

SITE SUMMARY

Site address: 31-43 Mansell Street and 1-7 Alie Street
Site code: MST86/MST87
Project code: Y066
OS National Grid: TQ 3381 8114
Dates: Trial work took place between July and August 1986 (MST86) which led to selective area excavation in February to April 1987.
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Staff: No list available
Sponsor: Winglaw Securities/Group Limited
Bibliography: See Roman London: The Eastern Cemetery (MOLAS 1992)
SMR number: ?

Summary:

Initial trial work (9 test pits) before demolition led to selective area excavation prior to the development of the site. The site was excavated post demolition of the existing building in two phases; Area 1 (1 Alie Street and 37-43 Mansell street and Area 2 (31-35 Alie Street).

In area 1 a series of intercutting Roman inhumation and cremation burials, ditches and other cut features were cut into natural brickearth with little horizontal stratigraphy. There were 90 possible inhumation burials, 77 with surviving human remains, on two major alignments. A majority showed evidence for use of a wooden coffin, 20 included related artefacts, 13 were 'plaster burials' (2 of which included artefacts). 19 cremations were recorded buried in pottery vessels or directly in pits. 3 amphorae were used as secondary containers and some cremation burials contained associated artefacts including a bronze mirror. A ditch or holloway, aligned east-west, was in use within the burial sequence.

In area 2 the brickearth was horizontally truncated and a series of discrete, truncated pits some dating to post-medieval period, were cut into the natural sand and gravels.

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Site plan:	Fig 3 completed on autocad (Josephine Brown)
Context sheets (including skeleton sheets):	439
Context plans 1:20:	214
Context plans 1:10	94
Other plans:	1 on site 1:50 with cut features
	1 off site 1:50 with cut features
Sections:	2
Registers:	registered finds, samples, context, photographic.
Index:	site index (not computerised)
Matrix:	complete with all contexts
Photographs:	B/W films - 18 Colour Films - 18

There are some photographs of trial work MST86 at Lever Street, DGLA catalogue nos B/W 7017, 7030 and there may be others.

ARCHIVE PROBLEMS

Missing contexts and plans: 275 ?grave cut
 276 ?fill of 275
 381 ?skeleton

Missing plan: 436

Relation problems:

10/10 graves 329,212 and 9
 graves 323 and 146

10/5 graves 265 and 121

15/10 graves 6 and 202
 grave 376 planned in wrong place?
 cremation 380 cut by 5 or not?

15/15 grave 252 and 92 related or not?
 graves 307 and 328
 84/231 either double burial or one grave cut not
recorded.

Photographic problems

Missing B/W films 9,10,11 and some of 18 both contacts and
negs, apparently given to Gavin Evans by KMW.
B/W film 18 missing apart from shots from crane.
Film 12 shots 1-8 of skeleton 242 lost as camera broken.

RELATION BETWEEN MST86 (TRIAL WORK) AND MST87

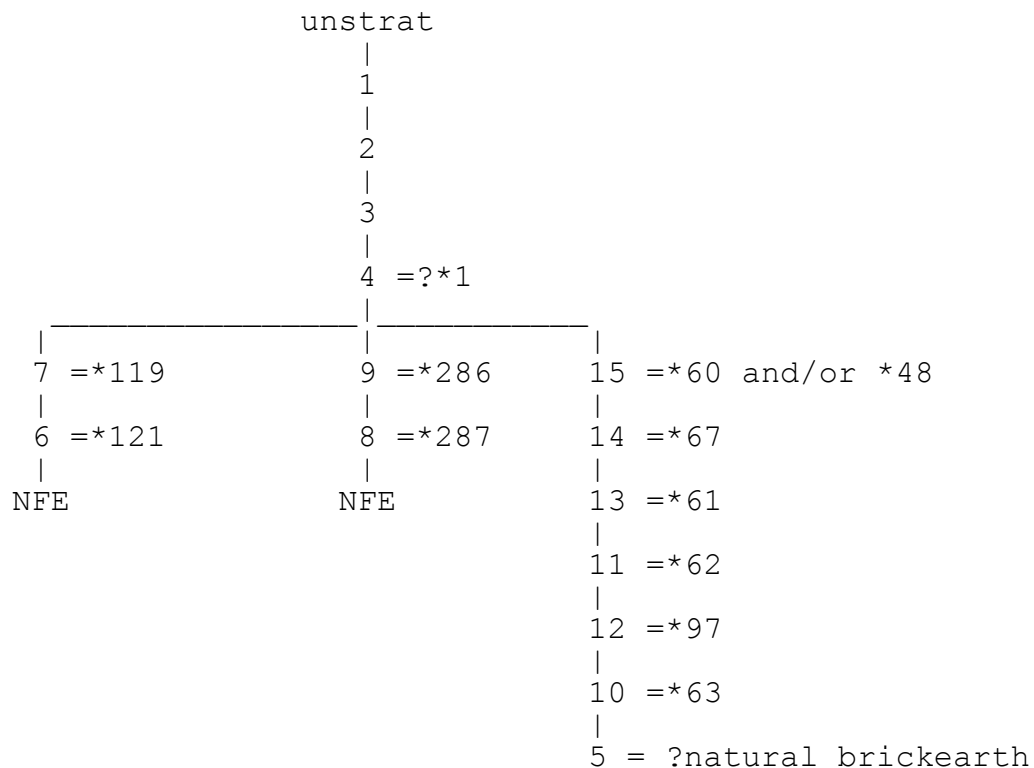
MST86 test pits 1,2,5,6 and 7 were located outside the subsequent area of excavation.

Depths in the test pit report were given relative to street and basement level and related to OD height (14.10m) given on OS map on corner of Mansell Street and Alie Street.

Test pit 9 contained clean natural brickearth at c.11.60m OD over gravel, no deposits found during excavation.

Test pit 8 truncated gravel (no brickearth) at c.11.34m OD, no deposits found during excavation.

Test pit 4 four graves recorded.



* indicates contexts from MST87

Test pit 3 dug to depth of c.11.15m, within construction cut of wall to the north of pit. In fact overlays and truncates the top of two graves *136 and *156.

MST87 NOTES ON SUBGROUPS

SG = Subgroup

Non inhumation or cremation burial sub-groups

Area 1

Sub-group	description
0	small pit possibly modern? cut [45], fill [46]
31	small pit
36	pit related to cremation process?
97	ditch
116	gully
117	ditch
118	post-hole
119	layer
34	tile lined post hole/pit [188]
34	pot filled small pit [187] [188]&[187]cut into top of underlying inhumation (SG 34)
133	post-Roman "soil"

Area 2

All sub-groups i.e. 19-28 and 130-32 isolated truncated pits.

Summary of results

Area 1

Contexts 1-413

Subgroups 1-18, 29-129 and 133

Natural was not recorded separately (or limits of vertical truncations), however the top of natural brickearth was at c.11.50m OD.

No pre-cemetery activity was located and the only post-Roman activity represented by the remnants of undated "soil" over the burials (SG 133, context [4] MST86).

The remainder of the contexts relate to an intercutting sequence of cremation and inhumation burials, ditches, postholes and pits.

Some of these features were discrete isolated cuts (SGs 1-18).

The longest stratigraphic string is seven subgroups.

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The major landscape feature was an east-west ditch/holloway (SG 97) that divides some of the burials into stratigraphic groups. SGs 85-87,90-94 are earlier than the ditch and SGs 109-112 are later than the ditch.

Area 2

Contexts 414-439

Subgroups 19-28 and 130-132.

A series of isolated truncated pits with single fills were cut into natural sand and gravel at 9.99mOD to 10.41mOD. Cuts varied in shape and size and may have been a continuation of the post-medieval pit sequence found to north at MAN82 (DUA). At least five pits (SGs 130,131,132,27 and 26) contained post-medieval material.

INHUMATION BURIALS WITH ASSOCIATED ARTEFACTS

Sub group	skeleton	fill no.	fill type	small find	description
107	none	308	fill	119	ca ferrule
				122	3 frgs ca bracelet
90	none	112	fill	38	hobnail boot
13	none	65	fill	24	hobnail boots
		65	fill	44	pottery vessel (80-
200)					
87	none	59	fill	21	pottery vessel (40-
400)					
		59	fill	22	pottery vessel (40-
400)					
105	123	26	fill	2	shale bracelet
		26	fill	3	iron axe head
		26	fill	4	hobnail boot
86	109	108	fill	36	*bone pin frg
109	96	68	fill	40	hobnail boot
		68	fill	39	hobnail boot
121**	80	4	fill	13	*ca earring
		33	fill	180	hobnail boot
52	98	98	skeleton	46	hobnail boots (worn)
29	193	178	fill	63	bone handled knife
81**	126	106	fill	37	jet pin
		128	coff fill	41	*glass bead
80**	186	152	fill	69	hobnail boots
		152	fill	93	green stone and
					unid.bone
43**	120	119	fill	49	hobnail boots
45	97	97	skeleton	30	jet beads
		97	skeleton	31	ca bracelet
47	181	180	fill	62	pot sherds (40-200)
37	201	199	fill	67	glass vessel
		199	fill	76	broken glass vessel
		199	fill	78	2 mirror frgs +
glass					
		199	fill	81	beads
		199	fill	85	glass vessel frags
		199	fill	90	bone vessel
				207	coin in mouth
72	239	239	skeleton	88	pottery vessel
					(140-250)
46	220	213	fill	84	ca bracelet
		220	skeleton	77	shale bracelet
41	285	285	skeleton	109-11	3 ca bracelets
42	301	300	fill	118	coin
85	345	327	fill	131	pottery vessel
					(150-350)
15	342	341	fill	132	glass bead
12	254	253	fill	94	*glass frags

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- i. shows fill and fill type to which small find ascribed in field.
- ii. * = possible residual material?
- iii. ** = 'plaster' burial

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123 380 379 SF142 - - - ?redeposited

i. *=processed by Fiona Keilly (some number mismatch between exact fill number ascribed to cremation fill and backfill number from which pot ascribed to).

Those not processed by FK are the five cremations that sampled. Of the three remaining cremations either redeposited or truncated and no human bone present or collected.

ii. cremation fill [221] in pot SF71 and cremation fill [222] in pot SF72 both came from same pit fill [207].

iii. also sub group 36; pit related to cremation process? see samples 14 and 15

i.v nv = no vessel

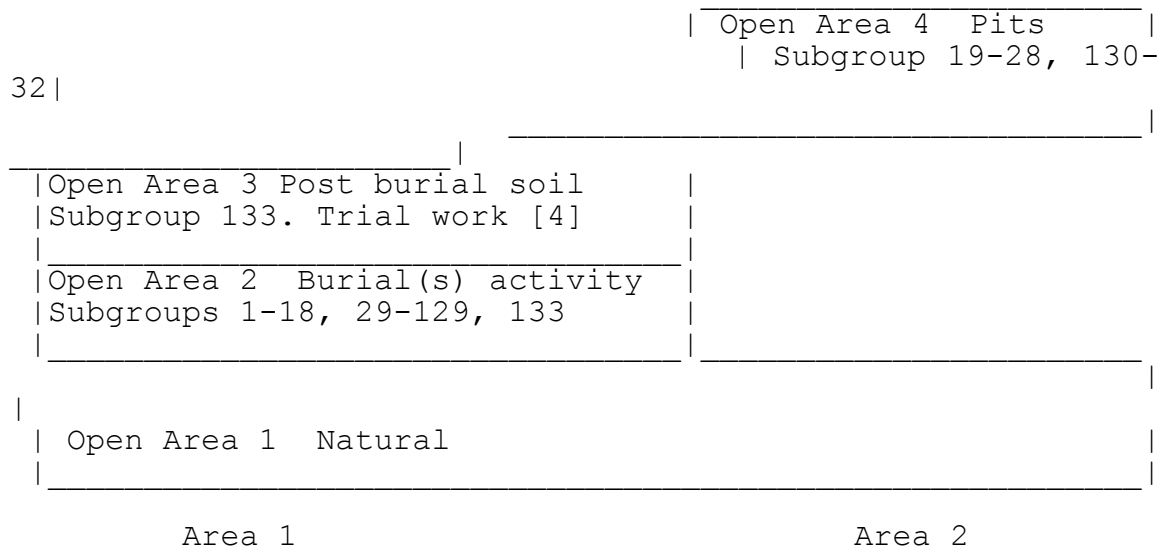
v. ** broken pottery due to truncation, probably cremation in vessel.

MST87 INTERESTING BUILDING MATERIAL CONTEXTS

No structures were found.

1. SG 9, context [399], SF147 tile lid to pottery vessel SF148
2. SG 8, context [148] tile lid to pottery cremation vessel <55>.
3. SG 37, context [200], Tile lined inhumation burial. Tiles laid on base of grave and arranged to cover skull. See context sheets etc. for detail.
4. SG 34, context [190], tile lined/packed ?posthole/pit cut into top of inhumation burial (SG 32)

LAND USE DIAGRAM



DATING EVIDENCE

No glass dates available yet.

Coin dates

To date only a few coin dates are available and these have been added to the subgroup matrix.

SF	context	subgroup	date	description

114	281	65	121-2AD	backfill of inhumation
136	344		5	C1st-2nd cremation
deposit(novessel)				
15	38	97	340-6	latest fill in "ditch"
7	38	97	355-65	latest fill in "ditch"
127	38	97	364-75	latest fill in "ditch"
126	38	97	270-85	latest fill in "ditch"
118	300	42	253-9	backfill of inhumation

Pottery spot dates

Pottery spot dates (earliest to latest) have been added to level III index. The latest TPQ for each subgroup was added to the subgroup matrix along with separate small finds dates.

General observations

No pre-Roman pottery.

Small amount of possible 1st century activity (or that survives) as follows;

Earliest in subgroup sequence with no dating evidence

subgroup	description

1	small pit
3	?truncated inhumation
5	cremation
29	inhumation
51	inhumation
52	inhumation
53	inhumation
56	inhumation
67	?inhumation
73	inhumation
82	inhumation
113	inhumation

?Possible 1st century activity

subgroup	date	description
8	70	cremation, isolated cut
11	70	inhumation, isolated cut
18	70	?truncated inhumation, isolated cut
101	50	inhumation

The majority of the burials had TPQs of 120-250+ AD. Only three subgroups had TPQ of 300+ AD, these were;

subgroup	date	description
31	300	pit
35	300	cremation
57	180	inhumation (cuts subgroup 31)

The latest fill of the major east-west ditch/holloway (subgroup 97) had a TPQ of 364 AD (coin). The ditch/holloway cut a series of inhumation burials (SG 90-93) and a cremation burial (SG 94). This group of burials had a TPQ of 180 AD. Therefore the ditch was dug after the late C2nd and backfilled after the later C3rd.

The ditch/holloway (SG 97) was cut by;

subgroup	description
109	inhumation
110	inhumation
111	?gully/ditch
112	inhumation

However the inhumations (SGs 110-12) only "clip" the south side of the east-west ditch/holloway (SG 97) i.e. the feature may have remained partially open when these graves dug.

Cremation burial dates

There is one possible C1st cremation (SG 8, TPQ 70AD) and two undated (SG 5&60) cremation burials in isolated cuts.

Majority of cremations have TPQs of 120/80

Three cremations date from the mid C3rd. (SG 76 270AD, 50 250AD and SG 35 300AD).

Inhumation burial dates

Inhumation burials with no dating evidence but at base of sequence.

subgroup	description
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3	?truncated inhumation
29	inhumation
51	inhumation
52	inhumation
53	inhumation
56	inhumation
67	?inhumation
73	inhumation
82	inhumation
113	inhumation

possible 1st century burials

subgroup	date	description
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11	70	inhumation, isolated cut
18	70	?truncated inhumation, isolated cut
42	40	inhumation
101	50	inhumation

Three burials cut east-west ditch (SG 97) which had a TPQ of 364 AD (SG 109,110,112) and one burial (SG 57) cut SG 31 which had a TPQ of 300 AD.

Dating anomalies

subgroup	TPQ from backfill	Date range of SF pot
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13	250	80-200
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Cremation burial rite

There were 19 cremation burials (one probably re-deposited). 15 were contained in pottery vessels of which three were contained in secondary amphorae, 4 had pottery lids and 1 had a tile lid. 4 cremations were in pits with no pottery container but there was some evidence (i.e. Fe nails and studs) that wooden containers were sometimes used as primary and secondary containers.

Artefacts placed alongside the cremation burials include pottery vessels, a coin, and a bronze mirror.

There is some evidence for the cremation process. The sides and base of a pit (SG 36, dating from 180+ AD) appeared to be burnt. It contained a charcoal deposit with burnt bone (?human), molten glass and Fe nails. This may represent a pit used (in situ) as part of the cremation process (see also HOO88 Group 7). Two adjacent cremation burials (SGs 50&8, in pits with no pottery containers) showed evidence for in situ burning i.e. sides of the pits discoloured due to burning.

Inhumation burial rite

There were a total of 90 inhumation burials, 77 with human remains (with 78 burials) and a further 13 possible inhumations with no human remains surviving either due to decay or truncation.

To date 20 burials have been identified as containing burial artefacts, including pottery vessels, glass vessels, hobnail boots, cu. alloy and shale bracelets, coins, jet and glass beads and an iron axehead.

A majority of burials showed evidence for burial in a wooden coffin, by wood stain and/or Fe nails. One burial (SG37) was laid out on a bed of tiles and had the skull covered in a tile canopy.

There were 13 'plaster burials' (SGs 11, 43, 61, 63, 74, 77, 80, 81, 88, 89, 114, 121, 124). 2 of these burials contained hobnail boots (SG 80 and 43) and 2 had possible associated artefacts (SG 121 and 81). One 'plaster' burial (SG 43) was aligned north-south the rest were aligned east-west. One 'plaster' burial has a TPQ of 70 AD (SG11, isolated cut), the other 'plaster' burials have a TPQ of either 250 AD or 160 AD.

Organisation of burial area

There were two major alignments, east-west and north-south (with some variation). The east-west burial alignment was similar to the ditch/holloway (SG 97). This ditch was a broad, irregular shallow, flat base feature unlike many of the other linear features from other sites e.g. MSL87 and HOO88. An alternative interpretation is that it was a path or holloway which had eroded the brickearth.

To the north-west side of the ditch/holloway (SG 97) was another ditch complex, a small east-west ditch (SG 116) cut by a later north-south ditch (SG 117), both dated from the C2nd.

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To the north of the ditch were two truncated possible graves (SG 13. TPQ 250 AD and 7). The lack of graves to the north of the ditch was due to truncation (by an examination of the photographs as surviving natural/truncation was not planned) rather than a northern boundary to the burial area.

MST87 Possible publication photographic images

Colour and black and white shots available. Few shots illustrate relationships or horizontal patterns, mostly of individual burials. (Individual burial 1:10 shots for drawings noted on separate index attached).

Colour

Film no. description

9.29	[286]	cremation pot and two associated pots
11.4	[201]	tile burial (but check drawing)
16.35	[336]	cremation pot and lid in amphora
16.14		overall post-ex site shot showing relationship of graves to ditch/holloway

3 rolls of artefact photographs but not of good enough quality to publish.

MST87 SUBGROUP DESCRIPTION

1. Possible E/W inhumation

Matrix

```
          unstrat
*****|*****
      [353]
        | (1)
      [352]
*****|*****
      natural
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Interpretation

Isolated cut feature, truncated by modern wall, possibly the east end of E/W inhumation? No human remains or coffin nails located.

2. Cremation

Matrix

```
          unstrat
*****|*****
      [158]
        | (2)
      [159]
        |
      [157]
*****|*****
      natural
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Interpretation

Isolated rectangular cut [157]. Lower fill [159] cremation type deposit with many nails <60>, charcoal and some burnt bone. Also contained pottery vessel <59>, copper stud <61>, d molten glass <80> and ?wood frag (sample 11). Upper fill [158] only in centre of lower fill ?where slumped.

Cremation burial in wooden container. Some suggestion that material burnt in situ due to scorching of surrounding brickearth obvious implication for the size of body (parts of) that included in burial! or body cremated than buried then burnt. Similar to cremation burial (50).

3. Possible E/W inhumation

Matrix

```
      unstrat
*****|*****
      [286]
      |      (3)
      [287]
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

Partially recorded during trial work MST86 test pit 4;

MST86		MST87
9	=	286
8	=	287

Truncated cut, possibly west end of E/W inhumation. No human remains or coffin nails located. Appears to have been located in trial work MST86 [9]/[8]. The cut would be c.0.90m long, no human remains were located in the trial work.

4. Amphorae cremation burial

Matrix

```
      unstrat
*****|*****
      [256]
      |
      [257]
      |
      [258]      (4)
      |
      [347]
      |
      [259]
      |
      [260]
*****|*****
      natural
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Interpretation

Isolated square cut [260] contained amphorae <100>. The amphorae was cracked but complete apart from the neck. The amphorae contained cremation pottery vessel <98>, with cremation deposit [259] and covered in pottery lid <99>. Accompanying the cremation were two pottery flagons <97> and <96> within the amphorae.

** check the amphorae appears to have been lifted and excavated off-site?

** check were the pots inserted through the neck of the amphorae or was the amphorae broken in antiquity and reassembled with pots in the cut? check if pots fit through the neck of the amphorae.

Silt [3749] had accumulated in the amphorae.

The cut was backfilled with [258]. Immediately over the opening to the amphorae was a circular "cut" [257] filled with loose silty material [256]. This is presumably the remains of a libation pipe which was either organic and decayed or had been removed. The burial is isolated perhaps ?avoided by other burials.

5. Cremation burial

Matrix

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unstrat
*****|*****
      [340]
      |      (5)
      [344]
      |
      [339]
*****|*****
natural
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Interpretation

Roughly circular cut [339] contained a cremation type deposit [344] which contained a coin <136> (awaiting conservation report prior to being cleaned to see if burnt) and Fe object <137> and was 100% sampled, sample 19. The cut was backfilled [340] which contained Fe nails <135>. A fragment of tile sat on top of the fill as a ?possible marker.

6. Cremation burial

Matrix

```
unstrat
*****|*****
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      [228]
      |
      [229]      (6)
      |
      [230]
*****|*****
      natural
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Interpretation

Isolated sub-circular cut [230] contained pottery cremation vessel <86> and its fill [229]. Cut backfilled with [228].

7. Possible E/W inhumation

Matrix

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      unstrat
*****|*****
      [396]
      |      (7)
      [395]
*****|*****
      unstrat
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Interpretation

Heavily truncated E/W cut parallel to and north of ditch (97). A possible inhumation burial although no human remains survive. Would indicate burials continue to the north of ditch (97).

8. Cremation burial

Matrix

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      unstrat
*****|*****
      [148]
      |
      [167]      (8)
      |
      [147]
*****|*****
      natural
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Interpretation

Square cut [147] contained pottery cremation vessel <55>. The vessel contained cremation deposit [167] which included stud <57>. The pot was covered by a broken tile lid, and the cut backfilled with [148] which contained two Fe. nails <54>.

Fill [148] noted for containing many pot sherds but they are not from the same pot so not "ritual killing" etc.

9. Cremation burial

Matrix

```
          unstrat
*****|*****
      [399]
        |      (9)
      [400]
        |
      [398]
*****|*****
      natural
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Interpretation

Isolated square cut [398] contained pottery cremation vessel <148> covered with tile <147>. Cremation fill <400> and pit backfill [399]. Pot <148> not placed centrally in cut why?

10. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
          unstrat
*****|*****
      [225]
        |      (10)
      [226]
        |
      [224]
*****|*****
      natural
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Interpretation

Truncated E/W grave cut contained skeleton [226], extended, supine, head to the west. Fe nails <82> in backfill [225] indicate burial in wooden coffin.

11. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

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          unstrat
*****|*****
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      [294]
      |
  _____|_____ (11)
  |               |
[295]           [357]
  |               |
  _____|_____
      |
    [293]
*****|*****
      |
    natural

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Interpretation

E/W grave cut [293] contained an infant burial [295], extended supine, head to the west. Two patches of "chalk" [357], sample 16, were associated with the body along with nails <116> suggesting burial was in wooden coffin. Grave backfilled with [294]. Burial truncated from above by modern brick footing removing upper portion of skeleton.

12. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

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      unstrat
*****|*****
      |
    [253]
      |
    [254] (12)
      |
    [252]
*****|*****
      |
    natural

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Interpretation

E/W grave cut [252] contained skeleton [254] which was extended, supine, head to the east. The left arm was at the side of the body the right arm was flexed with the right hand on the left hip. Associated nails <107> indicated burial in wooden coffin. Glass frags <94> were located adjacent to the lower right leg within the line of the coffin, deliberately placed?

13. Possible E/W inhumation

Matrix

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      unstrat
*****|*****
      |
    [64]
      |
    [65] (13)

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      |
      [71]
*****|*****
      natural
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Interpretation

Base of truncated cut [71] contained layer of broken pottery onto which a pair of hobnail boots <24> and a pottery vessel <44> had been placed in charcoal/brickearth fill [65] sealed by later fill [64]. Probably east end of inhumation burial although no bone due to truncation of cut. Possible burial indicates burial activity on North side of E/W ditch feature (97).

14. Cremation burial

Matrix

```
      unstrat
*****|*****
      [313]
      |
      [314]    (14)
      |
      [315]
*****|*****
      natural
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Interpretation

Cut [315] contained pottery cremation vessel <123> in backfill [313]. Cremation fill was [314]. Note that the burial truncated and disturbed by modern truncation to N and above.

15. N/S inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      unstrat
*****|*****
      [341]
      |
      [342]    (15)
      |
      [343]
*****|*****
      natural
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Interpretation

N/S cut contained supine, extended skeleton [342] contained within wooden coffin (nails <133>). A glass bead <132> was located to the left of the left femur, deliberately placed? Backfill was [341].

16. Cremation burial

Matrix

```
      unstrat
*****|*****
      [130]
        |      (16)
      [375]
        |
      [131]
*****|*****
      natural
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Interpretation

Truncated cut [131] contained a cremation deposit [375] and backfill [130]. Cut truncated by modern wall. Excavated last day of site, not planned.
** check with Jo if pot vessel?

17. ?Double E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      unstrat
*****|*****
      [401]
        |
      [389] [390] (17)
        |
      [391]
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

E/W cut [391] truncated at the east and west by modern drain. "Contained" two extended, supine skeletons [390] and [389], neither produced evidence for burial in wooden coffin. Excavated at end of site as one burial but more likely two intercutting graves as head of [390] adjacent to pelvis of [389]. Objects recorded associated with skeleton [390] were in fact; <149> nail frag
 <150> prehistoric pot sherd
 <151> pmed object

Finds from backfill [401] will be contaminated.

18. ? truncated burial

Matrix

```
          unstrat
*****|*****
      [318]
          |      (18)
      [317]
*****|*****
      natural
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Interpretation

Cut [317] possible N end of N/S burial cut by brick wall. No skeleton, but some nails <124> from backfill [318]. So is possible truncated inhumation burial but also possible truncated cremation burial? compare in shape to (14) to the south.

** check sample 18 form [318] ?wood

Subgroups 19-28 are Area 2 post med pits

29. N/S inhumation burial

Matrix

```
          [72] (30)
*****|*****
      [198]
          |
      [193]      (29)
          |
      [177]
*****|*****
      natural
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Interpretation

N/S cut contained extended supine skeleton [193]. At base right arm (hands not present, decomposed?) a bone handled knife <63> was located. The blade was pointing towards the head, so seems unlikely it was worn, possibly held in one or both hands? Fe nails <65> indicated burial in wooden coffin. Backfill [178].

30. N/S inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      [165] (31)
*****|*****
      [73]
      |      (30)
      [140]
      |
      [72]
*****|*****
      [178] (29)
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Interpretation

N/S grave cut [72] contained extended supine skeleton [140] buried in a wooden coffin as indicated by in situ nails <?>. Backfill [73].

31. Pit or post hole?

Matrix

```
      [6] (57)
*****|*****
      [166]
      |      (31)
      [165]
*****|*****
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[73] (30)

Interpretation

Circular cut [165], 0.050m diameter x 0.18m deep filled with [166]. Cuts NE corner of inhumation (30). Possible post-hole, could be a grave marker?

32. N/S inhumation burial

Matrix

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      (33)   (34)
*****|*****|*****
      |_____|
      |
    [354]
      |
    [355]   (32)
      |
    [356]
*****|*****
    natural
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Interpretation

N/S cut [356] contained extended supine infant skeleton [355]. No evidence of a wooden coffin. Backfill [354].

33. Cremation burial

Matrix

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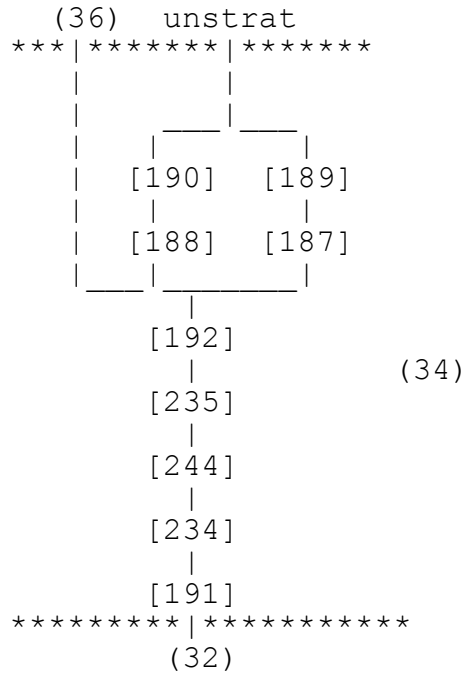
      (35)
*****|*****
    [217]
      |
    [223]   (33)
      |
    [216]
*****|*****
    (32)
```

Interpretation

Truncated cut [216] contained cremation deposit [223] with associated fragments of pottery cremation vessel. Backfill [217]

34. E/W inhumation burial and ?associated postholes

Matrix

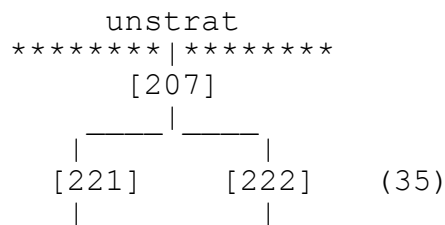


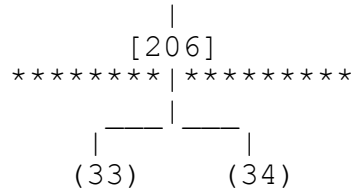
Interpretation

E/W grave cut [191] contained extended supine skeleton [244] buried in a wooden coffin indicated by coffin stain [234] and associated nails <92>. Fill collapsed within coffin stain [235] and backfill [192].

Two small pits were cut into backfill [192]. Cut [187] (0.20x0.25 and 0.10m deep) was filled with [189] and contained a smashed pot? ** check. Cut [188] (0.30m diam. and 0.40m deep) was filled with [190] which contained tile frags., animal bone and fe. objects <64> and <66> interpreted as packing for a posthole. These two small pits are possible postholes or ?offerings related to underlying burial. As under unstrat it is possible they may not relate to this particular burial.

35. ?Double cremation burial

Matrix



Interpretation

Sub-circular cut [206] contained two pottery vessels used as cremation containers;

pot <71> contains cremation [221] and pottery lid <70>

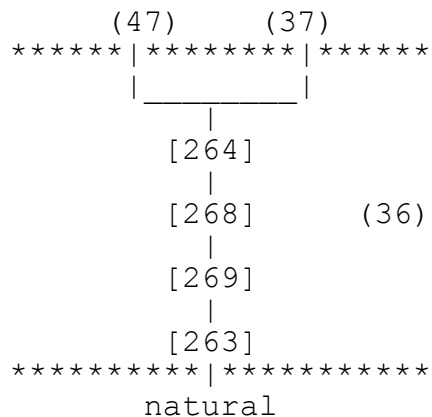
pot <72> contains ?cremation [222]

Another pottery vessel <73> was accompanying the burials. The backfill [207] included burnt bone, pottery and charcoal. Dark brown colour at edge of pit may suggest an organic lining to the pit and may relate to a series of nails <75> which were located around the edge of the cut. Or these nails along with the burnt bone and charcoal in [207] may indicate a further cremation burial in wooden container?

** check with Jackie that are two actual cremations and if so then ?only example of multiple cremation burial in pottery vessel from RLEC.

36. In situ cremation pit

Matrix



Interpretation

Rectangular cut [263] appeared to have been burnt as represented by colour change [269] to brickearth and gravel to red. The primary deposit [268] may have been the residue of material burnt in this pit, it included burnt

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bone, molten glass <154>, fe nails <101> and charcoal frags. It was sampled number 15. Pit backfilled with [264].

This feature suggests a fire-pit used in the cremation process. Length of the pit at least 1.80m (north end cut by (37) i.e. a body could fit into the pit?

Compare with H0088 Group 7.

37. N/S inhumation with tile

Matrix

```

      (38)      (57)
*****|*****|*****
      |_____|
      |
      [198]
      |
      [199]      (37)
      |
      [201]
      |
      [200]
      |
      [202]
*****|*****
      (36)
```

Interpretation

N/S grave cut contained skeleton [201] contained in tile arrangement [200]. The tiles "container" must have been constructed in the grave.

1. five tiles were laid on bed on the base of the grave (T13-T17)
2. three further tiles (T10-T12) were placed to overlap the gaps
3. five tiles were laid on edge at the head end of the grave. Three on the east side (T6-T8) and two on the west side (T4-T5).
4. the body was laid on the tiles (could have been before 3. above), the head appears to have been slightly elevated.
5. A series of objects were placed in the grave.
 - <67> glass vessel by left hand
 - <81> beads around the right angle, probably worn as anklet
 - <76> broken glass vessel by right leg
 - <85> glass vessel frag ?behind/west side of head
 - <78> two mirror frags with glass by left foot
 - <90> bone vessel by left foot

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<207> coin placed in mouth

Objects <81>,<67> and <85> placed on the tiles other objects place on base of grave cut.

6. A tile (T1) was place over the head of body resting on the tiles on edge to form a canopy over the head.

** check position of tile T2-3

7. Grave backfilled with [198] and [199].

This burial is relatively elaborate and
Other tile burials at H0088 and ???

38. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (40)
*****|*****
      [144]
      |
      [145] (38)
      |
      [146]
*****|*****
      (37)
```

Interpretation

E/W cut [146] contained extended, supine skeleton [145] buried in a wooden coffin indicated by in situ nails <53>. Backfill [144].

39. N/S inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (41)
*****|*****
      [289]
      |
      [303] (39)
      |
      [288]
*****|*****
      unstrat
```

Interpretation

N/S cut [288] was heavily truncated by later burials. It contained a coffin stain [303] and nails <?>. Backfill

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[289] with cu object <112>. Due to location of burial at edge of excavation no skeleton recovered.

40. N/S inhumation burial

Matrix

```

(43)      (44)
**|*****|****
|_____|
|
[321]
|
[322]      (40)
|
[323]
*****|*****
(38)
```

Interpretation

N/S grave cut [323] contained skeleton [322] with no evidence of burial in wooden coffin. Note unusual arm position e.g. left hand over right shoulder. Backfill [321].

41. N/S inhumation burial

Matrix

```

(48)      (43)
****|*****|*****
|_____|
|
[283]
|
[285]      (41)
|
[282]
*****|*****
(39)
```

Interpretation

N/S grave cut [282] was heavily truncated by later burials and LofE. Contained skeleton [285] (only right hand survived) wearing three ca. bracelets <109-11>. No evidence

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of burial in wooden coffin but very truncated so may not survive. Backfill [283].

42. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```

      (45)
*****|*****
      [300]
        |
      [301]   (42)
        |
      [302]
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

E/W grave cut contained extended, supine skeleton [301] possibly buried in wooden coffin as indicated by nails <27> (not planned). Coin <118> found next to right wrist/hand. Backfill [300].

Note the unusual alignment of this burial and that legs crossed with right femur on top of left.

43. N/S inhumation burial

Matrix

```

      (45)
*****|*****
      [119]
        |
    _____|_____
   |             |
 [120]         [132]   (43)
   |             |
    _____|_____
        |
      [121]
*****|*****
    _____|_____
   |             |
 (41)         (40)
```

Interpretation

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Partially recorded during trial work MST86 test pit 4;

MST86		MST87
7	=	119
6	=	121

N/S grave cut contained extended, supine inhumation [120] buried in a wooden coffin as indicated by location of nails <48>. A pair of hobnail boots <49> were located outside the foot end of the coffin.

A patch of "chalk" [132] was placed between the legs, why? There appears as MST87 to be a number of "chalk" burials with only small patches of "chalk" as opposed to the body being surrounded in "chalk" i.e the coffin packed, is this difference significant and does it occur on other sites? Backfill [119].

44. N/S inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (46)
*****|*****
      [290]
        |
      [291]      (44)
        |
      [292]
*****|*****
      (40)
```

Interpretation

Truncated N/S grave cut [292] contained skeleton [291] with no evidence (survived?) for a wooden coffin. Backfill [290].

45. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (49)
*****|*****
      [62]
        |
      [97] (45)
        |
      [63]
*****|*****
  |_____|_____|
  |      |      |
(42)      (43)
```

Interpretation

Partially recorded during trial work MST86 test pit 4:

MST86		MST87
11	=	62
12	=	97
10	=	63

E/W grave cut [63] contained extended supine skeleton [97] possibly buried in a wooden coffin as indicated by nails <33>. A jet bead bracelet <30> was found above the pelvis on the left side of the spine along with a ca bracelet <31>. Probably both worn on the left wrist. Right arm disturbed ?by test pit 4. Backfill [62].

46. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (50)
*****|*****
      [213]
        |      (46)
      [220]
        |
      [212]
*****|*****
      (44)
```

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [212] contained extended, supine skeleton [220], contained in wooden coffin indicated by nails <83>. A shale bracelet <77> was worn on the left arm. Backfill [213] contained ca bracelet <84>.

47. E/W child burial

Matrix

```
      unstrat
*****|*****
      [180]
        |      (47)
      [181]
        |
      [182]
*****|*****
```

(36)

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [182], 1.26m long, contained fragment of skull [181] and backfill [180]. Length of grave suggests child burial. A number of pot fragments <62> were scattered throughout fill and comprised 80% of complete vessel. So possibly included as part of the burial rite?

48. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
unstrat
*****|*****
  [266]
    |
  [279]
    |   (48)
  [277]
    |
  [267]
    |
  [265]
*****|*****
  (41)
```

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [265] contained extended skeleton [277] buried in a wooden coffin as indicated by coffin stain [267] and associated nails <106>. Backfill [266]

49. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
unstrat
*****|*****
  [48]
    |
  [60]
    |   (49)
  [67]
    |
  [61]
```

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*****|*****
(45)

Interpretation

Partially recorded in trial work MST86, TP 4;

MST86		MST87
15	=	60 and/or 48
14	=	67
13	=	61

Truncated E/W grave cut [61] contained skeleton (legs only survive rest removed during trial work) [67]. Nails <20> indicate burial in wooden coffin. Backfill [60].
**check with Jan

50. ?Cremation burial

Matrix

unstrat
*****|*****
[142]
|
[143]
|
[141]
*****|*****
(46)

Interpretation

Small circular pit [141] (0.43m diam x 0.44m deep) contained ?primary fill [143] a dark grey-black charcoal rich deposit with nails, bone, pot and glass frags i.e. a cremation type deposit (sample number 8). Fill [143] appears to have "settled" and the resulting void filled with a brickearth type deposit [142].

Apparently around the top of the cut the natural brickearth was scorched suggesting in situ burning.

This pit could be a post hole?

Compare the fill [143] with (2) and (36) and H0088 group 7. Check bone report does each feature contain single body? is this in situ burning? is this disposal of residue from cremation fires? is this human bone or animal bone i.e. the result of cooking food?

51. N/S inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (54)          (53)
***|*****|*****
  [99]  =  [214]
    |      |
  [113]      |  (51)
    |      |
  [100]  =  [215]
***|*****|*****
    |_____|
        |
    natural
```

Interpretation

N/S grave cut [100]=[215] contained extended, supine skeleton [113]. Backfill [99]=[214] contained fe nails <156> and <113>, not recorded as being in situ? also ca object <29>.

52. N/S inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (53)
*****|*****
    |_____|
    |      |
  [116]  =  [205]
    |      |
  [98]   =  [208]  (52)
    |      |
  [117]  =  [204]
**|*****|****
    |_____|
        |
    natural
```

Interpretation

N/S grave cut [117] thought to continue to the south as [204] (separated physically by later burials) contained skeleton [98] = [208]. Remains of two worn hobnail boot(s) <46>. Backfill [116]=[205].
** check with Jan [98]=[208]

53. N/S inhumation burial

Matrix

(55)

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```
*****|*****
      [194]
      |
      [13]
      |
      [197]    (53)
      |
      [196]
      |
      [195]
*****|*****
      |_____|_____|
      |      |      |
    (51)    (52)
```

Interpretation

N/S grave cut [195] contained extended, supine skeleton [197] in wooden coffin indicated by coffin stain [196] and related in situ nails <158>. Fill [13] had collapsed into coffin area part of backfill [194].

54. N/S inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (57)
*****|*****
      [93]
      |
      [94]    (54)
      |
      [95]
*****|*****
      |_____|_____|
      |      |      |
    (51)    (52)
```

Interpretation

N/S grave cut [95] contained extended, prone skeleton [94]. Backfill [93]. Nails <160> from backfill not recorded as in situ.

Prone burial unusual for MST87.

55. Cremation burial

Matrix

```
      (54)
*****|*****
      [168]
        |      (55)
      [169]
        |
      [129]
*****|*****
      (53)
```

Interpretation

Truncated ?circular pit cut containing cremation type deposit [169] (sample number 9). Fill [169] had "settled" and filled with brickearth type deposit [168]. Compare with (2), (50) etc.

** check with Jo for possible pottery vessel <172>

56. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (61)
*****|*****
      [330]
        |
      [335]      (56)
        |
      [329]
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

Heavily truncated E/W grave cut [329] contained extended supine skeleton [335] and backfill [330]. No evidence for a coffin (survived?).

57. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      unstrat
*****|*****
        [7]
        |
      [18]
```

```

      |           (57)
    [28]
      |
    [49]
      |
    [37]
      |
    [6]
*****|*****
      |
  _____|_____
  |         |         |         |
(37) (31) (54) (55)

```

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [6] contained extended, supine skeleton [49] within coffin stain [37]. Fill collapsed within coffin [28] and differences within the backfill recorded as [18] and [7].

58.& 59. Two E/W inhumation burials

Matrix

```

      (62)  (63)
****|****|*****
      |_____|
      |
    [10]
      |
    [85]      (59)
      |
    [233]
      |
    [84]
*****|*****
    [232]
      |
    [242]      (58)
      |
    [231]
*****|*****
    natural

```

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [231] was excavated and a juvenile skeleton [233] was located at the west end of the cut buried in a wooden coffin indicated by coffin stain [84] and associated nails <87>. 0.15-0.20m beneath this burial an "adult" extended, supine skeleton [242] was recorded buried in a

wooden coffin as indicated by in situ nails <91>. It was assumed that the later child burial [233] was intrusive and various numbers were ascribed post-ex to distinguish fills etc. so he finds may be mixed. However no distinction was noted in the fills so the two burials may have been contemporary in the same grave. Similar examples of adult and child burials has been seen at MSL87 and H0088.

Backfills variously recorded as [232],[85] and [10].

60. ?Cremation burial

Matrix

```
      (61)      (77)
***|*****|*****
   |_____|
   |
   [373]
   |      (60)
   [374]
   |
   [372]
*****|*****
      natural
```

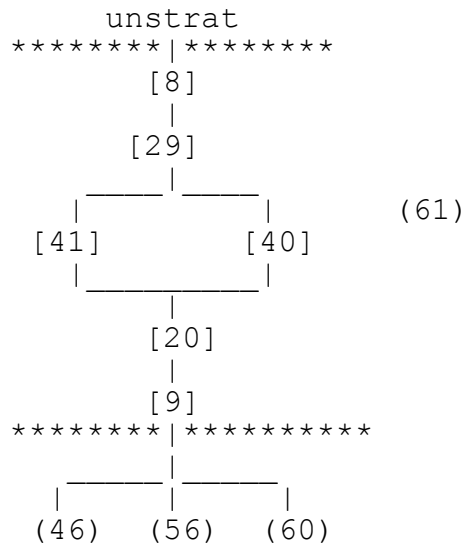
Interpretation

Heavily truncated cut [372] by later burials contained primary cremation type deposit [374] (sample number 22) and sealed by brickearth type fill [373]. Compare with (2), (50) etc.

** check with Jackie if cremation.

61. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

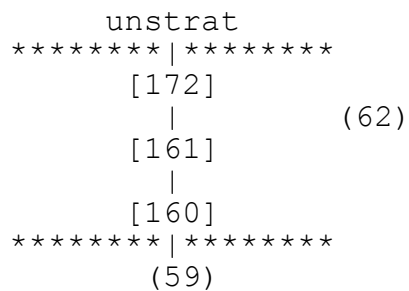


Interpretation

Large E/W grave cut [9] contained extended, supine skeleton [40] buried in wooden coffin as indicated by coffin stain [20] and associated nails and fittings? <6>. Underlying the body were two areas of "chalk" deposit [41] (sample number 1), one above the right shoulder and one area under the left arm. Fill collapsed within coffin stain recorded as [29] rest of backfill as [8].

62. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix



Interpretation

E/W grave cut [160] contained extended supine skeleton [161] and backfill [172]. Single nail <56> may indicate burial in wooden coffin.

63. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
          unstrat
*****|*****
      [75]
      |
     [163]
      |
  _____|_____
 | [164]         [39] |
 |_____|_____
      |
     [162]
      |
     [74]
*****|*****
      (59)
```

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [74] contained extended, supine skeleton [164] buried in wooden coffin [162] as indicated by coffin stain and associated nails <7>. Unusually had evidence of remnants of a lid to the coffin [162]. Along with body two small patches of "chalk" [39] under the right arm. Fill collapsed into coffin area [163] part of backfill [8].

Compare patches of "chalk" used in burial with (61), more usual to have greater quantity of "chalk" deposit. Is this due to erosion of deposit or deliberate e.g. a token amount put in? or relates to the part of the body it is next to? etc.

** compare ?nails/fittings <7> with H-shaped profile to HAY86 where two similar objects found <58> and <57> associated with skeleton [468].

64. N/S inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (77)
*****|*****
     [66]
      |
     [69]
      |      (64)
     [79]
      |
     [70]
```

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

Interpretation

Heavily truncated N/S grave cut [70] contained skeleton [79] and one ?associated nail <23>. Backfills [69] and [66].

65. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

(66)
*****|*****
[281]
|
[299]
|
[280]
*****|*****
natural

Interpretation

Heavily truncated E/W grave cut [280] contained extended skeleton [299] buried in a wooden coffin as indicated by nails <115>. A fragment of broken amphorae <113> was found over the pelvis place, any significance? A coin <114> was found outside the coffin, residual? Backfill [281].

66. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

(68) (69)
|**|*****
|_____|
|
[273]
| (66)
[274]
|
[272]
*****|*****
(65)

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [272] contained extended ?supine skeleton [274] buried in a wooden coffin as indicated by nail <97>. A lump of greensand was placed ?outside the NW corner of the coffin. Backfill [273].

67. ?N/S inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (71)      (79)
***|*****|*****
   |_____|
   |
  [336]      (67)
   |
  [337]
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

Heavily truncated probable N/S grave cut [337] contained mandible (not given separate number, unclear whether primary burial). Backfill [336].

68. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (74)
*****|*****
    [210]
      |
    [211]
      |      (68)
    [209]
*****|*****
    (66)
```

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [209] contained skeleton [211] buried in a wooden coffin as indicated by nails <74>. Backfill [210].

69. N/S inhumation burial_

Matrix

```
      (79) (80)
*****|*****|*****
   |_____|
   |
  [150]
```


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```

      |      (69)
    [227]
      |
    [149]
*****|*****
      |
    (66)
```

Interpretation

N/S grave cut [149] contained extended supine skeleton [227] buried in a wooden coffin as indicated by nails <163>. Backfill [150].

70. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```

      (80)
*****|*****
    [261]
      |      (70)
    [255]
*****|*****
      |
    natural
```

Interpretation

Heavily truncated cut [255] appears to be west end of E/W grave cut given the size, orientation and presence of in situ nails <157>. No skeleton survived. Backfill [261].

71. Amphorae cremation burial

Matrix

```

      (80)
*****|*****
    [174]
      |
    [262]
      |
    [125]
      |
    [173]
*****|*****
      |
    (67)
```

Interpretation

Cut [173] square at top becoming round with fairly shallow sides and rounded base. Presumably cut shape to accommodate and support amphorae <102>. Along the W edge of cut was a slot 0.20m wide and deep in the base of the cut. Purpose

of the this slot may have been organic marker e.g. wood either decayed or pulled or related to supporting the amphorae? The top of the amphorae <102> had been broken off in order to allow the insertion of pottery cremation vessel <102> with cremation deposit [125]. A burnt bone pin <208> was recovered from this cremation deposit. A pottery lid <104> to the cremation vessel had ?slipped off. A ca mirror <108> was placed on the base of the amphorae.

A stone was found in the amphorae and one on the top of the amphorae, presumably these stones were originally covering up the broken neck of the amphorae. Fill [262] of the amphorae contained broken fragments of amphorae. Backfill [174] included one nail <105>.

72. E/W child inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (80)
*****|*****
      [236]
      |
      [346]      (72)
      |
      [239]
      |
      [238]
      |
      [237]
*****|*****
      (67)
```

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [237] contained remnants of skeleton [239] (only teeth) within a wooden coffin as indicated by coffin stain [238] and associated nails <89>. Coffin length c.1.00m indicated child burial.

** check teeth with Jan
** check Jo feeding bottle? compare H0088 and was broken in antiquity?

At the presumed SW corner of the coffin and outside? was a broken pottery vessel <88> thought to be feeding bottle. Fill [346] collapsed into coffin part of backfill [236].

73. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

(75)

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```
*****|*****
      [361]
      |
      [362]      (73)
      |
      [360]
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

Truncated E/W grave cut [360] contained remnants of skeleton [362], probably right arm i.e. head to the east. Burial in wooden coffin indicated by in situ nails <141>. Backfill [361].

74. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (75)
*****|*****
      [248]
      |
      [297]
      |
  _____|_____
 | [298]      [312] | (74)
 |_____|_____
 |
      [296]
      |
      [278]
*****|*****
      (68)
```

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [278] contained skeleton [298] buried in wooden coffin as indicated by coffin stain [296] and associated nails <125>. "Chalk" deposit [312] (sample number 17) was contained within the line of the coffin and appeared to be laid under/around the body possibly after the body had been placed in the coffin. Fill [297] collapsed into the coffin and part of backfill [248].

75. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (76)
*****|*****
      [271]
```

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```
      |
    [284]      (75)
      |
    [270]
  *****|*****
      |
  |_____|_____|
  |      |      |
(73)      (74)
```

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [270] contained extended, supine skeleton [284] probably buried in a wooden coffin as indicated by nails <?>. Backfill [271].

76. Small pit with pot

Matrix

```
      (77)
  *****|*****
      [55]
      |
    [53]      (76)
      |
    [54]
  *****|*****
      (75)
```

Interpretation

Small pit cut [54] contained inverted pot <16>, initially thought to cremation burial with pot contents [53]. But description does not include any burnt bone. Backfill [55]. If not a cremation then is it still deliberate deposit and if so for what purpose?

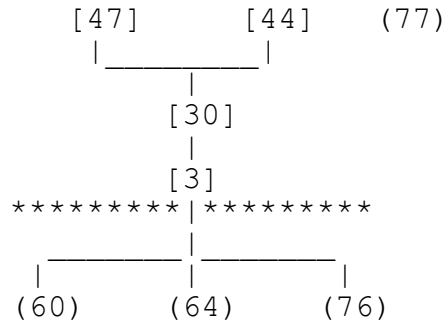
**check with Jackie

77. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      unstrat
  *****|*****
      [2]
      |
    [31]
  |_____|_____|
  |      |      |
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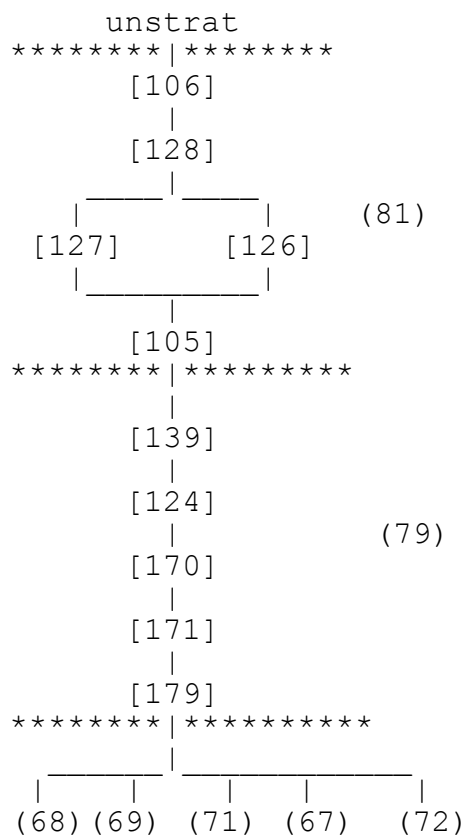
Interpretation

E/W grave cut [3] containing extended supine skeleton [44] buried in wooden coffin as indicated by coffin stain [30] and associated nails <14>. Patches of "chalk" deposit [47] (sample number 3) were placed alongside right side of the body and between the legs. Fill [31] collapsed into coffin as part of backfill [3].

78. not used

79 and 81. Two E/W inhumation burials, possibly stack?.

Matrix



Interpretation

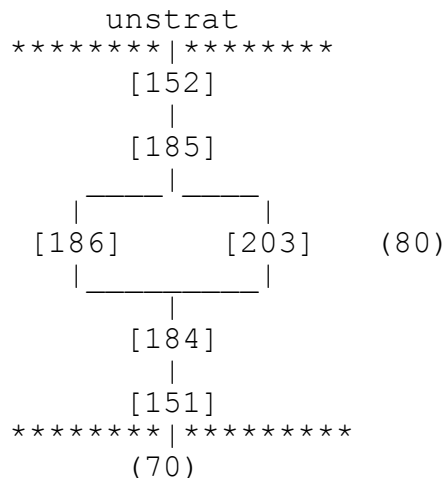
These two inhumation burials were excavated as being in the same cut, i.e. either two contemporary burials in a stack or a later intrusive burial re-using an earlier cut?

The earlier burial was contained in grave cut [179] (base at 10.70m OD). An extended supine skeleton [170], head at the E, was buried in a wooden coffin as indicated by coffin stain [171] and nails <58>. Fill [124] collapsed into coffin as part of backfill [139]. Top of the skull at 10.94m OD.

The later burial (cut numbered [105]) was an extended supine skeleton [126], head at the E, top of skull at 11.14m OD. Burial in a wooden coffin as indicated by in situ nails <50>. Alongside the body were patches of "chalk" [127] (sample number 7). A glass bead <41> was recorded within the coffin above the right shoulder from fill [128] that had collapsed into coffin as part of backfill [106]. A jet pin <37> was found outside the head end of the coffin. The jet pin was located at 11.17m OD, top of the skull was at 11.14m OD, so given location and height possibly a burial good i.e. worn hair pin?

80. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix



Interpretation

E/W grave cut [151] contained extended supine skeleton [186] buried in wooden coffin as indicated by coffin stain [203] and associated nails <68>. Two hobnail boots <69> were not worn and located on each side of the feet, probably placed in the coffin and subsequently moved so

part of the boots outside the coffin. A "chalk" deposit [203] (sample number 13) filled the coffin shape, mainly below the body apart for covering most of the legs. The "chalk" ends where the feet are leaving a gap of 0.30m to the end of the coffin. A small lump of ?greensand and bones <70>

** check numbering with Angela <70> changed to <93>? were found on the edge of the coffin line (in or outside?) at the head end. Fill [185] had collapsed into the coffin as part of the backfill [152].

82. N/S inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (84)
*****|*****
      [134]
        |
      [135]    (82)
        |
      [136]
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

N/S grave cut [136] contained a child skeleton [135] with no evidence for wooden coffin. Backfill [134].

83. N/S inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (84)
*****|*****
      [175]
        |
      [183]    (83)
        |
      [176]
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

Heavily truncated (by later burial (84)) N/S grave cut [176] contained skeleton [183] with associated nails <159> indicating burial in wooden coffin. Only left femur

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survives indicating head at S end of the grave. Backfill [175].

84. N/S inhumation burial

Matrix

```
          unstrat
*****|*****
      [153]
        |
      [14]
        |
    [155]   (84)
        |
      [154]
        |
      [156]
*****|*****
    |_____|_____|
    |      |      |
  (82)    (83)
```

Interpretation

N/S grave cut [156] contained skeleton [155] buried in a wooden coffin as indicated by coffin stain [154] and associated nails <162>. Fill collapsed [14] into coffin, with 60% flint pebbles, deliberate deposition? and backfill [153].

85. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (86)   (107)
****|*****|*****
```


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```
      |_____|
      |
    [326]
      |
    [327]
      |      (85)
    [345]
      |
    [328]
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

N/S grave cut [328] contained poorly preserved skeleton [345] buried in a wooden coffin as indicated by in situ nails <134>. Outside? the NE corner of the coffin was a pottery vessel <131>. Backfills recorded as [327] and [326].

86. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
(104)      (96)      (90)
**|*****|*****|*****
  |_____|_____|
      |
    [108]
      |
    [109]      (86)
      |
    [107]
*****|*****
      (85)
```

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [107] contained extended skeleton [109] buried in a wooden coffin as indicated by nails <43>. A bone pin <36> was located within the coffin line next to the right femur. This pin was a burnt fragment so residual? Backfill [108].

87. Possible inhumation burial

Matrix

```
(91)
*****|*****
      [59]
```

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```
      |      (87)
    [58]
*****|*****
    natural
```

Interpretation

Truncated cut [58] possibly east end of E/W inhumation burial as backfill [59] contained nails <134> and two pottery vessels <21-2> i.e. east end of a coffin?

88. N/S inhumation burial

Matrix

```
    (103)      (95)
***|*****|*****
   |_____|
   |
  [406]
   |
  [407]      (88)
   |
  [405]
   |
  [404]
*****|*****
    natural
```

Interpretation

N/S grave cut [404] contained extended supine skeleton [405] presumed to be buried in a wooden coffin due to presence of "chalk" deposit [407] which is mainly under the body but covers some of the legs (?not sampled). Backfill [406].

89. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (98)      (104)
      |_____|
*****|*****
      [104]
      |_____|
[115] |_____| [114] (89)
      |_____|
      [110]
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [110] contained extended supine skeleton [114] buried in wooden coffin as indicated by nails <45>. Body accompanied by an extensive deposit of "chalk" [115] almost covering the body. Backfill [104].

90. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (106) (97)
      |_____|
*****|*****
      [112]
      |_____| (90)
      [111]
*****|*****
      (86)
```

Interpretation

E/W cut [111] probably grave cut given alignment, size and presence of one hobnail boot <38> and nails <42> although though no human bone present. Backfill [112]. Grave cut by ditch (97).

91. Small pit

Matrix

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```
      (97)
*****|*****
      [57]
      |      (91)
      [56]
*****|*****
      (87)
```

Interpretation

Small truncated pit [56] and fill [57] cut by ditch (97). Possible E and of E/W inhumation burial, no real evidence for function of pit.

92. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (97)
*****|*****
      [349]
      |
      [350]  (92)
      |
      [348]
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [348] contained extended supine skeleton [350] in wooden coffin as indicated by nails <138>. Backfill [349]. Cut by ditch (97).

93. N/S Inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (97)
*****|*****
      [333]
      |
      [334]  (93)
      |
      [332]
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

N/S grave cut [332] contained extended supine inhumation [334]. Nails <128> recorded in backfill [333] at least one in situ indicating burial in wooden coffin. Upper half of body removed by ditch (97).

The only inhumation burial where large portion of burial removed by ditch (97), other inhumation burials cut by ditch just "clipped".

94. Amphorae cremation burial

Matrix

```
      (97)
*****|*****
      [386]
      |
      [387]
      |      (94)
      [43]
      |
      [385]
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

Rectangular cut [385] contained an amphorae <145> The neck of the amphorae had been removed to allow a pottery cremation vessel <146> with pottery lid <144> to be inserted. Cremation deposit in pot [43]. Fill [387] in amphorae presumably part of backfill [386] to pit.

See also [351] fill of ditch (97).

This burial truncated by ditch (97) and indicates that burials were occurring this far north prior to the ditch and presumably the ditch being c.0.55m deep has removed more shallow burials completely.

95. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (98)
*****|*****
      [410]
      |
      [409]      (95)
      |
      [408]
*****|*****
      (88)
```

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [408] contained extended supine inhumation [409] and backfill [410]. No evidence for wooden coffin.

96. and 101. E/W inhumation burials

Matrix

```

(98)      (100)      (108)
* | * * * * * | * * * * * * * * * | * * * *
|         |         |
|         |         |
|         |         |
[77]      =?      [219]
(96) |         |         |
[78]      =?      [338]
|         |         |
[76]      =?      [218]
* * * * | * * * * * * * * * * * * * * | * * * *
(86)      natural

```

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [76] contained lower half of extended skeleton [78], head would have been to the west. Backfill [77], no evidence of a wooden coffin. Western truncation of burial by temporary LoE. Subsequently area excavated including E/W grave cut [218] which contained upper half of extended supine skeleton [338] with associated nails <130>. Backfill [219].

It seems likely that these are the same burial excavated at different times. Both have a pottery spot date of 50-160.
** check with Jan.

97. E/W ditch

Matrix

(109) (110) (111) (112)

|**|*****|*****|*****

|_____|_____|_____|

[38]

[351] (97)

[42]

*****|*****

|_____|_____|_____|

(90) (91) (92) (93) (94)

Interpretation

Shallow, broad, flat bottomed linear (irregular) cut [42]. Cut aligned E/W similar to some of the E/W burial alignments. Fill [38] of ditch was a homogeneous brickearth type fill with some cultural material. ?Significant amount of animal bone.

** check with Enviro ?related to burial rite

Pottery dates the fill to 350-400 and 5 4th century coins. Where the ditch cuts amphorae cremation burial (94) a spread of black "ash" deposit [351] with frags of amphorae over base of ditch cut and over cremation burial (94).

** check with Jo are amphora frags the same vessel?

The ditch is cut at some point during the development of the cemetery as it cuts some burials and is filled and subsequently cut by other burials. However these later burials only clip the S side of the ditch there are no later burials in the main part of the ditch. The shallow nature and broad, flat profile of the ditch (compare to ditches found at H0088, deeper V-shaped profile cut well into the gravel) may suggest this is a holloway type feature that gradually filled up and its exact location was not static hence the somewhat irregular nature of the cut.

**check truncation to N of ditch

98. N/S inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (99)
*****|*****
      [102]
        |
      [103]   (98)
        |
      [101]
*****|*****
      |
  _____|_____
  |         |         |
(95) (89) (96)
```

Interpretation

N/S grave cut [101] contained extended supine skeleton [103] with nails <34> indicating burial in a wooden coffin. Backfill [102].

99. E/E inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (105)
*****|*****
      [89]
      |
      [388]
      |      (99)
      [412]
      |
      [88]
*****|*****
      (98)
```

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [88] contained remnants of wooden coffin as indicated by coffin stain [412] and associated nails <28>. No human bone survival. Fill [388] collapsed into coffin part of backfill [89].

100. Cremation burial

Matrix

```
      (105)
*****|*****
      [36]
      |      (100)
      [35]
*****|*****
      (96)
```

Interpretation

Small pit cut [35] contained disturbed remains of cremation burial in pottery vessel <10> and appeared to be associated with nails <9> located under the cremation, possible secondary container? or used to balance pot? Backfill [36].

102. Small cut

Matrix

```
      (112)
*****|*****
      [325]
      |      (102)
      [324]
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

Truncated cut [324] and fill [325], function unclear probably a heavily truncated burial but unable to reconstruct.

103. Unexcavated E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      unstrat
*****|*****
      [413]
      |
      [411]
*****|*****
      (88)
```

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [411] and fill [413] unexcavated as destroyed during local demolition. Recorded as cutting burial (88).

104. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      unstrat
*****|*****
      [133]
      |
      [83]      (104)
      |
      [82]
```

*****|*****
(89)

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [82] contained extended supine skeleton [83]. Backfill [133]. Nails <32> probably indicate burial in wooden coffin.

105. Inhumation burial (odd alignment)

Matrix

```
      unstrat
*****|*****
      [133]
        |
      [123]
        |
      [26]      (105)
        |
      [25]
*****|*****
      |_____|
      |      |
    (99)    (100)
```

Interpretation

Grave cut [25] on an unusual alignment NW/SE contained and horizontally truncated by unstrat so only 90mm deep. No human bone survived apart from one bone [123] which may be residual but remnants of body/coffin stain [26] survived. Associated with this deposit was a hobnail boot <4>, an iron axe head <3> and a shale bracelet <2>. Backfill [133].

106. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      unstrat
*****|*****
      [23]
        |
      [22]      (106)
```

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```
      |
      [21]
*****|*****
      |
  _____|_____
  |           |
(99)        (100)
```

Interpretation

Heavily horizontally truncated E/W (only 40mm deep) grave cut [21] contained extended skeleton [22] and associated nails <1> indicate burial in wooden coffin. Coffin/body stain recorded [23].

107. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      unstrat
*****|*****
      [308]
      |
      [358]   (107)
      |
      [309]
      |
      [307]
*****|*****
      (85)
```

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [307] did not contain any surviving human bone. But coffin stain [309] and associated nails <121> indicate burial in wooden coffin some 1.30m long i.e. possible child?. Fill [358] had collapsed into the coffin as part of backfill [308]. A ca ferrule <119> and 3 fragments of ca bracelet <122> were recovered from the backfill, inside the coffin line, exact location unknown, possible burial goods.

**check with Angela

108. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      unstrat
*****|*****
```

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```

      [393]
      |
      [394]      (108)
      |
      [392]
*****|*****
      (101)
```

Interpretation

E/w grave cut [392] contained extended skeleton [394] with backfill [393]. No evidence for wooden coffin.

109. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```

      unstrat
*****|*****
      [68]
      |
      [91]
      |      (109)
      [96]
      |
      [90]
      |
      [92]
*****|*****
      (97)
```

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [92] contained extended supine skeleton [96] contained in wooden coffin as indicated by coffin stain [90] and associated nails <35> and <26>. Two hobnail boots <39><40> were located outside the coffin adjacent to the upper leg/hip. Fill [91] collapsed into coffin as part of the backfill [68].

Burial cut S edge of ditch (97).

110. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
          unstrat
*****|*****
      [51]
      |
      [52]      (110)
      |
      [50]
*****|*****
      (97)
```

Interpretation

Truncated E/W grave cut [50] contained skeleton [52] buried in a wooden coffin as indicated by nails <18>. Backfill [51]. Grave cuts S edge of ditch (97). ? Intrusive/redeposited skull adjacent to skull [52].

111. ?Gully

Matrix

```
          unstrat
*****|*****
      [118]
      |      (111)
      [122]
*****|*****
      (97)
```

Interpretation

V-shaped cut [122] with brickearth and gravel fill [118]. Possible gully cut into ditch (97), no dating evidence not necessarily Roman.

112. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
          unstrat
*****|*****
      [311]
      |
      [316]      (112)
      |
      [310]
*****|*****
      |_____|
      |_____|
      (102) (97)
```

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [310] contained extended supine skeleton [316] and backfill [311]. No evidence of wooden coffin. Grave cuts S edge of ditch (97).

113. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (114)  (115)
*****|*****|*****
      |_____|
      |
    [402]
      |
    [247]      (113)
      |
    [403]
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [403] contained skeleton [247] (femurs only). Backfill [402]. Heavily truncated by later burials (114-5) and LoE. No evidence of wooden coffin.

114. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      unstrat
*****|*****
      [367]
      |_____|
    [368]      [359]      (114)
      |_____|
      [366]
*****|*****
      (113)
```

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [366] contained extended supine skeleton [368] buried in a wooden coffin as indicated by nails <140>. A "chalk" deposit [359] was recorded on either side of the skull (pillow?) and to the left of the pelvis. Backfill [367]. Note unusual arm position, arms crossed/folded over stomach.

115. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
          unstrat
*****|*****
      [370]
        |
      [371]      (115)
        |
      [369]
*****|*****
      (113)
```

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [369] contained skeleton [371] and backfill [370].

116. E/W gully

Matrix

```
          (117)
*****|*****
      [251]
        |      (116)
      [250]
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

E/W linear cut [250] with silt fill [251]. Possible drainage gully? or boundary ditch?

117. N/S ditch

Matrix

```
          (118)
*****|*****
      [245]
        |      (117)
      [246]
*****|*****
      (116)
```

Interpretation

A N/S linear cut [246] filled with [245], truncated to the N and S. Does not continue S of ditch (97). Similar size and nature to E/W ditch (97). No relationship between the two ditches. Possibly a continuation of the ditch (97)? or separate ditch but related?

118. Posthole

Matrix

```
      (119)
*****|*****
      [240]
        |      (119)
      [241]
*****|*****
      (118)
```

Interpretation

Shallow circular cut [241] and fill [240], possible posthole.

119. Layer

Matrix

```
      unstrat
*****|*****
      [243]   (119)
*****|*****
      (118)
```

Interpretation

Layer physically sealing ditch (117).

120. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (121)
*****|*****
      [377]
        |      (120)
      [378]
        |
      [376]
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

Heavily truncated E/W grave cut [376] contained top of skull of skeleton [378] and backfill [377].

121. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      unstrat
*****|*****
      [4]
      |
     [33]
      |
  _____|_____
 [81]         [80]
  _____|_____
      |
     [32]
      |
      [5]
*****|*****
      (120)
```

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [5] contained extended supine skeleton [80] buried in a wooden coffin as indicated by coffin stain [32] and associated nails <25>. Two patches of "chalk" deposit [81] were placed alongside the body, one under the left pelvis and one beside the right femur (sample number 4).

Five small bones were recorded as possible burial goods?
**check with Jan/enviro, human or animal?
Fill [33] had collapsed into the coffin and nails <170> and hobnails <180> apparently were recovered. No record on plan.

Backfill [4] contained a ca earring at 10.90m OD at foot end of grave, top of skull at 10.47m OD so probably residual?

122. ?Cremation burial

Matrix

```
      (123)
*****|*****
     [138]
       |   (122)
     [137]
```

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

Interpretation

Small pit cut [137] contained pottery vessel <52> and disturbed cremation deposit [138]. ?Associated nails <51>.
**check with Jackie

123. ?Cremation burial

Matrix

unstrat
*****|*****
[379]
| (123)
[380]
*****|*****
(122)

Interpretation

Truncated cut [380] contained brickearth type fill [379] with some charcoal, burnt bone and large fragment of pottery vessel <142>. Possible in situ or redeposited cremation burial?
**check with Jackie

124. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

(125)
*****|*****
[16]
|
[15]
|
|_____|_____| (124)
| [34] [27] |
|_____|_____|
|
[24]
|
[17]
*****|*****
natural

Interpretation

E/W grave cut contained extended supine inhumation [27] buried in a wooden coffin as indicated by coffin stain [24] nails <5>. "Chalk" deposit [34] was placed between the

legs, on either side of the skull and alongside the right side of the body. Fill [15] had collapsed into the coffin as part of backfill [16].

125. N/S inhumation burial

Matrix

```
unstrat
*****|*****
  [11]
    |
  [19]   (125)
    |
  [12]
*****|*****
  (124)
```

Interpretation

A truncated N/S grave cut [12] contained remnants of skeleton [19] and possible associated nails <?> indicating burial in wooden coffin. Backfill [11].

126. N/S inhumation burial

Matrix

```
(128)
*****|*****
  [382]
    |
  [383]   (126)
    |
  [384]
*****|*****
  natural
```

Interpretation

N/S grave cut [384] contained extended skeleton [383] and associated nails <117> indicating burial in a wooden coffin. Backfill [382].

127. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (128)
*****|*****
      [364]
        |
      [365]    (127)
        |
      [363]
*****|*****
      natural
```

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [363] contained extended supine skeleton [365] with associated nails <139> indicating burial in a wooden coffin. Backfill [364].

128. N/S inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      (129)
*****|*****
      [320]
        |
      [331]    (128)
        |
      [319]
*****|*****
      |_____|_____|
      |      |      |
    (126)    (127)
```

Interpretation

N/S grave cut [319] contained extended supine skeleton [331] and associated nails <129> indicating burial in a wooden coffin. Backfill [320]. This grave seriously truncates burial (126).

129. E/W inhumation burial

Matrix

```
      unstrat
*****|*****
      [305]
        |
      [306]    (129)
        |
      [304]
```

*****|*****
(128)

Interpretation

E/W grave cut [304] contained extended supine skeleton [306] and 15 associated nails <120> indicating burial in a wooden coffin. The arrangement of nails is unusual i.e. nails not concentrated at the corners/end of the coffin but continue evenly spaced down the length of the coffin. Backfill [305].

130-2. Area 2 med/pmed pits

133. ?Plough soil

Context [1] not planned recorded as a layer under slab and over brickearth. Possible post burial soil? Not enough information to be sure.

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awaiting photo:

(37) tile burial

no B/W or colour photo available so stick drawing:

(43) (46) (58) (63) (69) (80) colour 9.08 available

not drawn as cut only:

(1) (3) (7) (103) (102)

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Only amphorae and cremation burials with burial goods drawn.