

## SIXTY-NINTH REPORT ON BARROWS

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### YEALM VALLEY, RENNY BROOK.

I am now able, thanks to Mr. C. E. B. DIXON, to supply a plan of the kistvaen on the right bank of the *Renny Brook*, to which reference has already been made in the sixty-sixth and sixty-eighth Reports. See plate 1. The full details which Mr. Dixon has kindly supplied, are as follows:—Position, lon.  $3^{\circ}-56'-7''$ , lat.  $50^{\circ}-27'-18\frac{1}{2}''$ ; internal dimensions, 36 ins. long; 15 ins. wide; 26 ins. deep; direction of length N.  $55^{\circ}$  W.; site on Ordnance six-inch, sheet cxix, N.W. These data replace the former approximations, but the corrections are not of archaeological importance.

### ROBOROUGH DOWN, BUCKLAND MONACHORUM.

Reference was made in the sixty-eighth Report to an earth barrow on Roborough Down, destroyed in the construction of an aerodrome during the late war. I had intended providing a photograph of this barrow, but circumstances prevented.

### REDLAKE FOOT, ERME VALLEY.

This is the same barrow which, in the sixtieth Report was described as "*Erme Pound, to the North of.*" Reported by Mr. J. Dobson and Mr. R. C. E. Carpenter, it has since been opened by Mr. C. E. B. Dixon, and found to contain a rifled kistvaen.

As has been found elsewhere, those who broke into this kistvaen were treasure-hunters rather than antiquaries, and either overlooked or dismissed as valueless two worked flakes of flint which Mr. Dixon found, and, with a more modern sense of values, preserved. One face in each flake is left as it was when first severed from the core. The other face of flake A shews considerable secondary chipping along the edges and at the ends. The corresponding face of flake B shows secondary chipping over its whole surface.

Flake A is especially interesting in that at both ends there is ample evidence of use upon some hard substance, the solid angles left by the flaking having been rubbed down, smoothed and left with a dull polish; the following are the details of these flakes:

Flake A : length 63.5 mm. ( $2\frac{1}{4}$  ins.), greatest width 21.4 mm. ( $\frac{27}{32}$  in.), greatest thickness 7.15 mm. (0.28 in.), weight 10.2 gms. (157 gns.).

Flake B : length 63.5 mm. ( $2\frac{1}{4}$  ins.), greatest width 25.4 mm. (1 in.), greatest thickness 7.93 mm. (0.31 in.).

Weights : flake A 10.2 gms. (157 gns.), flake B 11.3 gms. (174 gns.). In shape and size these are much like other worked flakes which have been found on Dartmoor, and, taken together they constitute a type ; for which, in the present state of our knowledge, I do not venture to give a specific name, or suggest a purpose. These flints occurred at a depth of 28 ins.

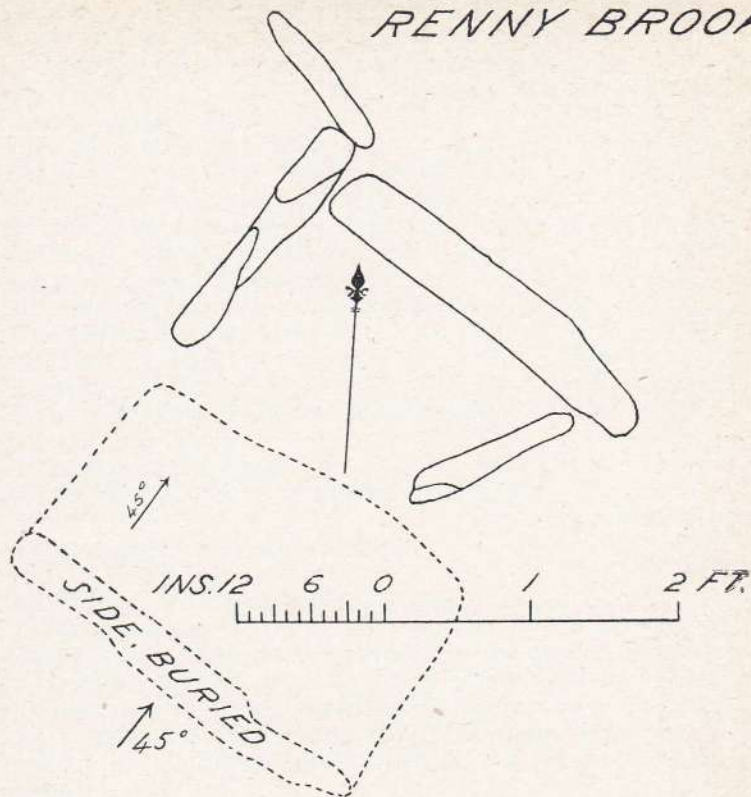
The location of the barrow is, O.S. Devon 6 ins., sheet cxiii s.w. lon.  $3^{\circ}-55'-13''$ , lat.  $50^{\circ}-28'-40\frac{1}{2}''$ . The internal dimensions of the kist are, length 36 ins., breadth 26 ins., depth 38 ins. to  $41\frac{1}{2}$  ins. The ground is distinctly wet at most seasons of the year. The direction of length of the kistvaen is N.63°W.

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KISTVAENS

	Internal diameter of Retaining Circle, if any.
Archerton Tennis Court	7 ft.
Black Newtake (1)	24 ft. 3 ins.
Black Newtake (3)	24 ft. 6 ins.
Brent Moor House, near Avon	
Brockhill Ford. Avon.	26 ft.
Butterdon Hill, near Hangershell	
Chittleford Down, between Router and Cherry Brooks	9 ft. 10 ins. plus wall
Chittleford, near Archerton	
Corringdon Ball Gate, E. Glaze	
Down Tor, Meavy	
Dunnabridge Common	12 ft.
Dunnabridge Pound Farm, Newtake	
Fox Tor Mire Newtake	
Gutter, Ringmoor, Plym. (2)	
Harrowthorn Plantation, N. of Yealm	
Lee Moor, Shaugh Prior, Plym.	
Piles Hill, West Glaze	
Renny Brook, north of Yealm	
Renny Brook, Yealm	
Stanlake, near Meavy	18 ft.
Stall Down, Erme	
Stennon Hill, near Powdermills	
Stannon Little Newtake, Stannon Brook	11 ft.
Yar Tor, East Dart	two 10 ft. 6 ins. and 34 ft.

*RENNY BROOK.*



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CAIRNS, BARROWS and RETAINING CIRCLES, without accompanying kists as far as at present known.

Internal diameter of circle

Black Newtake, Cherrybrook	
Brent Fore Hill, East Glaze	
Buckland Ford, Avon. Two concentric circles.	
Butterdon Hill, Harford and Ugborough	
Corndon Tor, ridge between East Dart and West Webburn	
Corrindon, Glasscombe, Glaze.	
Eastern Beacon, Ugborough.	
Harrowthorn Plantation, near Yealm	
Huntingdon Barrow, Avon.	
Lee Moor, Shaugh Prior, Plym.	8 ft. 6 ins.
Ringmoor, Sheepstor, Plym.	11 ft. 2 ins.
Roborough Down, Buckland Monachorum	
Stennen Hill, No. 2	
Three Barrows, S. Brent	
Wigford Down, Meavy and Plym. Nos. 1, 2,	
3, 4, 5.	No. 4, 20 ft. 6 ins.
Yellowmead Farm, near Walkham	

#### KISTVAENS, DIMENSIONS OF.

The dimensions which I have been able to add from more recent survey make little difference to the figures formerly used when regarded in gross. I now obtain positional mean of lengths—3 ft.; in the 56th Report this stood as 3 ft. 0½ ins. The positional mean of the breadths is 1 ft. 10 ins., 56th Report 1 ft. 10 ins. Positional mean of depths 2 ft. 7½ ins., in 56th Report 2 ft. 6½ ins.

#### DIRECTION OF LENGTH OF KISTVAENS.

With the exception of one kist, *Stennen Hill, near Powder Mills*, which was mentioned in a footnote to the 56th Report as having the wholly unusual direction, for a Dartmoor kist, of N.20°E, nothing has since been found which modifies my former statements as to a general orientation to the North-West Quadrant.

#### RETAINING CIRCLES.

In the lists of kistvaens, barrows and cairns above given I have inserted the internal diameters of all retaining circles surveyed since the 56th Report.

#### OBJECTS OF MAN'S HANDIWORK FOUND IN BARROWS.

Beyond some slight fragments of pottery the only additions to our discovery are the two worked flint flakes, discovered by Mr. Dixon, and described in this Report under the heading of *Redlake Foot*.

## APPENDIX I.

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