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YESTERDAY IN PARLIAMENT

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**"Order, order"**

The October Parliamentary session was opened with the latest news on the well-known arising matter, the Clothing Allowance. The PM tearfully announced that the Establishment Officer had been approached, but the latter thought that Mr Collins was dealing with it. Needless to say, Mr C was on holiday, and therefore unable to comment on the allegations. The joke, like our jeans, is wearing thin.

Mr Rhodes, the member for the Potteries & Associated Industries, revealed that he was going into space (storage, not outer- sorry) in a big way, this being one of the DUA's most pressing problems of the day. A visit to Chateau Bonhill, the historic building in which the DUA squatted all those years ago would be visited as a possible vital short term solution.

In a hotly debated exchange on problems thrown up by the recent fire-drill undergone by members of Parliament, it was decided that Things should be done to improve the situation. In answer to one suggestion, the PM said that he would 'look into' an internal Tannoy system, and more notices would be displayed. J. Maloney (Minister of Defences and one-time safety officer) then insisted -quite correctly- that the signing in & out procedure on the reception desk should be tightened up, so that in the event of an emergency it would be known with certainty how many persons were in the building. The co-operation of all staff members is essential in this matter.

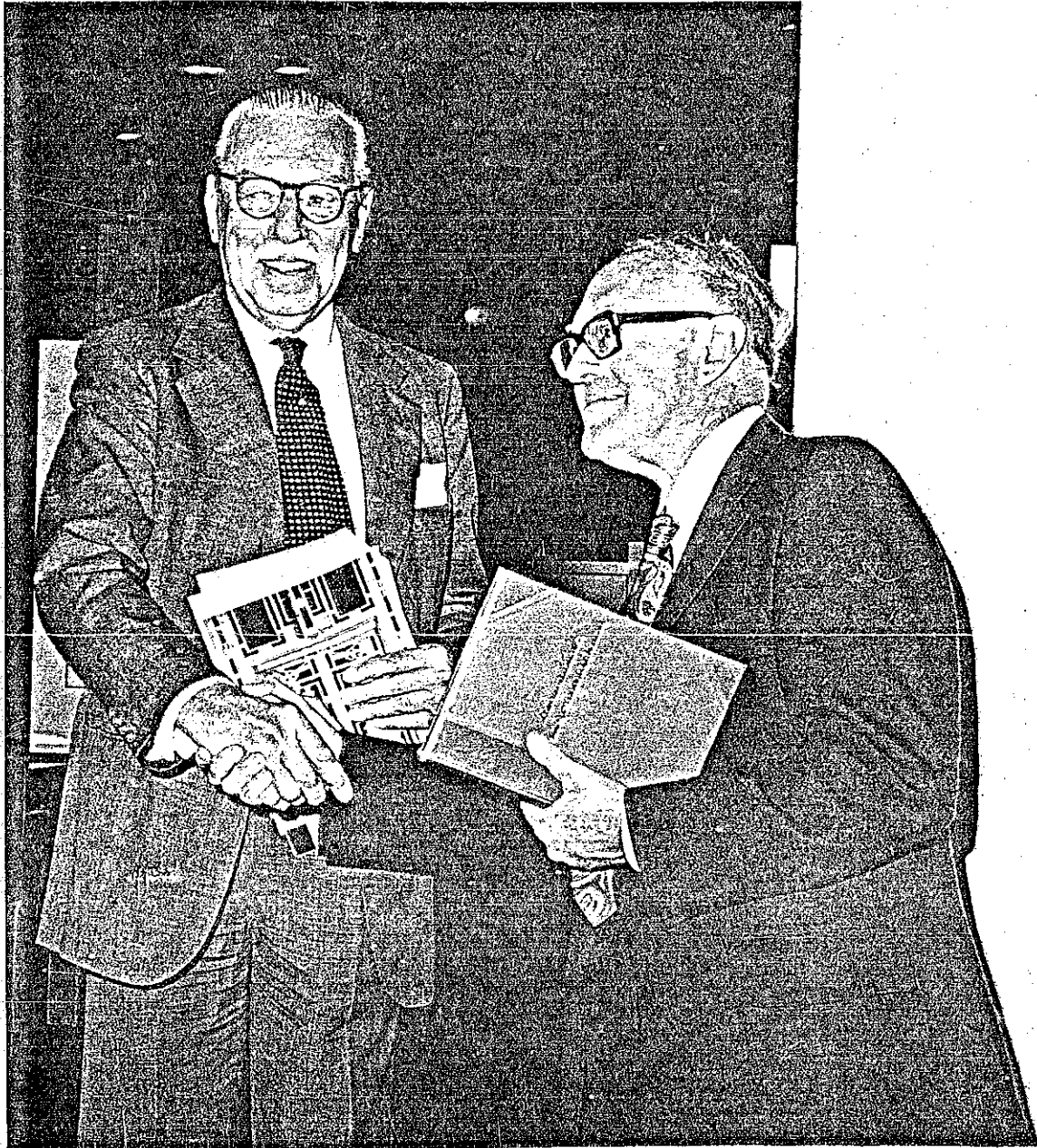
The officers reports were then presented in which Tony Dyson, the member for Much Reading, announced his plans to prepare a documentary survey of the City's waterfront to 1300 (one cannot conceive of a more praiseworthy project), and revealed that Both our LAMAS Special Papers, the Riverside Wall & Billingsgate Buildings will be out early next year, whilst Trig L Lane (Part One) and the Churches Paper should be in press by the end of that year -God Willing and fingers crossed. A leading light in the Conservative Party, John "half-timbered" Schofield then outlined the current plans for self-financing excavations at Mermaid Cutler Street and Lloyds, and reported on the apparently successful micro-film show.

Dr Armitage, the member for the London Zoo, discovered that the famous feature at Cutler Street was a wall bonded with horn cores, as a result of research into C18th vernacular practices. His No.2 Gillian was observing some curlews at St Magnus in the meantime. The RT Hon P. Marsden commented on a building in the Forum which had burnt grain in one end and a quern stone in t'other, and wondered about the Dukes Place wall, that not so well-known scheduled monument recently destroyed by the Dua.

Mr Rhodes reported on the loss of Mrs Jones and the addition of the new pottery handbook, a copy of which was circulated by Mr. Orton. Lord Thompson begged that all demands for Tools & Equipment be made to him before the monthly Session, please.

In answer to questions put by Mr Gadd one of the Bow Group and representative of the Working Classes, the PM stated that time taken in lieu of off days worked MUST be taken in the following week, unless he or another cabinet member arranges otherwise. In addition it was stated that all persons (?) contracted for a five day week and any pressure put on persons by Un-named Powers to labour in excess of that maxima was to be resisted. No boxes for the collection of monies invested in the Broadcasting House phones had appeared, but the matter was "in hand", not to mention in pocket.

P.Boyd, the representative for Parasites & Worms, declared that Ms. Squirrel had taken 2 weeks unpaid leave without permission gaining "valuable general experience". The PM pointed out that unpaid leave is NOT an employee's right, but a management concession, and was being clamped down on. However, we are pleased to report that the matter has now been resolved amicably in Jane's particular case, and P.Boyd, the well-known absentee (and less well-known author) then put in for more of his six weeks annual leave...



The DUA turned up in force to honour Ralph Merrifield, a scholar and a gentleman, on the occasion of his retirement. The Museum foyer bristled with professors, Museum persons, some Unit directors, journalists and even Chief Inspectors, all eager to pay tribute to the Grand Old Man of Londinium, who was presented with his very own Festschrift by Lord Harcourt. This volume runs to a dynamic 470 pages and contains papers by 39 contributors, (our own Chris Green, P. Marsden and T. Dyson to name but three) which deal with a wide variety of topics.

Its good to know that Ralph will still be keeping in touch with the work of the DUA et al, and is also trying to write a book on the irrational side of man's behaviour, as revealed by archaeology. This is a subject to which he has devoted considerable time and for which he has gathered much material. However, he is short of a title, and he asked Radio Carbon if any of the listners could oblige...

COME TO THE HADRIANIC FIRE: Friday Nov. 3rd at Trig Lane : bring a Roman candle. Bonfire and firework display in honour of the 1,860th anniversary of the destruction of GPO and Milk St. Prize awarded to best guy (stuffed), who looks the most like the Emperor Hadrian -or Les Watson. Fire to be lit by special guest Boudicca Twells... Listen to this space for more details...

In the Chairs tonight, answering the points raised by Carthage University in Last Month's Program we have Paul Herbert of the Open University of Milton Keynes and Derek Gadd of the University of Liecester; so we go straight to Paul Herbert for a starter for ten.....

Last month, in a reply to John Schofield's article "Our first 200 Sites", Steve Roskhams put forward his views on the use and justification of Archaeology within Society, now, without prolonging the argument out of all proportion, i.e. is this the media by which we should be arguing such a point? I feel that I can not, in any way, agree with the views expressed.

It is one thing to say that we should be in the Profession for the reason of "making the past serve the future" but it is something else entirely to say the true reason why we all entered Archaeology (which can not be forgotten, as it is the means by which Archaeology exists) and that must surely be that it seemed to hold the prospect of an enjoyable career. Do you really believe that if we looked at Roman London 'in terms of it's role as an International Port in a new colony' we would be able to find anything that would be of any significant importance to the 'role of Imperial powers in exploiting the natural resources of their new conquests nowadays'? and, even if we did, who do you really think is going to listen? Surely our role, if it has to be accounted for, is twofold; firstly, we are obviously here in order to help the Historian, who themselves, after all, are only doing a job that they enjoy, and secondly, we can be equated, in the Public eye, to Actors on a stage, who are putting on a Production for the Peoples enjoyment; that is why we give Site tours, why Thames T.V. spent a day at Watling Court, why non-examination Extra-Mural classes exist, why Newspapers take such an avid interest, why we give Lectures at the Museum, and, after all is said and done, the reason why Museums exist in the first place.

Those are the true reasons, and they are good enough; we don't have to be pompous and pretend that we have a deeper ulterior motive, it would show nothing more than a few over-enthusiastic egos, and I for one am quite happy to remain an Archaeologist in the belief that I am doing nothing more than fulfilling those two roles to the best of my capabilities and enjoying my work at the same time. Please don't try to make Archaeology into anything else.

Well the Open University definitely get ten on that one, while we quickly go over to Derek Gadd for possible bonus points.....

I object to the award of a full bonus of twenty last Month, mostly due to the fact that the answer seemed to have missed one of the fundamentals of Conservation Archaeology. Atkinson left half of Stonehenge unexcavated so that future generations with (presumed) better techniques would be able to extract more information from it. But that is not the reason why Charles Thomas, after entitling his recent Beatrice de Cardi Lecture "After Rescue, what next?" answered by talking about Conservation Archaeology; his argument was that even with the enormous expansion of Rescue Archaeology, excavation alone could never cope with the rate of destruction. For example, in the rural sector, new deepploughing techniques are destroying the Upper levels of thousands of sites. I feel that in selecting which, and how sites are to be excavated, factors such as which questions a site can answer should be secondary. The primary consideration should be that existing resources and potential time made available will be inadequate to properly deal with all threats to sites; so that in the first instance, preservation should be the priority, and then spread our resources amongst those sites which can not be preserved under the Ancient Monuments and planning Laws. In the City, any excavator who is forced to trench a site or even fully excavate only a sample area has failed unless he has first attempted to object to the demolition of the Building that stood on the site or at least to the destruction caused by deeper basements, raft foundations etc., on the grounds of the loss of a scarce archaeological resource.



## BASEMENT TAPES

Yes dear hearts, Cupid has once again struck Broadcasting House, romantic fools that we are, we all love a good Marriage, now don't we; no sooner had we all wiped away our last tear and sighed our last sigh upon the wonderful news of Sarah Paton's marriage to Dave Parfitt than we all had to go out and buy a new box of Scotties Man Size because our (no longer) own (no longer) Miss (no longer) Mead had walked the amorous aisle with the photogenic Crispin Jones, both girls so much wanted a change that a new name just wasn't enough and Sarah is about to go off to work on her 5 other Mediterranean Sites, while Vanessa has moved downstairs with Penny 'Brown Owl' Mac Connoran and her Sixers, who, incidently did absolute miracles with the cases in the foyer and came up with an exhibition of Muslon proportions.

Bouncing Father Clive Orton is unfortunately contemplating a move away from Archaeology into Statistics, this would be a great loss to the profession and forces Radio Carbon to ask you Clive to reconsider; meanwhile Cathy 'bikipeggs' Maloney has decided that, seeing as her Husband is no longer the Shop Steward, she will give up working a 3 day week and has added on one more day. Dianna has been bustling out all over the Lake District, which made her ill; and Julie is back with us, working part-time for the Wing Commander, who deserves another stripe for the way he is running the Trust Fund side of things and proving that we were 4½ years late in creating this position.

P.H.

## TUDOR STREET

Further to the information in the last issue of R.C. re Bridewell Palace, is the news that the Southern end of the Southern range seems to have sat on a piece of reclaimed land which jutted out into the Thames on the West side of the Fleet; the piece of land is shown on Leake's Map of the City, drawn in 1666.

Other Archaeological Information recently uncovered at Tudor Street, suggests that gradual reclamation on the west side of the Fleet started sometime in the 13th. and 14th. Centuries, and is represented by the remains of a wooden revetment. Further reclamation pushed the piece of land out as far as the present day Watergate, where a large chalk and ragstone foundation dated to the late 15th. century, and have rubbing-posts, probably for a revetment or Waterfront, was found. The final piece of reclamation, further extended the land to the South, and on this the Southern range of Bridewell Palace was constructed. At this time a substantial wall was built on the Eastern side of the reclaimed land, to prevent it being washed away by the Thames. Evidence of this wall was recovered by contractors modifying the Basement of Blackfriars House, which fronts onto New Bridge Street.

G.A.T.

## CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD REICH



Once again the D.U.A. showed its solidarity against the Nazis on the 'Carnival 2' march organised by the Anti Nazi League on 24th. September, hopefully the next March will be fully Union backed and therefore all of the D.U.A. and Museum members will be automatically A.N.L. members, but until then, if you are not already a member then ask around for application details and help keep N.F. Nazi ideals out of British Politics.

And now live from battle-scarred Newgate Street, we bring you the latest news form the Western Front....

"There have been many Troop movements this month during the implementation of OPERATION ZAP. This is the code name for the scorched brickearth policy that's nearing completion: the housing estate has been razed to the ground not a sill to be seen, not a stud to be studied nor a threshold to be threshed. Under the direction of Herr Kutt, the well-known Oberfuhrer (or is it Coif-fuhrer?) Frau Hammer conducted a successful reconnaissance mission in Falmouth, and Brigadier Wright scaled the heights of the lean-to with a ladder that leans too. Amongst the non-commissioned ranks, Mike, our staff officer has been doing well with levels, and S.G.C.Thompson has taken over Sergeant Midgleys trench following her recent mention in despatches from Brigadier Barker. Private Harrison is almost a fully-trained simulator driver but alas poor Annie has been having her Upson downs, and was forced to take a long cut to work one day.

Delays in Troop movements caused by inclement weather enabled Q.M. Scargell to tackle his pot washing for the use of in grand manner. New recruit Britton R. has been drawing the Shambles of St Nicholas, whilst messers Green & White sort the Black & Grey wares. The Auxillary Fighting Force have achieved much during the present campaign thanks to the stalwart efforts of such members as ex Para Norton, Marietta (who loves working for the V & A) and Hester, who is out of civies, into battledress and dining at the Captain's table. "

General T. Brake O.B.E.

The Trig Lane team have almost finished their Level III and about to indulge in Level IV, and Kevin has been doing Levels too. He's been relating the gravels in the GPO cable trench 'neath Upper Thames Street to Newlyn in Cornwall with remarkable success. The tunnel observations located evidence of river gravels overlaid by Roman reclamation dumps which were themselves cut by walls of (?) Roman and Medieval date, and raised important questions concerning former assumptions about the Walbrook. Lloyd's (LLO678) has just begun, so Mike & Milne can have their hut back soon.

### WATLING COURT

This past month has shown a marked lull of activity on Watling Court and the only time we realised how many workers we had on Site was when they all eagerly arrived at Thames T.V. Centre last Tuesday in order to 'person' the phones, for which J.S. expresses his thanks; the 'Help' Program was a resounding success bringing in a stream of Vols including Timothy James O'Shauncey and Paolo Schofield Magog of 2 Milk Street (any resemblance to John Byrne is purely fact). Despite the lack of Volunteer activity, the Roman Structural activity is proving quite extensive and the post Hadrianic levels number a considerable amount more than was expected throughout the roman period, while a complete sequence of Building on the same property boundary dates back to the 15th. and possibly the 13th. century in the N.W. corner.

The Dark side of the Milner has been keeping a close eye on the Higgs & Hill underpinning while the other side has been getting his backlog in order, as has Paolo who has retired to Broadcasting House for religious reasons, leaving Chris, Boris and occ. Derek to look deeper into 6-8 Watling Court. Ian has been following Higgs & Hill's example and decided to underpin his ear while Jon-Jon made a tremendous recruiting Officer and in c. 9 months time the D.U.A..will be the most informed Unit in the Country on Romano-British Settlements in S.E. England.

P.H.

D.U.A. IN "NO EGGS" OUTRAGE

The Helvetian Society for the Protection of Uncooked Eggs (HSPUE) made public knowledge today the turning away of one of their members at an archaeological site in the City. A delegation of eggs of all shells and colours have announced that they are considering legal action against the Department if this particular egg is not immediately accepted as a helper with travelling expenses paid.

Monsieur Le Friedbred, a french-speaking Swiss egg, is at present on holiday in London. He saw the notice asking for volunteers on the hoarding outside the site a week ago, and decided to offer his services. The Site Supervisor, a "Mr.P." is alleged by M.Le Friedbred to have refused "point-blank" to allow an egg on his dig, adding that his heart condition had been aggravated enough just by dealing with normal non-chlorestrol-type volunteers. It was a tearful M. Le Friedbred who told me:

"Ay em just ere for a week and ay did not expect to recontre such prejudice. Especialment since Ay ave eard ze English prefer brown eggs to white and parce que back in Geneve, eggs are accepted as useful members of the communité".

Mr P., whose ashen face and trembling hands betrayed his profession, told me: "I have had it up to here with lunatics on the site. Don't get me wrong, I'm no 'egg-hater', but I didn't think I could cope with a raw egg on site as well as everything else. When this round bloke arrived on site, I'd just finished re-excavating a well which one vol. had spent the whole morning filling up from the spoil heap with a wheelbarrow. I tell you, I don't think I can take much more- I am a broken man".

It is expected that, due to lack of funds, the DUA will not fight any forthcoming court cases brought against them, but will allow the egg on site at the expense of the Supervisor's sanity - which some allege had vanished months ago!!

# Carbon Castle

by TROLL



The C.B.A. day School on Computer retrieval of Archaeological information provided a useful meeting between computer 'experts' and laymen, but it rather belied its name as there was no real attempt at information, a further criticism would be that the applications shown were really relatively simple retrieval problems, the most exciting application being the production of distribution maps and a British Museum programme to produce selected Bibliographies for Scientific applications to Archaeology. The new Micro-Processors were shown off by their proud purchasers, one, the 'Commodore Pet' retailing at a mere £700 and with further reductions in the offing; limited in themselves, these mini-computers should become useful tools if they can be cheaply linked to large Computers.

For me, the most useful potential application is to produce a sites and monuments record for the City with the type of sophisticated retrieval capability of the B.M. Bibliography programme, so for instance Distribution maps such as Les Watson's Hadianic fire can be done relatively quickly; in fact in retrospect, it seems a great lacking of the D.U.A. that we do not keep such a record, the time spent compiling it would soon pay for itself, both in time saved in searching through the Literature and in its completeness.

K.F.

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#### PHONE IN

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Good Evening, in the Studio tonight we have Derek Gadd, replacing John Maloney who retired as our Union representative last Month, leaving behind him an admirable success story upon which he will be talking next Month in a special exclusive Interview with Radio Carbon. But tonight Derek will be answering any queries you may have about the present state of the Station....Hello we have our first caller, go ahead please....

"Hello I am one of the ex-J.C.P.'s and I am still a little worried about what the future holds for me in the D.U.A."

"Well, as you will have seen from the Director's letter on Friday, he is playing it very close to the book, but I can reveal that it is certainly alot rosier than that and I shouldn't worry about anything at all for the time being."

"Well that is some consolation I suppose but what has happened about the Clothing Allowance? I just can not afford to buy any Winter digging wear and I can't see that I will do Archaeology any good by being off work with a cold all the time"

"A very good point, after all it would cost the Unit more money in lost man hours if we were not given an allowance. But unfortunately this point is at present in the hands of Ray Collins who can not give any comment until he arrives back from his holidays"

"So I must just sit and wait really?"

"Im afraid so, but in the meantime we are having a Branch Meeting in the near future to discuss the matter of the filling of vacancies, so don't miss that"

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#### CALENDER DATES

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Mon 9th Oct: P. Addyman

Tues 17th Oct: Computers & the DUA by K. Flude

Wed 25th Oct: W. Rodwell

Wed 8th Nov: North Sea Trade by Helen Clarke

Fri 17th Nov: P. Rahtz

Basement Lectures at c.5.15pm

And Dont forget the Museum lunchtime lectures: Coming Soon (end of the month).....Colvin on "Tudor Palaces", Gadd on "Bridewell" and Biddle on "Nonsuch" Consult your notice board for details!!!



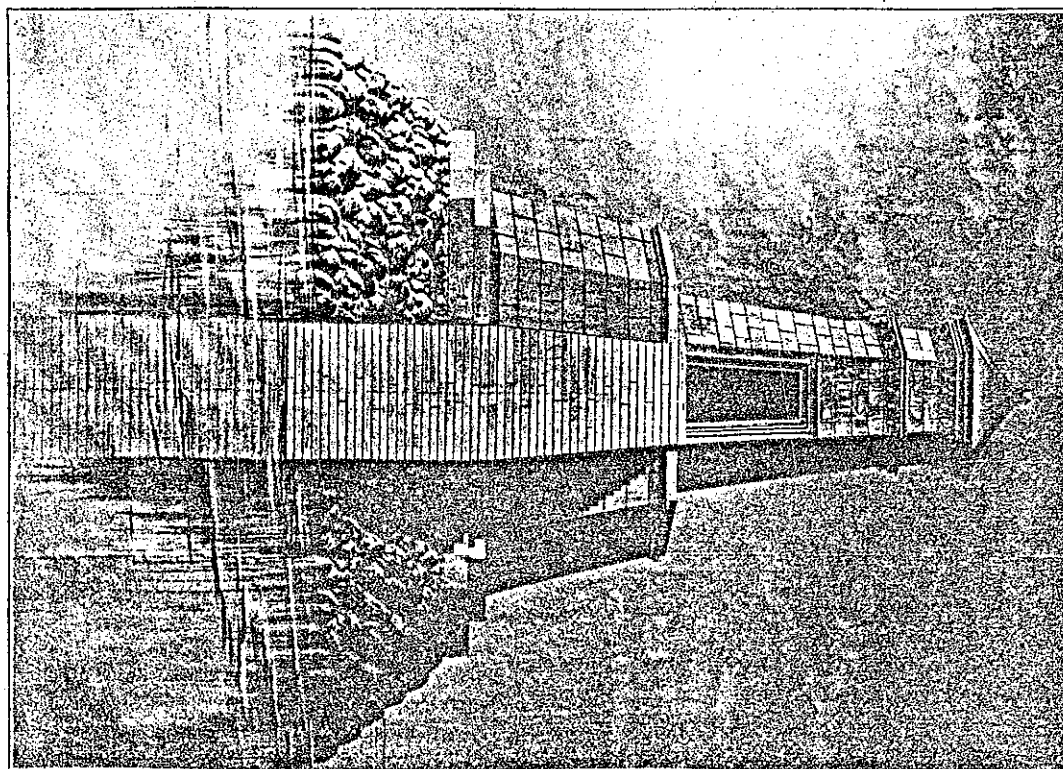
Welcome to the third in our series, which, over the months, will build into a comprehensive Literary guide to Archaeology; in the chair tonight we have John Schofield B.A. (Eng. Lit.) M.Phil. on Medieval Buildings...thank-you John, you're on the air....

"There is no book directly about Medieval London Buildings, except W.H.Godfrey's Architecture in and around London which is very good, but based on surviving examples of Church and Palace Architecture. Students of the Dunroamin of Medieval man revere three great names: Wood, Salzman, and Hewett. Margaret Wood's The English Medieval House (1965) still in print and at least £12, but worth it, is a well illustrated, exhaustive treatment of Upper Class Housing, while L.F.Salzman's Building in England down to 1540 (2nd. ed. 1967) alas out of print, is regarded as THE Bible; a life long study of documents, it describes all the processes in Building, the materials and who did what, with prices, and prints all the then known Building Contracts. The third member of this Holy group is Cecil Hewett, whose Development of Carpentry 1200-1700 (1969) just gone out of print, I think, is the most Vernacular of a series of studies of Medieval Carpentry in Houses, Churches and Cathedral. His next offering, 'Medieval Carpentry in London', is about to come out, but we have typescript copies. He shows you how a House Frame works, why a Jetty is necessary Structurally, how to date a house by the braces and so on.

For a specific Study which I found very useful, Vanessa Parker's The Making of Kings Lynn (1971): £7.50; serves as a Guide Book to a Town well worth visiting to see what London looked like around 1500. And of course you should go to the Weald and Downland Open air Museum at Singleton, near Chichester, to see Rescue Buildings themselves. I shall be organising a trip next Summer, which gives you just enough time to read all this lot....

PROBLEM (HALF) PAGE

Problem No. 2 in a series of WHAT IS ITs from Charlotte Harding



PRE-INDIAN TEMPLE AT WESTMINSTER.  
View of South Elevation, showing Temple, and base of intense strength, with the two bounding damp courses of schist, protected by a breakwater of boulders and steps of ascent from low water mark upwards.  
(Author's Copyright.)  
See the Cottonian MSS. in the British Museum.

C14 Clive reports that his recent teach-in on statistics at Knuston Hall went very well, especially as they were sharing the conference centre with a Spanish class. Instead of the customary summing-up on the last day, the participants indulged in an impromptu Flamenco dancing session, drinking home made El Plonko and learning to play the castanet.

C14 At a recent Great Debate on 5th October, it was agreed that a major aim of the DUA was NOT to retain the historical remains and topography of London, rather than allow its destruction whether by excavation or development. In spite of Mr Gadd's reason and Mr Schofield's complex and ambiguous turn of phrase, not a single vote was cast in their direction, as Mr Roskams talked his opponents into submission.

#### C14 BRITANNIAWIDE

The excavations of Raunds, a DMV up Northants way continues courtesy of many a former DUA hand. Rod (MLK) dropped into the Magogs to bring us up to date with this interesting site upon which the Manor house was found to directly overlie a saxon church.

The DUA presence was also felt in Canterbury recently: not only did Jackie dig St Disgustings Abbey this year, but Mr Roskams paid a visit to their deeply stratified occupation levels last week. Most exciting artefact, according to TTB is a very well preserved Roman Bronze set square.

C14 The CITYDIG motif came under fire at the October monthly meeting. John Maloney called upon the evidence of an opinion poll to show that most members of the public thought it referred to a firm of contractors. The confusing little item is to be phased out.

#### C14 TIME OUT:

The beautiful Pamela White together with the not quite so beautiful Mike Lee & Steve Roskams have invited all and sundry to a PARTY.... Saturday 28th October, 19 Edgely Road, SW4. (nearest Tube: Clapham North).

C14 Bernard Miles once rang up Ralph Merrifield in the Guildhall Museum, claiming to be Gaius Lucius of the Third Legion, stationed at Dowgate; "These f\*\*\*ing Britons, they're knocking down our wall" he wailed, "Right," replied Ralph, "I'll be straight down!" He had grabbed his hat and coat and was half way down the corridor before he realised....

C14 DON'T FORGET it is extremely foolish to go un-protected against Tetanus so be at the Basement at NOON on Tuesday October 17th..

#### C14 SMALL ADS

WANTED: Assorted digging clothes (inc. woolly jumper) prices negotiable; for poverty stricken Vol.. Contact Marietta on G.P.O.

WANTED: Fourth person to share House in Stamford Hill area. Rent reasonable. If interested contact Penny in the Finds Section.

FREE: I'm the only Kitten left now my Sisters have left me and I want somebody, preferably nice to look after me, ring Chrissie at Trig

C14 THE OCTOBER PROGRAM was Produced and Directed by Stanley Baldwin, aided and abetted by GM and PH, with additional material supplied by KF; DG; JAS; GAT; CH; & JA, many thank-yous to CU; & TH for the front cover and to BG for the Ralph Merrifield photo;

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