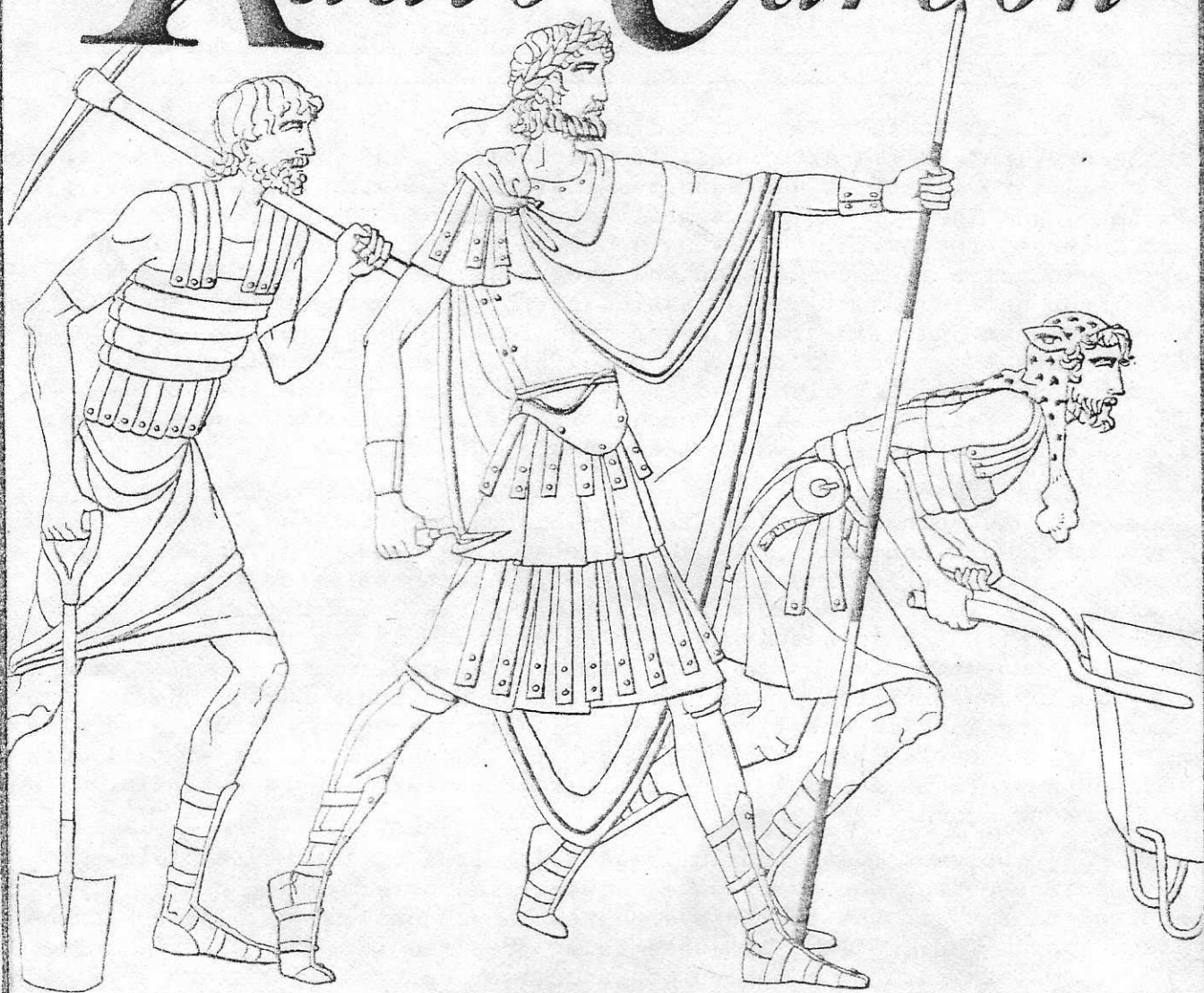


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MARCH '78  
 PROGRAMS

MAKE A DATE WITH WONDERFUL RADIO CARBON-

--THE SOUND INVESTMENT--

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THE CHAT SHOW

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The March Monthly Meeting did not take place in the morning, as is customary, but in the afternoon, to accommodate some vital STEP negotiations of which more later. It was reported that the cleaning of site towels was in hand, and that if the books still missing from the DUA library were not returned forthwith, borrowing would be curtailed. The position of staff vacancies is dependent on the progress of STEP, but a Site Supervisor for Watling Court and an Assistant for Dr Armitage (Caroline has now gone Down Under) are to be advertised for. If either of these posts go to present members of the contracted staff, then presumably their former positions will also need to be filled. Work on the projected Cripplegate Wall Scheme -although distinct from the DUA's rescue program- should also provide some employment in the future.

Officers Reports were then given. Tony has completed his work on Trig Lane, and has turned his attention to Aldermanbury and the Cripplegate Fort. Site work continues, and is reported elsewhere. The publication of Davy Jones' Triangle site seems to have found a problem or two, and a plague of vicious flies was complained of. Chris Green represented us at the Association of Archaeological Illustrators & Surveyors, we spent a 4 figure sum on equipment to locate trace elements, and JAS was accused of grinning superciliously: he denied the accusation, and the CUA forgave him. The incident in question was the result of a volunteer whose services on site were refused- a non too diplomatic gesture. Brian hoped that such incidents would be avoided in future, as volunteer help is essential to our work program

The problems of our public image were aired further, with talk of site notice boards for every site, however short-term, as a matter of course: no site in the public eye should be without an up to date information board. The GPO leaflets were being prepared for the press, and the DUA is to take part in a series of Lunchtime Lectures on 'Current Archaeology' in the Museum on Fridays, from 12th May to July.

Wendy Evans, who described St. Nicholas excavation as a bombsite, asked for DUA contributions for the Observers 'Up Front' spot, L.B.C's Tuesday session, and other articles for the popular press. Phillip's horn cores and the site vacuum cleaner were then suggested as possible topics.

Easter hols begin on Good Friday (24th), and include Good Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of the following week: back to work on Thursday 30th.

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The transmission of your March Program was delayed in order to include the up to date information on the STEP project which had originally been promised on Feb 28th, then March 7th, and finally March 13th. As we broadcast this message no official announcement has been made. To avoid confusing an issue which has already caused many a JCP to mutter naughty words, we will refrain from further comment. All should be revealed today, exactly one month before the DUA's JCP contract expires.....

The Story So Far: The Emperor has broken out of the Basement in which he had been imprisoned for six long months: armed with a mighty team of JCPs, he heads triumphantly for the GPO South End (see Chris Unwin's cover). He overcomes his arch rival St. Thompson, and packs him off to Hades, but just as he is about to take possession of the site, he finds that he has lost the key to the hut....

NOW READ ON.....

Luckily, our Hero (27) was good at picking locks, so a tragedy was averted. Within minutes, his newly won Empire was running smoothly, as his army carried out his every order, clutching Context Notes nervously in their hands. Jenny, the ex-card sharper, couldn't help noticing how neatly they had been typed. In no time at all, or at least by the end of the month, they must remove the pits and blackearth which sealed Hadrian's Burnt Bits.

Patrick set to on the dark grey humic silt, Kevin came to work in a Wolsey and Les picked up another parishoner loitering in the cemetery. Volunteer Ron flew in from S.America via Gordon Sq., and Angela, a recent find from the Basement, arrived on the stroke of 9.45 on her first day, under the assumption that site hours were as lax as those kept at 71. Nigel wasn't the only one to visit the barbers, Val's clogs came back, and Jackie Rhodes (no relation) played the flute. The site boasts three good Catholic girls, Carol Jackie H & Pauline, but the latter will be quitting pitting in the summer to become a star of stage and primary school: hearty congrats and many curtain calls to you all. Clare and Ian were sent off to the House for Unruly Apprentices, and Simon purchased a stock of smokers toothbrushes at bargain prices, and his trowels from an unusual source.

Front cover inscription :- Imperatore caesare divo Stephano / Roskamo pio optimo maximo / augusto triumpho Carthaginiense Viae / Lactis G.P.O. tribus Dobbuni magister / matrix situs supervisorore II patri situs analitico terrae nigra / ob reditum G.P.O. D.U.A.

The D.U.A. dedicated this to the deified emperor Steve Roskams caesar, the dedicated, best and greatest, honoured with triumphs Carthage, Milk St. and G.P.O., of the Dobbunic voting tribe, master of the matrix, raised to the site supervisorial power on two occasions, father of his site, susser out of the black earth, on account of his return to the G.P.O.

Translation by Sarah Paton appearing by courtesy of Antiquity in which she is starring at present.

Work at Trig Lane was interrupted by Chrissie's Red Flu, but Slimy the Cat is still fit and well.

Many's the Bridewellie that's clambered past 6106, fiddled with 8605, and sat by the fire in B17 of late, for the demands of photography have ensured that persons have been sent down to the cells from all sides of the City. Jenny & Johnny have burnt up fridgefuls of film, in between falling down holes and suffering from vertigo whilst lensing on a lamp-post on the corner of the roof. The cleaning staff (led by the Beau of Bow, Monsiuer De Gadd) are hard at work scrubbing scrapping scouring and sucking their way through acres of brick wall. Ken had a shocking time with the Hoover and a tango with the Kango, Ian spoiled the heap in record time and Clare applied her brains to the drains. Camden Chris is still suffering from Ian Mckellan, and Paulo, the well-known tonsure, from being able to hear again. Cathy's coat is as eye-catching as her drawings are elevating, and Julie (noted Poetess and Punkette) is making fine progress planning the entire site, even though recent press coverage suggested she is all behind. That particular article was a turn-up in more ways than one, as the author was voted Reporter Of The Year two days later: that's the effect Bridewell has on you!!

And finally, Four Cheers for COLAS, who found the Grand Staircase and the Little Courtyard, and all the others without whose help we would not have been able to achieve our Easter deadline.

STAR WHARVES: The DUA's conference on "Waterfront Archaeology in North European Towns" will now happen on April 20-22 1979.

## BASEMENT TAPES

Brian has been busy negotiating for a small STEP for Manpower, but a (hopefully) big leap for JCPs: the results were reported earlier in this program. John, who came to England from Dublin 38 years ago, has settled into his new desk, while Diana has a house in Hither Green and is building a Green house thither. Jenny and Johnny, Trevor's little plodders, have been working overtime keeping up with Bridewell and the demands of the LAMAS Side Show, which is being mounted by Debbie and Sarah, who are up to their nose in clouds of Cow Gum. The display -which certainly looks first rate- will also travel down to Soton for the April conference, where it will illustrate London's archaeology 800 to 1200A.D.

Jane and Simon's work in the SeedShop progressed faster than usual, even though Sunny Boyd was away for a fortnight with a breakdown.

Meanwhile back in Potsville, Mike "you're-here-to-work-not-be-educated" Rhodes has just passed his Museum Diploma, and is suffering from a residual virus. The recent campaign to stop people indulging in a narcotic plant of the potato family resulted in Merry, Pam and Barbie cutting down, while Dave has given it up completely. Geoff, however (the poorer clerke of Oxenforde), is at present researching the history of this very topic, before he spirits Ms Debbie away to the Dreaming Spires after Easter.

Champers and gateaux flowed freely while many offered their congratulations to Clive and Jean Orton on their latest production, a little girl. Rumour has it that our statistical wizard, noting that his wife's and her mother's birthdays were both on March 4th, arranged for his child to arrive then too. Alas, not even he could pull off this statistical impossibility, for she came a little late. Best wishes, nonetheless!!

Louise almost has a new home, and flybitten Penny's Roman feet are forthcoming. Natalie is off Samian at the moment, and has been sticking other pots together, while heartless Chris Green pulls them apart. Jaqui has been confirmed and Comrade Frances and Sandra study the ER backlog, but refuse to reveal what those letters ought to stand for. Master K and Miss A have left the Finds Proc, but Jim, of crossword fame, does sterling work on Mons & Thurs, while new face Jane "Plum" Wakeham marks out a career for herself.

Peter Marsden and Sarah have unearthed Henry Hodge's original field drawings recording the Forum, located 'neath Leadenhall Market in the 1880s. Not only were his plans and sections accurate, but they were also IN COLOUR: almost a century before the DUA adopted a technicolour recording system! Father John had a big thrill last week, and now publishes regularly in "Reliant Owners Weekly" when not studying Roman made ground near the 2nd century ditch at Dukes place.

There has been a quick change in the Drawing Room since last month. Alan who features so prominently in the current issue of "Woman" is passing thro' Aldgate, whilst sipping his Chilli Seasoning, and cartographer J. North-Eastern has located St Nicholas, and will now make it look like Rivenhall. Paulo shocked everybody by spending 2½ hours in a Japanese barbers, and does the Letrset for Mr. Jones.

Dr Armitage has collected over 300 horn cores from a site in Cutler St. to celebrate the centenary of the Long Horn Society. His team, comprising variously Caroline Alison and Merry, had an exciting time retrieving them, for the derelict area was being used by the Police as a riot training ground. On the Thursday, the action began with 15 mounted police attacking 8 colleagues thinly disguised as Hippys. A little later our girls were trapped in a warehouse unable to cross the courtyard as more police hurled bricks at their shield bearing comrades. On the Friday, when the police turned up fully armed with guns, our girls rushed back to Broadcasting House in panic, demanding to read a copy of the "Health & Safety At Work Act 1974".

## CALENDAR DATES

Wed March 15th: Sunny Boyd on his Environment

Tues March 21st: Clive Orton: Identification of Medieval Pottery

Mon April 10th: Tony Dyson: Historical Documents

All welcome- lectures begin at 5.15, at Broadcasting House.

Bridewell will finish on Easter Monday, and King Derek VIII will retire. Apart from the odd bastion, major excavations will thereafter be quiet, apart from sounds of much earth-moving at GPO, until Watling Court in late June.

Watching briefs will figure Cutler Street warehouses, where dating evidence includes a clay pipe with Queen Victoria on it and a packet of cigarettes; the 'Crown & Sugarloaf' in Garlick Hill which is being landscaped, and a little work at (!) Milk St. The designers here have increased the size of their piles, but whether because of what we found or because of the holes we made is not quite clear.

There will be some investigation of the Cripplegate Wall below the Museum windows: don't tell Merry, but Bastion 14 is the home of a whole family of cats.

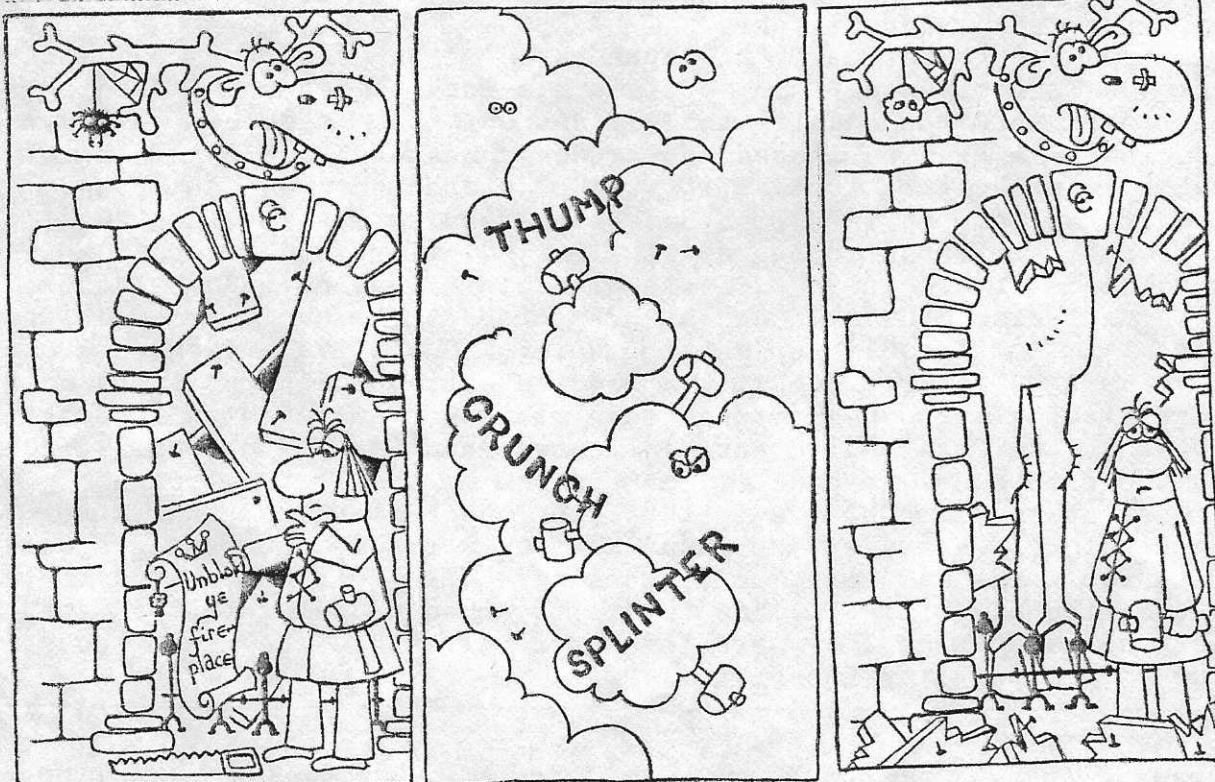
JAS.

URBAN ARCHAEOLOGY IN SOUTHERN ENGLAND CONFERENCE: Field Section II Enterprises' next venture will be to this conference at Southampton on April 22-3. Star speakers include Holdsworth, Hill, Tatton-Brown, Down & Henderson: others include Schofield. Fee £4.00 If enough hecklers are interested, we shall take the Museum minibus and crash (us not the bus) at Winchester overnight. See messers Schofield or Roskams, and watch for announcements.

JAS.

## Carbon Castle

by Troll



Mr. & Mrs Biddle will be digging up the Chapter House of St Albans Abbey between 29th May and end of July, after their recent row with the rest of British archaeology. If you'd like to work on this research excavation which, we are informed, will be "total" and "exhaustive" and last for 5 weeks, then join the queue of applicants eager for their £1 a day subsistence payment. However, there's still time to apply for the Canterbury Unit jobs (just starting), which offer accommodation and reasonable pay- the Director, Tim Tatton Brown now has some £90,000 to spend!! They have just finished excavating the medieval gate at Sandwich and a (surprise surprise) C16th. brick palace, built for the Archbishop at Bekesbourne. Apply: C.A.T., 92a Broad Street, Canterbury, Kent.

Nearer home, try Southwark and Lambeth Archaeol Soc, Cumming Museum, 155 Walworth Rd SE17 if you're interested in post excavation publication work. There paving between £2,400 and £2,900 p.a.

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## Trace Elements

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Nick the mathematician of Area C fame (MLK77) is currently market researching and standing as a Labour Party candidate: Heather Gibson (Minorities 74), now with the York Unit, is about to see her first major report published, the Aldwark site: Geoff Parnel is going to publish his Tower excavations in the new large format HMSO 'Occasional Papers' series.

George n' Liz, our former seedsman and conserving wife, are working in Afganistan before moving to Turkey in June, England in July, America in August, England again in Sept, and Afghanistan in October for the next season. Ther'e both very well indeed, making orange wine and marmalade, and send their love to you all.

Rob Bell ex-D.U.A., ex-Oxford trainee, ex-Central Unit superstar and noted raconteur and now on RC's foreign staff is on assignment in the Near East and has sent this report.

The Oman "Central Unit" numbers just three at present Beatrice de Cardi our Rob and one other. It is not actually called that and apart from being Government run that's where the comparison ends, they are restricted to a can of Heineken a night with a tot of medicinal brandy once a week. Beatrice de Cardi is a remarkable lady and has been on expeditions to the Gulf, Iran and Persia for the last 20 years. She has also got quite a track record in British archaeology having worked at Maiden Castle with Mortimer Wheeler and secretary to the C.B.A. for 25 years.

Following usual RC practice of in-depth research our reporter read all the past reports on Oman sites. It did not take him long though as archaeologists were only allowed into the country in 1972 and only two vols. of the Journal of Oman Studies have been published. Being Government-run the chief anxiety of the Dept. of Antiquities is that it will be closed down on the grounds of expense. Since the coup in 1970 Oman has been spending its way into the 20th. century so fast that it has mortgaged its limited oil revenues for 10 years.

The expeditions object is to excavate a couple of cairns and a settlement of the third Millenium B.C. although at present Beatrice can't remember where the settlement is so it could be just the cairns. Our Steve excavated a similar cairn two years ago, a large one with a blocked entrance and two surrounding walls but he'll be glad to hear it has been stone-robbed out of all recognition. Stone-robbing is the Oman equivalent of treasure-hunting and perhaps we could learn from their methods. Up-country Oman is one of the last outposts of Empire both the local army commander and police chief are British and the latter is keen on archaeology. On request he issued a proclamation threatening stone-robbers with two weeks in jail. The diggers have also been introduced to the local Wali, a kind of Arab J.P., and to his 15 armed feudal retainers complete with rifles and bandoliers. They are less impressive than they look though as none of the ammunition fits the rifles.

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The recent trip to the award winning Weald and Downland Open Air Muse was a great success, despite the drizzle, the exchange of cross words on the coach going down, and Chichester. We lapped up superb examples of vernacular architecture from Sunny Sussex in a delightful setting which boasted a woodland with hazel being coppiced on a 7 year cycle. A team of enthusiasts is currently being recruited to (hopefully) assist with the forthcoming erection of another building: recommended for anyone who still thinks that collars,

BRIDEWELL- THE MOVIE:

The C14 Review Committee convened at the Victoria Cartoon Cinema on Friday, slightly the worse for drink, and managed to persuade the doorkeeper that, as Stars of the Movie, they should be allowed in free. Unfortunately after sitting through Laurel and Hardy three times the curtain came down and no sign of Harry's Place.

So, next day, the Fludes returned to sit among the kids and dirty old men of the Cartoon Cinema, and, sandwiched between cross-country cycle racing and 50 years of Speedway, the Bridewell workers showed the viewing world what archaeologists look like. Among those shown posing were Julie and Kevin, Pauline, Claire and a brief glimpse of Brian. Unfortunately, the reviewers were so fascinated in seeing themselves on celluloid that they tended not to take much notice of the commentary. However, the narrator seemed to have read his press release correctly.

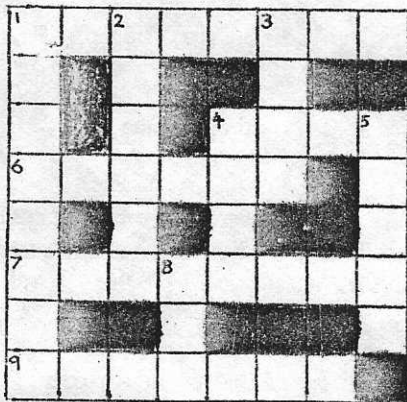
Efforts will be made to get a copy of the film and have a DUA Film Show. KF.

BOOK COVER

British urban archaeologists are just beginning to see the fruits of their frenzied efforts to rescue history from the ravages of post-war redevelopment. Volumes I & II of 'Excavations in Medieval Southampton' "...set the standard against which later works will be measured...", as Dr Helen Clarke said in her recent review. The next work of that genre is in fact her own "EXCAVATIONS IN KING'S LYNN, 1963-1970" (with Alan Carter).

Its a 480 page Med. Archaeol. Monograph, containing excavation details finds reports from 16 sites, rounded off with an especially useful Discussion and Conclusions chapter. The modifications of King's Lynn's waterfront and its role as a port are themes which feature prominently in this important work, making it a vital parallel for London, while the extensive Finds Catalogue and the notes on everything from brickwork to horn cores should make it compulsive reading for all members of the DUA.

Not as sumptuous as the Soton vols., but, at £10, only  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the price! A jolly good read, containing much of great interest: for example, with regard to the many leather shoes, belts and scabbards found, it is reported that "...the bulk of the material came from Marks & Spencer...". (p. 349).



The Radio Carbon Cryptic Archaeological Crossword  
Across.

- 1. Part of existence of constant value for this magazine.(4-4)
- 4. Where, in a building, you will often see a collar and a tie. But the only smart dressing is of timber.....(4)
- 6.....and if it's really hip you may find this legendary beast as well.(6)
- 7. Leave dim about the end of the Dark Ages.(8)
- 9. Sennacherib's capital, found in nine vehement seasons by 2 Down.(7)

Down.

- 1. An excavation by Phil Barker? No need, H.M. arranged for this motte and bailey.(3-5)
- 2. The French 3ft. Assyriologist, but no small achievement in excavating 9 Across.(8)
- 3. The age of most Druids and Celts is 10, when involved with the Royal Navy.(4)
- 4. The splendour that was Greece, the glory that was.....(4)
- 5. The system of open ones was Medieval. You'll confuse if led into one.(5)
- 8. It left 10,000 years ago.(3)

# Standard Deviations

C14 The OXFORD UNIVERSITY "IN-SERVICE" TRAINING SCHEME is looking for 5 candidates for next years course, starting Sept.'78. Its tailor-made for anyone who's "...spent some time in practical archaeology...and intends to make a full time career.." in it, and is widely recommended as a Good Thing. It will certainly be better for you than the recently half-launched CBA Diploma! Application forms for interested parties are now available.

Further information may be obtained from former Trainees (such as Mr Gadd) as well as this years intake, which includes Geoff and Debbie.

Hilary Wade, who ran her own Iron Age Farm project up north, will be the next Oxford student to work with us, arriving after Easter. She needs a short term room or flat in London, so please keep your eyes open.

Alas, we hear that our Esta, yet another Oxfordian, is seriously ill in hospital: we wish her a speedy recovery.

C14 PARTY TIME IS HERE AGAIN!!! Julie & Kev, who had a 1st wedding anniversary recently, are holding an APRIL FLUDES DAY party on Saturday, April 1st, at 57 Pratt St., London N.W.1. Live Entertainment and much much more!!! Listen to this space for details!!!

C14 SIGN OF THE TIMES? Hardly in keeping with their longstanding interest in Archaeology (Fishbourne Palace etc etc), The Sunday Times is running a Special Offer for their readers of a powerful Metal Detector, the "Treasure Seeker" for only £89.95, instead of £119.70. The associated chat (which does not once allude to archaeology or Museums etc) suggests that "...it should quickly pay for itself in worthwhile finds...".

JBE spotted the offending ad, and RADIO CARBON has subsequently contacted the CBA, who are pursuing the matter.

C14 SPORTICUS

In this month's program, we plug the baths: the ULU Baths in Malet St of course, where the DUA's Aqua Ducks meet on Wednesday evenings. Apres swim is in the Lamb's Conduit.

For Details, see Ken (Mark Spitz) Powell

Thursdays is still Football night at the International Stadium Camden Town, if you'd like a change from "Living In The Past". See Kev.

Friday is still the ever popular Darts Night at the Maygogs: come along and throw an arrow in the general direction of the round thing.

See U. Thare.

C14 The Feb. Crossword was cracked by a drawing room team including SR; PH; CU and VS: its compiler Mij Thims (anag.; 3 - 5) kindly presented them with a most palatable prize, a splendid gesture, much appreciated by the lucky winners. One Above has already compiled another crossword, which will be broadcast next month.

C14 The excavators of Mount Farm, Oxon. have just found a unique deposit of shells: their environmentalist was not as interested as the police were however, for they were residuals from a former RAF base.

The MARCH PROGRAM was directed by Stanley Baldwin, aided by DG, KF and GM. Additional material was provided by JBE; JH: PH: CM & JAS to name but some. Special thanks to our new Art Director, Chris Unwin, who provided the cover (among other things) from a design by DG and PH.

Keep sending your news, views, libel and lies for inclusion in the APRIL PROGRAM to Stanley at Broadcasting House, 71 Basinghall street, Ec2.

Apologies to all whose ideas, poems etc could not be fitted into this transmission: we'll try again next month.

.....RADIO CARBON : ITS THE NEW WAVE BAND.....