υνχερταιν πλαν ρελατιονσηιπ οφ [Γ 98] το [Γ 103] ανδ προβλεμ ωιτη σποτ-δατεσ.

G 98 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

[Γ 103]
 *****|*****
 1650
 [Γ 98] |
 1649
 *****|*****
 [Γ 97]

Interpretation

Χυτ, βαδλψ τρυνχατεδ, ?συβ ρεχτανγυλαρ ιν πλαν, λογγ αξιισ αλιγνεδ εαστ-ωεστ. Φιλλ χονταινισ διστυρβεδ χοφφιν ναιλσ. Ποσσιβλε διστυρβεδ ινηυματιον γραπε. Νο ηυμαν βονε ρεχοπερεδ.

ΤΠΘ φρομ ποτ σποτ-δατεσ ισ ΑΔ 250. Ποσσιβλε ΜΛΧ3ρδ ινηυματιον.

NB χονσιδερ ποσσιβιλιτψ οφ αβανδονινγ λινκ [Γ 98] χυτ βψ διτχη [Γ 103]. Πλανσ σηω τηισ ασ λεσσ τηαν χερταιν, ανδ σποτ δατεσ σεεμ το αργυε αγαινστ ιτ. ΤΠΘ οφ βαγκφιλλιινγ [Γ 103] ισ ΑΔ 180.

G 99 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

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          [Γ 103]
*****|*****
          1854
[Γ 99] |
          1853
*****|*****
          νατυραλ
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Interpretation

Συβ-ρεχτανγυλαρ χυτ, 1.56μ βψ 0.60μ, λογγ αξιισ αλιγγεδ εαστ-ωεστ. Στεεπ σιδεσ ανδ φλατ βασε. Βαγκφιλλεδ ωιτη ρεδεποσιτεδ βριχκεαρτη. Ποσσιβλε χηιλδασ ινηυ ματιον γραψε.

Νο σποτ δατεσ. Βασε οφ στρινγ. Τοπ οφ χυτ 10.92μ ΟΔ.

G 100 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

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          [Γ 103]
*****|*****
          1685
[Γ 100] |
          1686
*****|*****
          νατυραλ
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Interpretation

Σεπερελψ τρυνηατεδ χυτ, ποσσιβιλψ συβ-ρεχτανγυλαρ ιν πλαν. Βασε σλοπεσ το σουτη ωεστ. Βαγκφιλλ ισ α χηαρχοαλ σταινεδ ρεδεποσιτεδ βριχκεαρτη. Νο φινδσ. Ποσσιβλε τρυνηατεδ ινηυματιον γραψε, βυτ περψ λιττλε το γο ον.

Νο σποτ-δατεσ. Βασε οφ στρινγ. Τοπ οφ χυτ 11.06μ ΟΔ.

G 101 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

[Γ 102]
*****|*****
1586
[Γ 101]|
1585
*****|*****
νατυραλ

Interpretation

Χυτ, περτιχαλ σιδεσ ανδ φλατ βασε. Χονταινεδ ποττερψ πεσσελ <ΣΦ 513>. Ποσσι βλψ τηε σουτη-εαστ ενδ οφ α νορτη-ωεστ το σουτη-εαστ αλιγνεδ χηιλδ ινηυματι ον γραπε.

No spot dates located (see 90).

G 102 Inhumation

Matrix

[Γ 106]
*****|*****
1583
|
[Γ 102] 1584
|
1582
*****|*****
[Γ 101]

Interpretation

Νορτη-εαστ το σουτη-ωεστ αλιγνεδ, εξτενδεδ ινηυματιον. Νο επιδενχε φορ α χοφ φιν συρπιπεδ. Ηεαδ ωουλδ ηαπε λαιν το τηε σουτη-ωεστ. Αττιτυδε οφ τηε βοδψ ι σ υνχερταιν, ποσσιβλψ συπινε ωιτη λεφτ λεγ χροσσεδ οπερ ριγητ λεγ, ορ λαψ ον ρ ιγητ σιδε ωιτη λεφτ λεγ σλιγητλψ φλεξεδ.

ΤΠΘ φρομ ποττερψ σποτ-δατεσ ισ ΑΔ 180. Φιρστ χερταιν ινηυματιον ιν στρινγ, Λ Χ2νδ ορ λατερ ινηυματιον.

G 103 Ditch

Matrix

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[G 105] |
1580
*****|*****
natural

Interpretation

Cut, ? sub-rectangular in plan with rounded corners, gently sloping sides and flat base. Length 3.00m, appears rather long for inhumation grave. Backfilled with redeposited brickearth, contaminated with chalk and brick flecks. Function unknown.

No spot dates. Base of string. Top of cut 11.25m OD.

G 106 Inhumation

Matrix

[G 113] [G 109]
*****≥*****≥*****
N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
1655
≥
[G 106] 1684
≥
1654
*****≥*****
v⊗⊗⊗⊗J⊗⊗⊗⊗J
[G 102] [G 103]

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended supine juvenile inhumation. Head lay to south-west. Only one nail by feet, so little evidence for coffin, despite reasonable depth of surviving grave cut (0.29m).

TPQ from backfill pottery spot-dates is AD 100, although relationship with ditch [G 103] and underlying inhumation [G 102] suggests it should be somewhat later (TPQ [G 103] and [G 102] is AD 180).

G 107 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

poorly recorded during excavation and its original form is conjectural.

Compacted pebbles and mortar may be a bedding for a surface, possibly even a floor (but if so, evidence for surrounding structure has been destroyed) or a base for timber sill beams. Wall footing may be the base for a monument/altar rather than a wall of a true mausoleum. Inhumation burial [G 120] is clearly intrusive, cutting (935) in the site photographs, while inhumation [G 121] butts (935) and could be associated with it, although it does appear to cut the pebble layer (1050, 1052). Original burial could have been above ground within a stone/timber structure or within a monument constructed above (935). It may have been either a cremation or an inhumation.

TPQ from pot spot-dates is AD 90, but cuts [G 103], spot-date TPQ AD 180. LC2nd or later structure. Top of footing 11.17m OD, top of pebbles 11.24m OD.

G 109 ?Redeposited cremation

Burial B555

Matrix

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          [G 114]
*****|*****
          1652
[G 109] |
          1651
*****|*****
          [G 106]
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Interpretation

Small pit, sub-circular in plan, surviving less than 0.10m deep. contained what was recorded as the fragmented remains of a single cremation vessel <512>, with the disturbed bone assigned to the backfill number (1652). However, pottery spot-date list indicate that four different fabrics have the number <512>. Probable redeposited cremation in a pit.

TPQ is AD 250, with a cremation vessel of AD 40-70 redeposited in the feature.

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Top of cut 11.22m OD

G 110 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

```
          [G 118]
*****|*****
          896
[G 110]  |
          895
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Small pit, sub-circular in plan, surviving 0.24m deep. Backfilled with redeposited brickearth and charcoal with occasional building material. Could be a cut for a cremation from which the vessel has been disturbed, but this is conjectural.

No spot-dates. Base of string. Top of cut 11.22m OD.

G 111 Cremation

Burial B556

Matrix

```
          [G 118]
*****|*****
          870
          |
[G 111]  887
          |
          869
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Small pit, possibly sub-circular in plan, surviving 0.25m deep. Contains cremation vessel <399> (badly disturbed and inverted by [G 118]) and bone fill (887). An unburnt bone was noted among the burnt bone, and some unidentifiable

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copper fragments <759> were recovered. No 1;10 plan of this cremation located.

<399> has been applied to all pot lifted as single vessel. However several fabrics are present under that number, and it is unclear if some of these are residual, the remains of accessory vessels, or if they indicate that the whole assemblage has been redeposited (check).

TPQ from backfill pot spot-dates is AD 180. Cremation vessel appears to date AD 90-160. Base of string, cremation with problematic dating. Top of cut 11.20m OD.

G 112 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          [G 118]    [G 119]
*****≥*****≥*****
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
        900
           |
           912
           |
[G 112]   1698
           |
           1699
           |
           1697
*****|*****
          [G 107]
```

Interpretation

North-west to south-east aligned, extended supine confined (nails) inhumation. Head lay to north-west, fragmented by weight of backfill. A Ca coin <SF 530> lay on a cervical vertebra, possibly displaced from the mouth. Fragments of a glass vessel <SF 525> were outside the coffin to the south of the foot end. A Ca object <SF 526> lay within the coffin just south of the mid point of the right femur. The last two finds are not totally securely associated with the body as their levels were not recorded.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 250, but coin dates to AD 388-402. A very late C4th or later inhumation. Top of cut 11.18m OD.

G 113 Inhumation

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

Matrix

```
      unstratified
*****|*****
      1669
      |
[G 113] 1670
      |
      1668
*****|*****
      [G 106]
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Interpretation

North-west to south-east aligned, extended supine confined (nails) inhumation. Head would have lain to the north-west. Only the lower legs survive.

TPQ from backfill pottery spot-dates is AD 180. Two links above [G 102], TPQ AD 180. Top of string, LC2nd or later inhumation.

G 114 Cremation

Burial B559

Matrix

```
      unstratified
*****≥*****
      v⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗J⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗┘
      1632  1653
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗^ [G 114]
      1631
*****|*****
      [G 109]
```

Interpretation

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

Small pit, sub-circular in plan, surviving 0.15m deep. Contains cremation vessel <516> and bone fill (1653). Backfill (1632) contained a nail <515> that may have been a remnant of an outer wooden casket. Badly disturbed by machine or horizontal truncation.

TPQ from pot spot-dates is AD 160, TAQ AD 300. Cuts [G 109], TPQ ?AD 250, so probably towards the end of this range. Top of string. Top of cut 11.20m OD.

G 115 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1882
          |
[G 115] 1899
          |
          1881
*****|*****
          [G 103]
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Interpretation

East-west aligned, extended supine inhumation. Head would have been to west, but cranium and mandible are missing (probably removed by unstrat activity rather than decapitation, but check). No evidence for a coffin in this narrow grave cut. Some post-depositional movement in lower torso (normally only seen in confined burials, ?animal disturbance).

TPQ from pottery spot dates (abraded small sherds) is AD 250. Top of string, LC3rd or later inhumation. Top of cut 11.16m OD.

G 116 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1762
          |
[G 116] 1761
          |
          1760
*****|*****
          [G 103]
```

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Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended supine inhumation. Head would have been to north-east (most of upper torso etc lost to unrecorded truncation). Backfill contains disarticulated human bone.

TPQ from pottery spot dates is AD 120, but must be later than AD 180, as overlays ditch [G 103]. Top of string LC2nd or later inhumation.

G 117 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1886
          |
[G 117] 1887
          |
          1885
*****|*****
          [G 103]
```

Interpretation

Severely truncated and crushed (lay under contractors' access ramp) north-west to south-east aligned, extended inhumation. Head would have been to the north-west. Attitude of body uncertain. Much of body apparently truncated by MSL87 Trial Work Test Pit 18. No evidence recovered for coffin.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 40. Later than AD 180 by relation to [G 103]. Top of string LC2nd or later inhumation. Top of cut 11. 06m OD.

G 118 Possible cremation

Burial B563

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          868
[G 118]  |
          867
*****|*****
```


MSL87 Sub-group summaries

```
      877
[G 120] |
      982=875
      |
      973
      |
      1130
      |
      975
*****|*****
      [G 108]
```

Interpretation

NB. Building material from Structure 6 [G 108] or burials [G 120] and [G 121] is not referred to in the assessment. Locating this should be a priority. These accounts based on site records.

North-west to south-east aligned grave cut (there is no cut plan - see 1:20 plan of (941). 1:10 plan of (973) shows a grave outline, but should be extended to cut wall [G 108] (935) as shown in the site photographs), thought to be intrusive to Structure 6 [G 108], as the south-west end of the grave cuts into footing (935)[G 108]. This is only evident from the photographic record. Base of cut contains a small dump (1130, 1:20 plan) of ragstone rubble, creamy white mortar, roof tile and two ?tesserae (Sample 33 taken). This deposit was believed to have derived from the disturbance to footing (935)[G 103] when the grave was cut. It lay under the legs and feet of an confined (nails) inhumation (973) with its head to the north-west. This burial was overlain by a large dump of ragstone rubble (982), presumed to have derived from the structure represented by [G 108]. The rubble lay mostly over the torso of the interment.

On the surface of the rubble was a badly disturbed inhumation (877), head to north-west, possibly confined (disturbed nails). This appears to have been a child (check). The absence of large parts of this skeleton may be due to horizontal truncation, but could also be accounted for as a disturbed primary burial redeposited when (973) was inserted. This was in turn sealed by a dark brown clay (842) and small fragments of building material. A copper fragment <SF 431> found in this deposit (no levels or coordinates recorded) is likely to be residual. A number of body sherds <SF 419> found scattered in the deposit may be the remains of a disturbed burial vessel. The upper fill (936) was a small patch of creamy white mortar (see 1:10 plan 935), again thought to represent debris from [G 108] (935).

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It seems likely that this burial cuts [G 121], but this was not clear on site, the matrix has not been altered.

TPQ from backfill pottery is AD 180, but is likely to be considerably later as structure [G 108] cuts ditch [G 103], backfilled TPQ 180. <SF 419>, TPQ 140, like the backfill pottery is likely to be residual. Top of string, LC2nd, probably much later inhumation. Top of cut <11.30m OD, by reference to 1:20 plan (842).

G 121 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1037
          |
          1038
          |
          1048
[G 121] |
          1128
          |
          1087
          |
          1047
*****|*****
          [G 108]
```

Interpretation

North-west to south-east aligned grave cut (1:20 and 1:10 grave outline seem incorrect as planned, see my overlay to 1:20 plan of (1047), following the edges of [G 108](935) and (1052) which seems preferable). Butts against face of wall [G 108](935) and so could be seen as primary to Structure 6: however, the grave cut still appears to cut pebble layer [G 108](1052), tending to suggest that it too is intrusive.

Contained an inhumation with head to north-west. No evidence for coffin. Body is in standard position apart from the legs which are slightly flexed, probably reflecting the need to fit in the grave cut rather than a specific rite.

A grave lining of unmortared ragstone rubble (1128) lined the north and south sides of the grave. Sealed by the brown clay grave backfill (1048). A deposit of compact dark brown clay (1037/1038) to the south-east of the grave was interpreted on site as a separate feature, but is

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reinterpreted as part of the grave backfill, making the grave cut a more uniform shape.

Is this a primary burial within Structure 6, that is the question. I suspect not, due to asymmetry with wall [G 108] (935), and apparent cutting of pebble make-up/surface [G 108] (1052).

TPQ from backfill pottery spot-dates is AD 150. Likely to be later than this as the grave ?cuts [G 108] and [G 103], TPQ AD 180. Top of string, LC2nd, probably considerably later inhumation. Top of cut 11.23m OD.

G 122 Cremation (Structure 7)

Burial B567

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1806
          |
[G 122]  1807
          |
          1803
*****|*****
          [G 104]
```

Interpretation

Small cut, probably rectangular in plan (1.26m wide, length unknown), vertical sides and flat base, long axis aligned north-west to south-east. Cut is lined with a light yellowish brown sandy mortar (1807) 0.30m thick and with vertical internal edges 0.10m deep. These vertical edges suggest that the mortar may have been retained by timber, possibly a cremation casket. A very thin skim of mortar lay over part of the base of the cut. By comparison with [G 123], the mortar probably formed the bedding for a tile and mortar structure. The "well" inside the mortar lining (width 0.75m, length unknown) was filled with a black silt (1806) containing burnt brickearth, burnt bone, charcoal and small fragments of mortar, ragstone and tile.

This is interpreted as a cremation, possibly very disturbed (intrusive post-medieval feature) in a grave lined with mortared tiles, probably forming the base for some form of above ground structure. Most of the evidence has been removed by horizontal truncation (top of cut 11.05m OD, cf 11.30m OD in area of Structure 5, [G 78/79]), so it is not impossible that this and [G 123] were both contained within another structure which has not survived.

By comparison with [G 123], possibly part of a family etc group. Both are close together, and the only known examples of this type of feature in the eastern burial area.

No spot dates although pot is noted from fill (1806) in site records. Cuts [G 104], TPQ AD 120. Top of string, C2nd or later cremation.

G 123 Cremation (Structure 8)

Burial B568

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1804
          |
[G 123] 1805
          |
          1802
*****|*****
          [G 104]
```

Interpretation

Cut, probably rectangular in plan (1.10m wide, length unknown), vertical sides and flat base, long axis aligned north-west to south east. The cut is lined with a light yellowish brown sandy mortar (1805) bonded with tile, <0.44m wide and with internal edges 0.10m deep. Vertical edges either rendered, or retained by timber (?cremation casket). Probably this mortared lining formed the foundation of some above ground structure. The internal "well" within the mortar (width 0.46m, length unknown) contained a black silt (1805) containing burnt bone, burnt brickearth, charcoal, pottery, small fragments of tile and mortar.

This is interpreted as a cremation, disturbed by a post-medieval feature and by the horizontal truncation (see [G 122] above). The presence of a sherd of vessel lid in the pottery from (1805) suggests that the cremation might originally have been contained in an urn.

See also discussion of [G 122], immediately to the north, a related burial.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 40. Must be later than [G 104] which this feature cuts, TPQ AD 120. Top of cut, C2nd or later cremation. Top of cut 11.04m OD.

G 124 Cut, function unknown

Matrix

```
          [G 125]
*****|*****
          991
[G 124]  |
          990
*****|*****
          natural
```

Interpretation

Cut, ?sub-rectangular in plan (0.70m wide, length unknown), steep sides and flat base. Backfilled with redeposited brickearth and dark grey silt, with some charcoal and small building material fragments, mostly tile. Alignment and form suggest this could be a grave, but there is no corroborative evidence for this (except overlying inhumation [G 125] cuts only this feature and has pot and cremated bone in its backfill, which could have come from this pit).

No spot dates. Base of string, unknown feature. Top of cut 11.06m OD (noted that top of cut possibly seen at 11.26m OD, during unrecorded brickearth stripping).

G 125 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          [G 139]   [G 147]
*****≥*****≥*****
          N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
          919
          |
[G 125]   | 918
          |
          917
*****|*****
          [G 124]
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Cut, with apparent slope from north-west to south-east. Truncated on all sides, recorded depth 0.05m. No finds. Almost certainly a natural feature.

No spot dates

G 128 Cut, unknown function (?natural)

Matrix

```

      [Γ 141] [Γ 129]
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
                ≥
      [G 142] |
*****|*****|*****
      1367   1365
[G 128] |   |
      1366   1364
*****≥*****≥*****
      N⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗^
      [Γ 127]

```

Interpretation

Shallow cut (1364), circular in plan, diameter 2.00-2.50m as excavated, 0.14m deep. Backfilled with grey brown redeposited brickearth. Running off the south side of (1364) was one poorly defined cut edge (1366), backfilled with redeposited brickearth. No finds. These are almost certainly variations in the natural rather than the results of past human activity.

No spot-dates.

G 129 Layer (?natural)

Matrix

```

      [G 133]   [G 134]   [G 130]   [G 131]   [G 138]   [G
146]
*****≥*****≥*****≥*****≥*****≥*****≥**
**
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗S⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗S⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗S⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗S⊗
⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗^

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MSL87 Sub-group summaries

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      [G 135]   [G 136]
*****≥*****≥*****
      S⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
      1154
[G 133] |
      1153
*****|*****
      [Γ 129]
```

Interpretation

Cut, form uncertain. Backfilled with a grey silty clay, containing no inclusions or finds. Given the proximity to the edge of a post-medieval brick-lined pit, it is likely that the excavator has been misled by staining around the pit. Probable non-feature.

No spot-dates.

G 134 Pit, possible inhumation

Matrix

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      [G 135]
*****|*****
      1093
[G 134] |
      1092
*****|*****
      [G 129]
```

Interpretation

Small pit, sub-rectangular in plan (0.36x0.48m), long axis aligned north-west to south-east. Survives 0.20m deep. Backfilled with a dark grey clay silt containing some charcoal, pot (small found <SF 501> for some reason) and tile fragments. On the base of the cut lay two iron ? nails , a fragment of bone and a complete glass vessel <SF 452>. It seems likely that this is an extremely decayed neonatal inhumation burial, although it could possibly be some form of ritual pit/animal burial (check bone).

No spot dates (?pot not located). Top of cut 11.22m OD.

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

G 135 Cut, function unknown (?natural)

Matrix

```
          [G 143]    [G 137]
*****≥*****≥*****
          N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
          1091
[Γ 135] ≥
          1090
          v⊗⊗⊗⊗J⊗⊗⊗⊗↓
*****≥*****≥*****
          [G 134]    [G 133]
```

Interpretation

Shallow cut, possibly ovoid in plan, one of the two surviving edges described as "indeterminate", depth 0.21m. Backfilled with grey silty clay containing no finds. Probably a slight variation in the underlying natural subsoil, excavated in error.

No spot dates. Top of cut 11.22m OD.

G 136 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          [G 137]
*****≥*****
          v⊗⊗⊗⊗J⊗⊗⊗⊗↓
          1148  1166
          ≥    ≥
          ≥    1167
          N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
          1168=1169
          |
          859
[G 136]  |
          1272
          |
          1270
          |
          1271
          |
          1147
*****≥*****
          v⊗⊗⊗⊗J⊗⊗⊗⊗↓
          [Γ 132] [Γ 133]
```

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

Interpretation

North-west to south-east aligned, extended supine coffined (nails <SF 505> and "chalk" outline) child inhumation (1270). Head lay to north-west end of grave. Deposit of "chalk" (1271) fills entire area of coffin, mostly under the body. The remaining numbers were assigned to what appear to have been minor variations (tips) within the grave backfill. All these tips contained "burnt material" and burnt bone which were sampled (see samples listed as "burnt material" in the archive notes). This may indicate disturbance of an earlier cremation, or some form of food consumption/feasting/ritual burning during the backfilling of the grave. At the south-east end of the grave, in an upper fill pottery vessel <SF 491> was placed in an upright position, with a group of nails <SF 517> (check - ? hobnails). Although recorded as coming from a layer [G 137] overlying the grave, another upright pot <SF 458> should be regarded as coming from an upper fill of this burial, at the head of the grave, against the south side of the cut.

Both vessels are of the same type and date, so the only other explanation would be that [G 136] cut another shallow, slightly larger grave on the same alignment, although this seems very unlikely. Grave goods in upper backfill are rare, but vessel spot-dates agree with grave backfill spot-dates, so this does seem to be valid example.

TPQ from spot-dates is AD 200. C3/4th inhumation.

G 137 Layer (upper fill of inhumation [G 136])

Matrix

```

                [G 144]   [G 145]
*****≥*****≥*****
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
[G 137] 1129=858
*****|*****
                [G 136]
```

Interpretation

Recorded as a layer overlying [G 136]. Fabric date and position of pottery vessel <SF 458> (see 1:20 plan 858 and 1:10 plan 1168) suggest that this is an upper fill of inhumation grave [G 136], and the vessel a twin to <SF 491>. See interpretation of [G 136].

TPQ from pottery spot dates is AD 200. Top of layer, and ? therefore top of cut [G 136], 11.20m OD. Part of C3/4th inhumation.

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G 138 Cut, function unknown (?natural)

Matrix

```
          [G 145]
*****|*****
          1003
[G 138]  |
          999
*****|*****
          [G 129]
```

Interpretation

Small cut, possibly square with rounded corners, concave sides. Survives 0.09m deep. Backfilled with a grey clay silt. Probably a variation in the natural, excavated as a feature, although could be a truncated post-setting or pit.

No spot dates. Top of cut 11. 14m OD.

G 139 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          [G 141]
*****|*****
          1131
          |
          850
[G 139]  |
          851
          |
          852
*****≥*****
          v⊗⊗⊗⊗3⊗⊗⊗⊗┘
          [G 125] [Γ 127]
```

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended supine confined (coffin stain (850) and some curiously positioned nails) inhumation (851). Head to north-east. Possible grave goods

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are a copper ring <SF 385> by the left foot and two copper fragments <SFs 471,472> by the right tibia, although it is possible that these may be coffin or box fittings (check). A further copper fragment <SF 494> was found outside the south end of the coffin. A glass vessel fragment <SF 476> from the backfill (1131) is certainly residual.

TPQ from (coffin, 850) pottery spot-dates is AD 270. A LC3/4th inhumation. Top of cut 11.24m OD.

G 140 Inhumation

Matrix

```

                [G 150]
*****|*****
                1779
                |
                1777
                |
[G 140] 1778
                |
                1776
                |
                1775
*****|*****
                natural
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Interpretation

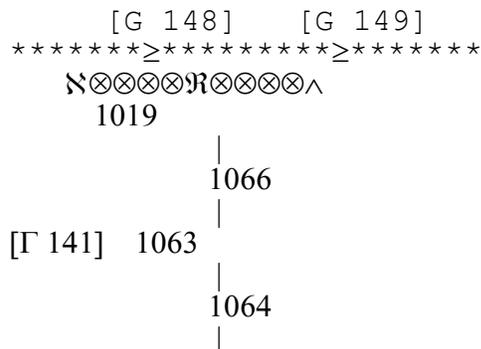
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North-west to south-east aligned, extended supine confined (stain (1776) and nails) child inhumation (1777). Head lay to north-west. A thin deposit of "chalk" (1778) lay below the right side of the body. A pottery vessel <SF 547> lay outside the coffin, north-west of the cranium. A "coffin fragment" <SF 600> is noted in the site records: this is either a possible coffin fitting or a piece of mineralised wood.

TPQ from backfill pottery spot-dates is AD 180. From vessel spot-dates, true TPQ is AD 200. Base of string, C3/4th inhumation. Top of cut 11.00m OD.

G 141 Inhumation

Matrix



MSL87 Sub-group summaries

[G 126]

Interpretation

East-west aligned, extended supine confined (nails) inhumation. Head lay to the west. A copper alloy bracelet <SF 438> and a shale bracelet <SF 437> lay in an unworn position, within the coffin, below the left elbow (NB possibly labelled as (569), as this was written in the site small finds register).

No spot dates. Cuts only a probable natural feature. Probably undated, first inhumation in string. Top of cut 11.23m OD.

G 143 Cut, unknown function

Matrix

```
          [G 149]
*****|*****
          1089
[G 143] |
          1088
*****|*****
          [G 135]
```

Interpretation

Small pit, sub-rectangular in plan (0.64x0.54m), long axis aligned north-west to south-east. Sides steep and base flat, survives 0.13m deep. Backfilled with (1089), a redeposited brickearth.

This sounds like one of Andy Long's features he made out of various stains and variations in the natural sub-soil (see [G 126] etc) but pottery list shows a small assemblage listed under the cut number (1088). Check this. May a real pit, or a disturbed cremation grave.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates (if correct, from this feature) AD 250. Possible LC3/4th feature. Top of cut 11.28m.

G 144 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          [G 151]
*****|*****
          884
          |
          888
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MSL87 Sub-group summaries

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      |
[G 144] 889
      |
      885
      |
      883
*****|*****
      [G 137]
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Interpretation

North-west to south-east aligned, extended supine confined (nails) inhumation (885). Head would have been to north-west. (NB The grave cut is very narrow, and probably under-excavated as the coffin is only marginally smaller) Disturbance of a cremation or a ritual practice involving burning is indicated by the presence of a fragment of burnt glass vessel <SF 411>, and by a deposit of sandy silt containing large amounts of charcoal and "burnt material" (889), sample 23, which lay over the pelvis and upper legs of the inhumation. There were two backfills identified (884, 888) but these were probably contemporary. Coffin nails <SF 410> come from backfill (888), but other nails <SF 413> from (889) may be either coffin nails or related to the burnt material.

TPQ from pottery spot dates is AD 120, all sherds abraded. True TPQ is given by relationship to underlying [G 136, 137], TPQ AD 200. C3/4th inhumation. Top of cut 11.16m OD.

Note possible similarity in burial rite between burnt material in this burial and that in [G 136], which this burial overlays, although redeposition of a cremation may be an alternative explanation.

G 145 Cut, uncertain function

Burial B579

Matrix

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

[G 147] 562
|
119
*****≥*****
v⊗⊗⊗3⊗⊗⊗⊗↓
[Γ 125] [Γ 126]

Interpretation

North-west to south-east aligned, confined (nails) inhumation (562). Bone had almost entirely decayed, leaving what appeared to be traces of the skull at the south-east end of the grave. Attitude of the body is unknown, coffin dimensions suggest it would have contained an extended child inhumation.

Abraded backfill pottery gives a spot-date TPQ of AD 120. Recorded as cutting [G 125], TPQ AD 200, though it is only a "clip" and may have been incorrectly excavated. Top of string, if stratigraphy is as recorded, C3rd/4th child inhumation. Top of cut 11.26m OD.

G 148 Cremation

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

Burial B581

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          909
          |
[G 148]  910
          |
          911
*****|*****
          [G 141]
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Interpretation

Small pit, sub-circular in plan. Contains a cremation assemblage disturbed by unstratified activity. The whole deposit was lifted as a soil block so conservation notes will aid interpretation (no conservation notes exist - possibly excavated in site hut! ed). Several burnt pottery vessels present, (frags of a jar and three bowls) although only one number was assigned on site, <379>. Finds recorded on site were two pieces of copper alloy sheet <386, 387> (possibly a box binding), a possible coin <388>, a piece of copper <389> and a nail <390>. The backfill contained quantities of burnt daub and charcoal.

Condition of grave goods and location of finds within soil block must be established. At present it is unclear whether the box held grave goods, was burnt with the body, or contained the cremation/urn. The presence of burnt pottery vessels is unusual in urned cremations, and occurs mostly in the spreads at H0088. DR20, VRW and BBS TSK in the backfill appear to be residual (but check that the base of an amphora did not contain the assemblage). This may be the remains of a casket of pyre debris, a cremation in a vessel with pyre debris, or a dump of pyre debris. Analysis of the bone might help.

TPQ from pottery spot date is AD 250. Over [G 141], TPQ AD 300. This is a C4th multi-vessel cremation. Top of string. Top of cut 11.21m OD.

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

G 149 Possible cremation

Burial B582

Matrix

```
unstratified
*****|*****
      894
[G 149] |
      893
*****≥*****
      √⊗⊗⊗⊗∩⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊣
      [Γ 141] [Γ 143]
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Interpretation

Small shallow pit, sub-circular in plan (dia 0.44m), surviving 0.10m deep. Backfilled with grey/black silty clay containing frequent charcoal, a group of nails in the base of the cut and occasional small frags of burnt bone. No samples were taken, but this sounds very much like a cremation in a wooden casket (cf H0088, WTE90), badly truncated, and not recognised as such during excavation.

No spot dates. Relationship with [G 141] gives TPQ of AD 300. C4th feature, possible cremation. Top of string, top of cut 11.23m OD.

G 150 Possible inhumation

Matrix

```
unstratified
*****|*****
      914
[G 150] |
      913
*****≥*****
      √⊗⊗⊗⊗∩⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗⊣
      [Γ 140] [Γ 142]
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G 152 Cremation

Burial B584

Matrix

```

unstratified
*****|*****
      849
[G 152] |
      848
*****|*****
      [G 127]

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Interpretation

Very badly disturbed (at least partly by machine) cremation burial. No cut survived to be planned, but cremation fill (849) and fragments of the cremation vessel <374> were recovered. Other sherds recovered may include fragments of a "dog-bowl" lid. From the cremation fill came a coin <375>. The cremation lay on a thin layer of stained brickearth, which may be the smeared backfill of the truncated cut. Several sherds of glass <376> were recorded as coming from the cremation deposit, but are post-medieval contamination.

TPQ from pot-spot dates for (848) is AD 180 and from (149) is AD 120. The vessel dates AD 180-300, and contained a coin dated AD 259-268. True TPQ is AD 259. Top of string, a M/LC3/4th cremation. Top of deposit 11.27m OD.

G 153 Inhumation

Matrix

```

      [G 78]      [G 79]
*****≥*****≥*****
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
      979
      |
[G 153] 980
      |
      981
*****|*****
      [Γ 60]

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Interpretation

Νορτη-ωεστ το σουτη-εαστ αλιγνεδ, εξτενδεδ ?συπινε χοφφινεδ (ναιλσ) ινφαντ ιν ηυματιον. ηεαδ λαψ το τηε νορτη-ωεστ. Ρεχορδεδ ασ σεπερελψ τρυνηατεδ βψ [Γ 78], χονστρυχιον τρενη φορ Στρυχυρε 5, ανδ τηισ ισ προβαβλψ χορρεχτ, αλτηο υγη ιτ ωουλδ βε τεμπτινγ το ιντερπρετ τηισ ασ α φουνδατιον δεποσιτ φορ τηατ στρυχυρε.

Νο σποτ δατεσ. Χυτσ ονλψ φεατυρεσ τηουγητ το βε νατυραλ. Μαψ βε βασε οφ στρυιγ, υνδατεδ ινφαντ ινηυματιον.

STRATIGRAPHIC BLOCK H (EXCAVATION AREA 7)

Αλλ οφ Αρεα 7 λαψ βενεατη τηε βασεμεντσ οφ α στανδινγ βυιλδινγ ωηιχη, βεινγ λ ιστεδ ωασ ρεταινεδ. Ηοριζονταλ τρυνηατιον ωασ γρεατερ τηαν ελσεωηερε ον ΜΣΛ 87 ανδ ωορκινγ/λιγητινγ χονδιτιονσ ωερε φαρ φρομ ιδεαλ. Τηισ αρεα ωασ ονλψ παρτιαλλψ εξχαπατεδ, τηε ρεμαινινγ παρτ ωασ εξχαπατεδ ασ ΩΤΕ90.

H 1 Inhumation

Matrix

```
        υνστρατιφιεδ
*****|*****
        643
[H 1]  644 |
        645
*****|*****
        νατυραλ
```

Interpretation

Νορτη-εαστ το σουτη-ωεστ αλιγνεδ, εξτενδεδ συπινε ινηυματιον. Ηεαδ λαψ το σουτη-ωεστ. Νο επιδενχε φορ α χοφφιν συρπιωεσ. Α χοιν <ΣΦ 288> λαψ βετωεεν τηε χρανιυμ ανδ τηε μανδιβλε.

ΤΠΘ φρομ ποτ σποτ δατεσ ισ ΑΔ 120. Χοιν δατεσ το Χ1στ/2νδ. Ισολατεδ Ε/ΜΧ2νδ ορ λατερ ινηυματιον. Τοπ οφ χυτ 10.80.

H 2 Possible inhumation

Matrix

```
        υνστρατιφιεδ
*****|*****
        591
[H 2]  |
        590
```

*****|*****
 νατυραλ

Interpretation

Σεπερελψ τρυνηατεδ χυτ, συβ-ρεχτανγγυλαρ ορ οπωιδ ιν πλαν. Στεεπ σιδεσ ανδ φλ
 ατ βασε. Βαχκφιλλ χονταινσ τωο χοφφιν ναιλσ. Νο ηυμαν βονε συρπιπεσ. Προβα
 βλψ διδ χονταιν α χοφφινεδ ινηυματιον.

ΤΠΘ φρομ ποττερψ σποτ δατεσ ΑΔ 120. Ισολατεδ, Ε/ΜΧ2νδ ορ λατερ προβαβλε ινη
 υματιον. Τοπ οφ χυτ 10.93μ ΟΔ.

H 3 Inhumation

Matrix

[H 4] [H 6]
 *****≥*****≥*****
 Ν⊗⊗⊗⊗ℝ⊗⊗⊗⊗∧
 1723
 |
 [H 3] 1724
 |
 1722
 *****|*****
 νατυραλ

Interpretation

Εαστ-ωεστ αλιγνεδ, εξτενδεδ ?συπινε ινηυματιον. Ηεαδ ωουλδ ηαπε βεεν το εαστ.
 Νο επιδενχε φορ α χοφφιν συρπιπεσ. Α λαργε παρτ οφ α ποττερψ πεσσελ <ΣΦ 543
 > λαψ ιμμεδιατελψ ωεστ οφ τηε φεετ. Ιτ ισ βυρντ, σοοτεδ ανδ ηασ λιμεσχαλε. Ιτ σε
 εμσ λικελψ το ηαπε βεεν βροκεν ουτσιδε τηε γραπε (νο επιδενχε φορ τρυνηατιον),
 α δελιβερατελψ √κιλλεδ∇ οβφεχτ, δεποσιτεδ ωιτη τηε βυριαλ, αλτηουγη ιτ ισ ποσ
 σιβλψ α ρεδεποσιτεδ χρεματιον πεσσελ.

ΤΠΘ φρομ ποττερψ σποτ-δατεσ ισ ΑΔ 140 (ΑΔ 120 φρομ βαχκφιλλ). Βασε οφ στριν
 γ, ΜΧ2νδ ορ λατερ ινηυματιον. Τοπ οφ χυτ 10.96.

H 4 Inhumation

Matrix

[H 5]
 *****|*****
 1701
 |
 [H 4] 1702
 |
 1703
 *****|*****

[H 3]

Interpretation

Νορτη-ωεστ το σουτη-εαστ αλιγνεδ, εξτενδεδ συπινε χοφφινεδ (ναιλσ φουνδ ιν σι τυ, βυτ νοτ πλαννεδ) ινηυματιον. Ηεαδ λαψ το νορτη-ωεστ. Βονε τυμβλε ιν τορσο αρεα. Βαγκφιλλ νοτεδ το χονταιν δισαρτιχυλατεδ ηυμαν βονε, χηαρχοαλ, ανιμα λ βονε ανδ οψστερ σηελλ.

ΤΠΘ φρομ βαγκφιλλ ποτ σποτ-δατεσ ισ ΑΔ 120, βυτ λατερ τηαν [H 3], ΤΠΘ ΑΔ 140 . Τοπ οφ χυτ 10.91μ ΟΔ.

H 5 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          υνστρατιφιεδ
*****|*****
          1659
          |
[H 5]  1660
          |
          1661
*****|*****
          [Γ 4]
```

Interpretation

Νορτη-ωεστ το σουτη-εαστ αλιγνεδ, εξτενδεδ ?συπινε χοφφινεδ (ναιλσ) ινηυματι ον. Ατιτυδε υνχερταιν δυε το ποορ συρπιπαλ ανδ βονε τυμβλε ιν υππερ τορσο. Η εαδ το ωεστ, βυτ ινπερετεδ ανδ ροτατεδ (χηεγκ φορ δεχαπιτατιον). ?Λεφτ αρμ φολδε δ ωιτη ηανδ ον ?λεφτ σηουλδερ.

Νο σποτ-δατεσ. Τοπ οφ στρινγ. Οπερ [H 3], ΤΠΘ ΑΔ 140. ΜΧ2νδ, προβαβλψ λατερ ινηυματιον. Τοπ οφ χυτ 10.80μ ΟΔ.

H 6 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          υνστρατιφιεδ
*****|*****
          1726
          |
[H 6]  1727
          |
          1725
*****|*****
          [H 3]
```

Interpretation

H 8 Inhumation and Structure 10

Matrix

```

[H 10]
*****|*****
    512 |
    539 |
[H 8] 595 |
    563 |
    403 |
*****|*****
[H 7]

```

Interpretation

Λαργε νορτη-ωεστ το σουτη-εαστ αλιγνεδ γραψε χυτ (3.20ξ1.30μ) φορ εξτενδεδ ?σ υπινε χοφφινεδ (? χοφφιν φιλλ (512) ανδ ναιλσ) ινηυματιον (539). Ηεαδ λαψ ατ τηε νορτη-ωεστ ενδ οφ τηε γραψε, βυτ αττιτυδε οφ τηε βοδψ ισ υνχερταιν βεχαυσε οφ εξτεντ οφ ροββινγ [H 10]. Φορ γραψε χυτ πλαν, σεε ουτλινε οφ 1:20 πλαν 595. Πριμ αρψ φιλλ οφ γραψε (563) ωασ α σιλτψ σανδ ανδ γραπελ ωιτη οχχασιοναλ διαρτι χυλατεδ ηυμαν βονε. Τηισ λινεδ τηε λοωερ 0.40μ οφ τηε χυτ ανδ ωασ υσεδ ασ α φο υνδατιον φορ (595), α μορταρεδ χηαλκ ανδ φλιντ γραψε λινινγ (σεε Σεχτιονσ 5,6,7 ανδ 8). Τηισ μασονρψ συρπιπεδ υπ το σεπεν χουρσεσ δεεπ, βοινδεδ ωιτη α ηαρδ ψ ελλοωιση ορανγε χηαλκψ μορταρ. Τηε ιντερναλ φαχεσ οφ τηισ μασονρψ αππεαρε δ το ηαπε βεεν ρενδερεδ ωιτη μορταρ το φορμ α σμοοθη συρφαχε. Ον σιτε, ιτ ωασ τ ηουγητ τηατ τηισ ωασ το βοινδ τιλεσ ον το τηε μασονρψ βυτ τηε ονλψ επιδενχε φο ρ τηισ ωασ τηε πρεσενχε οφ τιλε ιν τηε ροββινγ φιλλσ, [H 10].

Α γλασσ (χοσμετιχ/οιλ) βοττλε <ΣΦ 222> φουινδ ιν τηε ροββινγ φιλλ [Γ 10], (476) π ροβαβλψ ωασ διστυρβεδ φρομ τηισ βυριαλ.

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

H 12 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          402
          |
[H 12]  450
          |
          451
*****|*****
          [H 9]
```

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended supine confined (nails) inhumation. Head lay to south-west. Disturbance by unstrat to feet and right shoulder.

TPQ from pottery spot dates is AD 70 (includes part of a lid, possibly suggesting disturbance of a cremation). True TPQ provided by [H 9], TPQ AD 120. Top of string, MC2nd or later inhumation.

H 13 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          1905
[H 13]  |
```

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

1904
*****|*****
[H 7]

Interpretation

Cut, possibly sub-rectangular in plan, badly truncated. Exposed in contractors excavations but not planned. Backfilled with redeposited brickearth. Possible grave cut.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 50. MC1st or later feature, possibly grave.

STRATIGRAPHIC BLOCK I (EXCAVATION AREA 8)

This area, the last to be excavated, was dug rapidly and in very poor working conditions (contractors debris etc). This was a very small part of 29 West Tenter Street. The remainder was excavated as WTE 90.

I 1 Cut, uncertain function

Matrix

unstratified
*****|*****
2094
[I 1] |
2095
*****|*****
natural

Interpretation

Small pit, possibly circular in plan (dia 0.70m) with steep sides and flat base. Backfilled with redeposited brickearth. Function unclear, although could have held a cremation vessel, removed by truncation.

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 40. Isolated ?C1st feature. Top of cut 11.07m OD.

I 2 Probable inhumation

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

Matrix

```

unstratified
*****|*****
      2074
[I 2]  |
      2075
*****|*****
      natural

```

Interpretation

Recorded as a gully on site, this is almost certainly an east-west aligned grave cut for an inhumation. No bone survives, or coffin nails, but a pair of hobnails boots <SF 744, 745> were located at the west surviving end of the feature. Attitude, arrangement of body unknown, but hobnails are usually beside feet.

TPQ from backfill pottery spot dates is AD 50. M/LC1st or later probable inhumation, isolated feature. Top of cut 11.18m OD.

I 3 Linear feature (?natural) same as H 7 and WTE90 2.1, 2.2

Matrix

Interpretation

See matrix and interpretation of [H 7], which is the same feature.

No spot dates, probably a natural feature.

I 4 Pit, unknown function

Matrix

```

      [I 4]      [I 8]
*****≥*****≥*****
      N⊗⊗⊗⊗R⊗⊗⊗⊗^
      2098
      |
[I 4] 2097  |
      |
      2096
*****|*****
      natural

```

Interpretation

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

Cut, possibly circular in plan, backfilled with gravel and dark grey silt (2097) and redeposited brickearth (2098). Although this could be a small quarry, there is no real evidence for function.

No spot dates. Base of string, cut feature of unknown function. Top of cut 10.99m OD

I 5 Probable cremation

Burial B598

Matrix

```
          [I 6]
*****|*****
          2100
[I 5]   |
          2099
*****|*****
          [I 4]
```

Interpretation

Small pit, ovoid in plan, surviving 0.14m deep. Backfilled with grey redeposited brickearth, containing some pottery sherds, burnt human bone, charcoal, nails and building material fragments. No samples were taken, but this does sound similar to small pits interpreted as cremations a few metres south and west on WTE90.

TPQ from pottery spot dates is AD 250. (NB relationships with upper parts of this string need checking as dates become earlier as one moves up) Possible M?LC3rd or later cremation deposit. Top of cut 10.95m OD.

I 6 Linear feature (gully)

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

I 10 Inhumation

Matrix

```
          [I 15]
*****|*****
          2064
          |
[I 10]  2063
          |
          2065
*****|*****
          [I 6]
```

Interpretation

Severely truncated remains of an south-west to north-east aligned, extended confined (nails) inhumation. attitude uncertain, head would have lain to the south-west. A copper alloy object <SF 705> was recovered, but no co-ordinates were recorded and it may be residual.

TPQ from pottery spot dates is AD 200. Probably somewhat later than [I 5] TPQ AD 250. LC3rd or later inhumation. Top of cut 11.15m OD.

I 11 Cut, unknown function

Matrix

```
          [I 13]
*****|*****
          2084
[I 1]   |
          2085
*****|*****
          [I 8]
```

Interpretation

Shallow, irregular cut. No apparent form or function. Backfilled with sandy gravel. Could be an lens of gravel in the fill of underlying ditch [I 8] taken out in error.

TPQ from pot spot-dates is AD 40 (one sherd). Probably a feature resulting from an error in excavation. Later than or part of [I 8], TPQ AD 120.

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

TPQ from pottery spot-dates is AD 50, but must be later than [I 8], TPQ AD 120, if not [I 12], TPQ AD 150. Top of string M/LC2nd or later inhumation. Top of cut 11.04m OD.

I 14 Stake-hole

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          2068
[I 14]  |
          2067
*****|*****
          [I 9]
```

Interpretation

Small stake-hole (dia 0.06m depth 0.18m) cut into [I 9]. If [I 9] were a grave, this could be a marker, but evidence is inconclusive.

No spot dates. Later than [I 9] TPQ AD 70

I 15 Stake-hole

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          2079
[I 15]  |
          2080
*****|*****
          [I 10]
```

Interpretation

Small stakehole (dia 0.22m, depth 0.46), driven vertically into the north edge of backfilled inhumation grave [I 10]. Possible grave marker.

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

TPQ from pot spot-date (one sherd) is AD 40. Certainly later than [H 10], TPQ AD 200. Probably later than [H 5] AD 250.

I 16 Pit, function unknown

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          2066
          |
          2078
          |
          2082
          |
[I 16]  2085
          |
          2086
          |
          2101
          |
          2081
*****|*****
          [I 8]
```

Interpretation

Severely truncated, large cut, probably square or rectangular in plan. Surviving depth 0.92m, truncated before the base by a post-medieval intrusion. Backfilled with a variety of sands and gravels, with the exception of (2082), a grey brown silty clay with small fragments of building material (chalk, tile), pottery and bone. Interpretation not possible. Deep square or rectangular cuts in the cemetery may be either graves, wells, ritual or refuse pits.

TPQ from pot spot-dates AD 120 (2066). Later than [I 8], TPQ AD 120. Top of string, E/MC2nd or later feature. Top of cut 11.14m OD.

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

INHUMATIONS UNLOCATED ON SITE GRID, POSITION ON SITE UNKNOWN

Inhumation

```
unstratified
*****|*****
      344
      |
      345
      |
      343
*****|*****
      natural
```

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

Interpretation

North-east to south-west aligned, extended supine coffined (nails and packing) inhumation (345). Head lay to north-east. A large fragment of tile lay outside the coffin on the left side and a large fragment of limestone lay outside the coffin on the right side. Both were at the level of the mandible, placed either as packing, coffin markers or because they had some special significance. Another piece of tile <SF 142> appeared to prop up the chin. The backfill included some pot and burnt bone.

TPQ from pottery spot dates is AD 50. M/LC1st or later inhumation. Top of cut 11.24m OD.

Isolated burial, no stratigraphic links. Photos are of this burial only. Grid co-ordinates place it in Excavation Area 4, but it was excavated in Excavation Area 5. Cannot now be located. Alignment can be done from grid on 1:10 and 1:20 plan.

Probable Grave

Matrix

```
          unstratified
*****|*****
          554
          |
          553
*****|*****
```

MSL87 Sub-group summaries

natural

Interpretation

Cut, square or rectangular in plan, vertical sides and flat base. If sub-rectangular, aligned east-west. Very badly truncated by Trial Trench, but No not specified. Excavated in Excavation Area 5, but co-ordinates place it in a truncated part of Excavation Area 4. Backfill was a brown silty clay. Reported as containing occasional pot and small frags of opus signinum. On form and size, this cut is likely to be the west end of an east-west aligned inhumation.

No pot listed on spot-date records. Isolated, undated probable inhumation grave. Top of cut 11.26m OD. Cannot be located spatially. Alignment could be done from 1:20 plan.

Both these features were excavated by G.B. Possibly to be identified as George Piss-head Bell. Let them stand as memorial to that fine archaeologist.