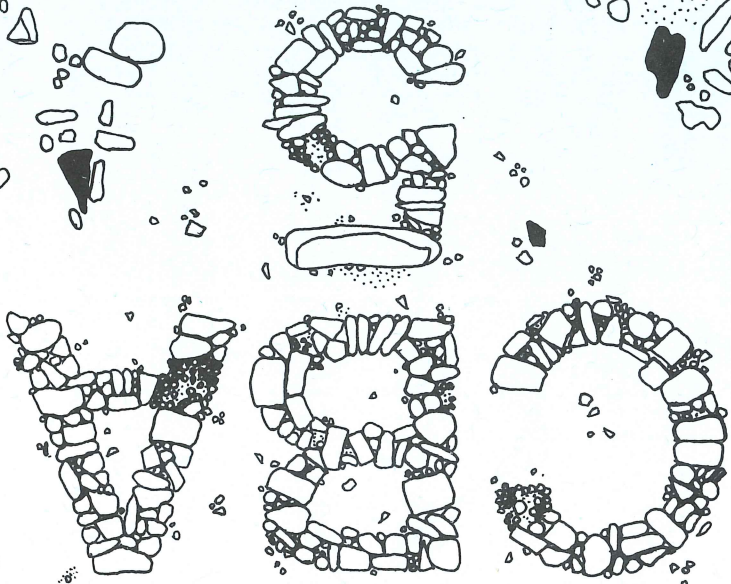
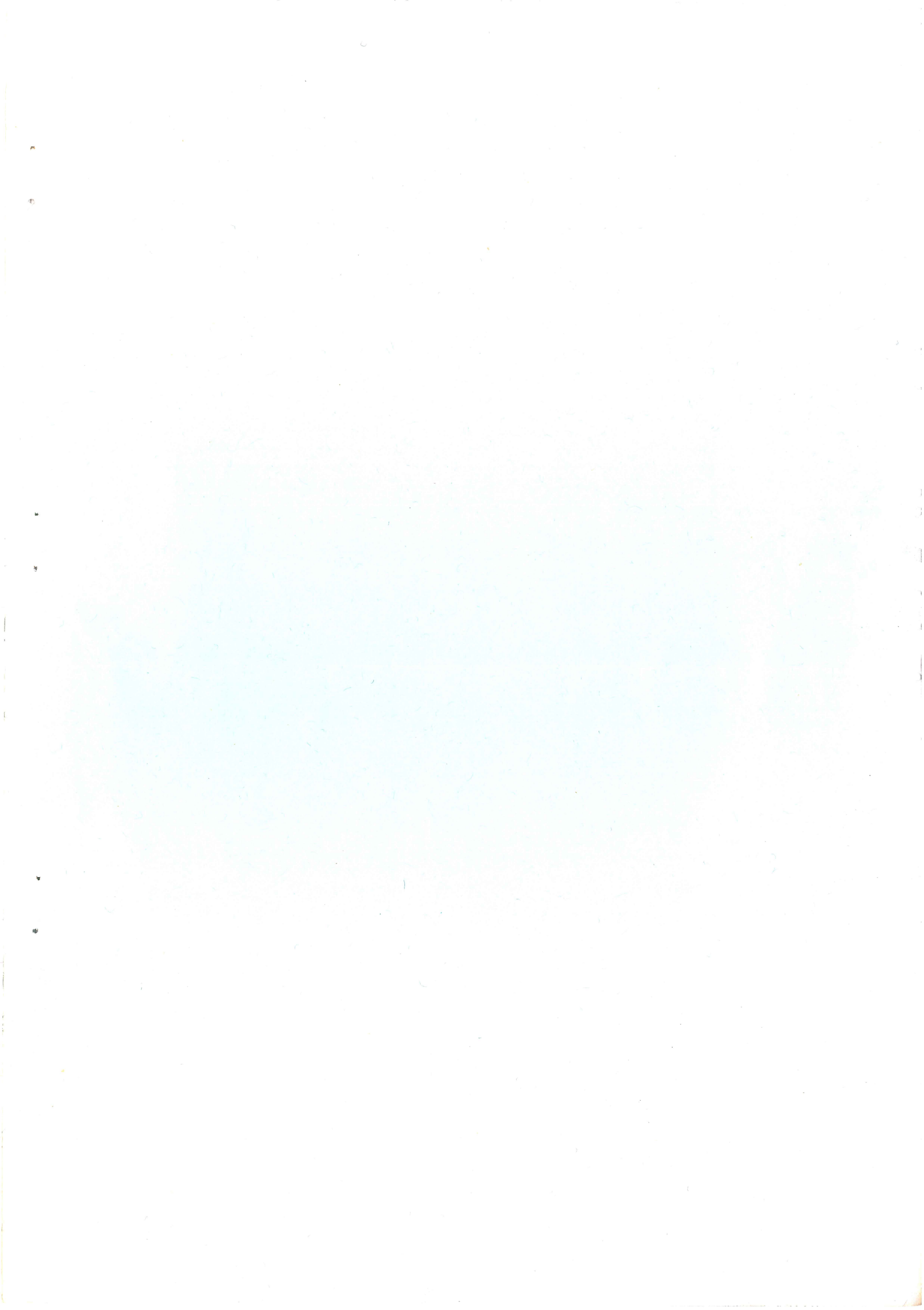


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1. FORTHCOMING VOLUNTARY WORK

CHESTER
Volunteers are needed to help to study finds from recent excavations. Subsidence allowance for 2 weeks' work or more.

Details from:

Field Officer,
Grosvenor Museum,
Chester CH1 2DD.

2. FORTHCOMING COURSES, TOUR ETC.

CHESHIRE
Various locations. The following courses began in 1983, and continue in 1984:

British Archaeology Seminar
(P.F. Davey)

Discovering the Pharaohs
(Barbara Waterson)

After the Legions: Celt and Saxon in Dark-Age Britain
(Jennifer Laing)

Historic Houses of Cheshire
(P.L. Williams)

The Parish and Monastic Church: Cheshire and the North-west (A.L. Thacker and F.I. Dunn)

Medieval Landscape and Society in West Cheshire
(P.H.W. Booth and P.J. Davey).

Details from:

W.E.A.,
Mrs. S. Winterton,
7 Broom Cres.,
Larvin, Chester.

RYLDE and MID-LANCS
Various locations. The following courses began in 1983 and continue in 1984:

Pyramids and Pharaohs: The Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt
(Mrs. C. Hobson)

Introduction to Archaeology
(D. Hunt)

Details from:

W.E.A.,
D.F. Bates,
8 Dames Close,
Kirkham, Preston.

MANCHESTER

Roman Frontier Settlements 4 Feb 84.
G.D.B. Jones et al.

Ancient Macedonia 11 Feb 84.
A.J.N.W. Prag et al.

Each £4 (£3 for pensioners, students, unemployed).

Details from:

Extra-Mural Dept,
University of Manchester,
Manchester M13 9PL.

MANCHESTER

Various locations. The following courses began in 1983 and continue in 1984:

Egyptology.

(A. Rosalie David)

The Greek Mediterranean
(C. Binns)

Castlefield and the Industrial Revolution
(R.G. Manders and G. Breeds)

Details from:

W.E.A.,
Mrs. E.B. Carling,
9 Ullswater Rd.,
Handforth, Wilmslow,
SK9 3NG.

ROME

30 Jun - 13 Jul. Imperium Romanum study tour.
C.L.M. Harding.
Approx. £320, incl. fares, bed and breakfast.

Details: as for MANCHESTER (University)

VISITS, WALKS, EXCAVATIONS

(Dept. of Extra-Mural Studies, University of
Manchester, Manchester M13 9PL)

29 Apr

Corinium and Chedworth (visit). Denise Kenyon.
£9.10

2 May

Historic Manchester I (walk). C.E. Makepeace.
£1.25 (evg)

3 and 5 May

Boughton House and Gardens (evg mtg/walk).
J.H. Cordingley. £9.15

9 May

Historic Manchester II (walk). C.E. Makepeace.
£1.25 (evg)

12 May

Beverley Minster (visit). D. O'Connor.
£7.65

13 May

Abeydale Forge and North Leveton Windmill (visit)
C.L.G. Boucher. £6.80

16 May (evg)

Historic Manchester III (walk). C.E. Makepeace.
£1.25

20 May Hexham and the Northumbrian Renaissance (visit). £9.10
 Dentise Kenyon. £9.10
 20 May Castles of Yorkshire (visit). N.J. Higham. £6.25
 16 and 20 May The North York Moors (evg mtg/visit). Elizabeth Oldfield. £8.55
 22 May The Building Stones of Manchester (walk). F.M. Broadhurst. £1.25
 23 May The Cheshire Farm (visit). Jill Burton. £3
 30 May Worsley and the Canal Duke (walk). Helen Wickham. £1.25
 3 Jun Romans in the Stainmore Pass (visit). J.H. Allen. £8.65
 13 Jun Glossop: The Birth of a Mill Town (visit/walk). J.H. Smith £2.85
 17 Jun Lead Mining in Mid-Wales and the Borders (visit). Hazel E. Fryer. £8.80
 13 and 17 Jun The Yorkshire Wolds (evg mtg/visit). Elizabeth Oldfield. £7.70
 17 Jun AS FOR 3 JUN.
 24 Jun Tunnels, Locks and Lakes: A Canal Tour (visit). C.T.G. Boucher. £6.25
 21 and 24 Jun Edwardian Castles of Wales II (evg mtg/visit). N.J. Higham. £9.15
 27 Jun Manchester's Historic Waterways (walk). A. Millward. £1.25
 1 Jul Hillforts of Cheshire (visit). Margaret Worthington. £6.25
 3 Jul Salt and the Cheshire Waterways (visit). A. Millward. £3
 8 Jul Man in the Peak (visit). J. Walker. £5.40
 30 Jun - Origins of Man in Patton (training excavation). (Neo-med). N.J. Higham. £24 * per week for tuition only.
 6 Jul
 7-13 Jul
 14-20 Jul
 28 Jul - Romans and Saxons in the Welsh Marches, (training excavation). D. Hill. (OPTION, wk 1 only - trial excavation of presumed Rom lead mining site, Linley, Montgomery. G.D.B. Jones). Orla's Dyke at Brompton, Shropshire. £42 * per week for tuition only.
 4 Aug
 4-11 Aug

(* reductions for students, unemployed, pensioners)

3. FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society.

- Feb 10 A.G.M., and "Manchester photographers of the nineteenth century." Sandra A. Martin.
- Mar 9 "Albion's grey progress: The Albion Congregational Church, Ashton-under-Lyne." C. Binfield.
- Apr 13 "The history of the Macclesfield Canal and its impact on life in North-East Cheshire." W.H. Shercliff.
- May 11 "The medieval boroughs of the Greater Manchester area." J. Lloyd.

Merseyside Archaeological Society.

- Jan 19 Robina McNeill Sale Excavations at Alsager
- Feb 16 H. Forbes The Archaeologist as Anthropologist
- Mar 15 Dorothy Downes Animals in Ancient Egypt
- Mar 31 Moated Sites Seminar (the Moated Sites Research Group will be taking part).

Flint Seminars (dir.: Becky Smart)

- Jan 16)
 Jan 30)
 Feb 13)
 Feb 27)
 Mar 12)

4. LITERATURE

Research Objectives in British Archaeology.

London, C.B.A., 1982. £1.85

Archaeology in Britain 1982. 104 pp. London, C.B.A., 1983. £3.75.
 (Mentions : Alsager (c), excvn of 2 BA barrows at Church Lawton, secondary cremations, stone surround, details; Beeston (c), wk at the cas; Borwick (I), BA cairn, inhumations, cremations, underlying enclosure; Chester, ? designation of city centre, excvns at the cas, details of fortress changes 02-4; Dukinfield (GM), excvns of the 016 Old Hall; Goodshaw (I), structural evidence of 018 Baptist chap; Gtr Manchester, moated sites and other surveys; Rochdale (I), heritage survey; Salley Abbey (I), excvns; Twiss Green (C), total excvn of the island of a moated farmstead; Walton-le-Dale (I), Rom military site with also extensive industr activity; Wigan (GM), Rom settlement confirmed; Wythenshawe (GM), excvn of Peel Hall, moated.)

Current Research in Archaeology, no. 10. Univ Sheffield. Free to major universities and institutions. (Notes on research, theses and publications). Details from: Mrs. Robin Zvelebil, University of Sheffield, Sheffield S10 2TN.

Guide to Undergraduate University Courses in Archaeology, 2nd edn. Fiona Roe and J. May. £1.25 (£1.00 for C.B.A. members.)

The Impact of Aerial Reconnaissance on Archaeology. G.S. Maxwell (ed.). £17.50 (£13.25 for C.B.A. members). (Proc of a conf at Nottingham, Dec 1980.)

Both the above from:

C.B.A.,
112 Kennington Rd.,
London SE11 6RE.

Archaeological Resources Handbook for Teachers, 2nd edn. M.J. Corbishley (ed.). 152 pp. 1983. £2.50 post free.

For schools:

Archaeology in the Classroom, A. in the Town, A. in the Countryside, A. in the Primary School. Each 24 pp., illus. 50p each, or all five for £2, post free.

All the above from:

Council for British Archaeology,
112 Kennington Rd.,
London SE11 6RE.

Ancient Britain: Map of the Major Visible Monuments, 3rd edn. Scale 1:625,000. Southampton, Ordnance Survey, 1982. £3.70

Cheshire Archaeological Bulletin, no. 8, 1982

pp. 6 - 9 A group of Roman hypocaust pilae at the Keeper's Cottage, Oakmere, Ches. D.P.J. Mason (Stone, and shown to have originated at Chester.)

pp. 10 - 11 Environmental archaeology of the Peckforton Hills. J. Schoenwetter. (Material from postulated prehist sites has been removed by cultural events and physical forces, and subsequently buried deeply under sediment.)

pp. 12 - 14

Cheshire - Scheduled Ancient Monuments, 31 Oct 82. (Alpraham 575599 round barrow; Bollington 940789 idem; Coddington 453553 mound; Congleton 905622 idem; The Bridesstones; Delamere 567670 7 rd bars.; Eccleston 414628 mound; Horton 454484 rd bar.; Kingsley 534734 bar.; Lyme Handley 970804 2 rd bars.; Macclesfield Forest 972719 rd bar.; Oakmere 570713 rd bar. (Gallowsclough Cop); Over Alderley 857746 rd bar.; Rainow, 958766 idem, 971764 idem, 964759 idem (Yearn's Low); 972791 idem; Saddington 846725 idem; Somerton 830635 Long bar.; Tytherton 914748 rd bar.; Urkinton 555662 idem; Winwick 613932 idem; Sutton 925713 cairn; Burton 303737 earthwk; Blockerton 498529 Maiden Gas; Delamere 553694 Eddisbury Camp; Frodsham 510756 Woodhouse Hill C.; Helsby 493753 H. Hill C.; Kingsley 539678 Bradley C.; Oakmere 576678 C.; Delamere 532675 Kelsborrow hillfort; Appleton/Streeton 628831-637837 Ro rd (2 sites); Chester 406656 Edgar's Cave - Minerva shrine, 408662 Ro amphitheatre, 406666 Abbey Green Ro site; Claverton 411636 Heronbridge Ro site; Newbold Astbury 83762 earthwk; Oakmere 563692 Ro rd in Delamere Forest; Warrington 612862 Wilderspool Ro site; Eccleston 401625 moated site; Huntington 420635 idem; Hampton 494491 idem; Marston-cum-Lache

393635 idem; Prestbury 896798 idem (Foxtwaist);
 Totton 756813 DMV; Upton-by-Chester 424691 m. site;
 (Upton Grange); Wyubury 703498, 702496 2 m. sites;
 Elton 455748 m. site; Widnes 478847 idem (Lovel's
 Hall); Bala 561895 idem (Barrow Old Hall); Rushton
 579631 idem; Knutsford 770780 idem (Booth's Hall);
 Rudeath 704701 idem, Fishponds (Drakelow Hall);
 Minshull Vernon 68963 m. site; Huntington 429620
 idem; Anderton 647752 Boat Lift; Bunbury 578591
 Locks, br, stables; Warrington 597876 Transporter
 Br; Wrenbury 590480 wooden lifting br; Ashton
 507693 med kiln; Bueron 437606 moated site;
 Ellesmere Fort 449765 manor ho (Ince); Hale 478827
 duck decoy; Macleestield 972721 earthwk; Wincle
 965658 mound; Chester 409661 St. John's ch (ruins),
 405663 St. Nicholas chap, 404665 Little Abbey
 gateway; Ellesmere Fort 301747 St. Andrew's Hosp
 (site), 427773 Stanlow Abbey (rems); Runcorn 548830
 Norton Priory; Winsterford 639699 Vale Royal Abbey;
 Knutsford 765788 St. John's chap (site); Werwin
 419718 chap (site); Disley 974844 cross base; Lyme
 Handley 966824 cr heads; Macleestield 911741 pre-
 Norman cr shafts; Prestbury 900769 cr; Sandback
 758608 crosses; Sutton 956692 cr; Wincle 952674
 Cluelow Cr; Lyme Handley 974813 The Bow Stones;
 Aldford 419596 mote-and-bailley castles; Beeston
 537592 cas; Chester 405658 cas, 401665-406667 city
 wall, twrs, gates, posters; Church Shocklach 434508
 cas; Dodington 708740 cas; Doldston 361608 cas;
 Oakmere 567718 m-and-b; Oldcastle 468442 Cas. Hill;
 Rulford 375587 cas; Runcorn 538820 cas (Halton);
 Shotwick 349704 cas; Malpas 486472 Cas. Hill;
 Chester 407657 Dee Br; Congleton 891658 Crossley
 (Colley Mill) Br; Aldford-and-Poulton 418601 Iron Br;
 Farnon 411544 Br.

pp. 15 - 21 Bucklow Hundred: The Domesday survey and the rural
 community. N.J. Higham. (Population patterns, wastling
 and productivity.)

pp. 22 - 30 Beeston Castle. P.R. Hough. (Excavations: outer
 gateway - pre-cas, med, post-med; outer ward;
 causeway to inner w; Lower Green; Finds; Documentary
 res; mus.)

pp. 30 - 33 Biddulph Moor: A Roman road on the Cheshire border in
 North Staffordshire. F. Wroe. (Air photos, fieldwk,
 2 sections: rd is ml, som 7m wide - conjectured
 from Chester to a crossing of the R. Dane where
 there might be a fortlet.)

pp. 34 - 35 Bunbury: Chantry House and Aldersey Grammar School.
 J.A. Rutter. (Documentary res., geophys survey and
 contour survey of a C16 C.H. incorporated into a sch.
 The C.H., a fine, small, close-studded timber-framed
 bldg, has been retored, and much sch material
 retrieved.)

p. 36 Chester: Congregational Church Cemetary. M.G. Morris,
 and photographed, and all gravestone inscriptions
 copied.)

- pp. 56 - 58 Chester: Greyfriars Court 1981-82. S. Ward. (Excavations. Ro timber and stone bldgs, C2-4; cisterns; ? aqueduct. Med. timber bldgs, perhaps early temp. accomm. for the Friary, and a guest ho. and/or President's lodging.)
- pp. 38 - 39 Chester: Hunter Street. T.J. Strickland. (Ro. Intervallum, foundations of massive bldg.)
- pp. 39 - 40 Chester: North Wall. T.J. Strickland. (Moulded cornice is orig Ro; chamfered plinth found, also some orig parapet and walkway (4.80m above plinth. C4 work here can now be seen as repairs.)
- pp. 40 - 41 Chester: 120 Northgate Street. J.A. Rutter. (Jar, hard, gravel-tempered, white-streaked pink-brown. C17, related to German stone-ware flags, but perhaps made at Buckley.)
- pp. 42 - 43 Chester: Princess Street Area 1981-82. T.J. Strickland. (E-W aligned barracks of several phases. Track to rubbish-dump C1-2. C3 large bldg, possibly stores depot, with C4 sheds, some for metal-working; survived, though ruins, to C10. Long narrow bldg, possibly for wagons and stores. Enormous bldg, part of which had been thought to be the Praetorium, may have been the leg hospitl.)
- p. 43 Chester: Shipgate Street. T.J. Strickland. (No conclusive evidence for occupation; tipped large ashlar blocks of sandstone.)
- pp. 43 - 45 Chester: Stocks Lane, Great Boughton. S. Ward, F. Garrington. M.G. Morris. (Ro urn cremation. Related to others found in this area. Early coarse "Ro" pottery, c. 80-120 A.D.)
- pp. 45 - 46 Chester Castle. P.R. Hough. (Pt of West Range was demolished, revealing foundations of the C17 armory, walling on the line of the med curtain and pt of a med square twr. Many finds, incl. a C13-14 sherd.)
- pp. 46 - 47 Church Lawton, North, Burial Mound. Robina McNeill. (2 phases of earthen round barrow, 16m and 50m wide. Phase I bar. had ditch, and 18 non-central cremations. Phase II bar. yielded 1 cremation and 5 fire-pits.)
- pp. 47 - 49 Church Lawton, South, Burial Mound. Robina McNeill. (Earthen bar. surrounded by a 9-stone circle. No burials, but a central "mortuary house.")
- p. 48 Dodleston. M.G. Morris. (Rd running SE from church; lane can be traced to link with others. Now covered, but remains a right-of-way. Rectangular kerbstones, surface of very small cobbles.)
- pp. 49 - 52 Eaton-by-Tarporley. D.J.F. Mason. (Fieldwk and excavations on the site of C19 Ro finds. Substantial bldg, probably winged-corridor, suggesting the main ho of a Ro villa complex (probably C3). Walls sand-stone and limestone; roof tiles, shingles, slates; rooms; hypocaust; op. sig. floors; baths suite with hypocausts. Reconstruction traceable; probably

G. 350 A.D. Possible timber precursor. Overlying one corner is a med bldg. constructed of robbed Ro stone, yielding debris and wasters from a pottery kiln (probably C13-14).

Middlewich. S.R. Williams. (Excavations at Wych Ho La produced med pottery, animal bones and a (? post-med) pit c. 5x6m in plan.)

Nantwich. Robina McNeil. (Rescue excavations at the Bowling Green revealed shallow trenches containing med and later pottery. Probably field boundaries, these confirm that land E of St. Mary's Church was always wasteland.)

pp. 54 - 56

(Excavations SW of the main bldgs revealed a C13 drain, the C14 main drain, C12 post pits for wooden bldgs, remains of a major masonry bldg, much stained glass (in which elements of decoration can be found, even though the glass has devitrified), and a new, unsuspected bldg. A geophysical survey located precisely the S arm of the moat system.)

p. 56

Sandbach. S.R. Williams. (Rescue excavations at the Crown Hotel and Hawk St disclosed med occupation; at Hawk St a med timber-framed bldg was apparently replaced by a brick cottage. Pottery and a lead spindle-whorl.)

pp. 56 - 63

Tattenhall. J.A. Rutter. (Observations of commercial excavations near St. Alban's Church revealed bldg foundations and artifacts from the Ro to the post-med periods, notably painted plaster (? Ro), C3-4 Nene-Valley-ware rim, C13-14 skillet handle, green-tinge window glass, C19-20 clay tobacco pipe bowl, blue slate gaming counter. Nuremberg token (c. 1520).)

pp. 63 - 65

Tatton Park. N.J. Higham. (Various surveys and excavations of Tatton DMV. "Longhouse", 28m long; traces of 2 other timber bldgs, one fenced by stakes; part of a post-hole structure, possibly med; ditches; infilled C14; undated ditch; C18 pits; small (?storage) pits; worked flints (probably prehist.); pottery C10-15.)

pp. 65 - 66

Utkinton. S.R. Williams. (Air photos revealed rig-and-furrow and (? drainage) ditches.)

pp. 66 - 67

Warrington. S.R. Williams. (Near the "Old Academy." Stone steps belonging to the cellar of a tannery C17 or earlier; C19 clay tobacco pipes, incl. decorated examples from Paris; mosaic floor tiles made for the Friary; residual Ro pottery.)

pp. 70 - 92

Stray finds etc. (Antrobus, polished flint axe, suggested Kentish; Bramhall, 12 worked flints and a barbed-and-tanged arrowhead; Congleton, mudstone spindle-whorl; Hazel Grove, flint knife; Lymm, Neo/EBA flint knife (? imported from Sale); Mottram St. Andrew, EBA bronze flat axe; Newbold Astbury, stone axe-hammer; Spurstow, EBA bronze axe; Tarvin, quern-stone; Whitegate, looped palstave; Claverton,

03 circular bronze brooch, 02 enamelled bronze brooch;
 Daresbury, denarius, Hadrian; Ness, sestertius,
 ? Marcus Aurelius, fibula, probably 01; Weston,
 hoard, denarii, Domitian, Trojan, Hadrian, fibulae,
 dolphin types; Winsford, rim of large jar (? Ro);
 Wyburnbury, denarius, Julia Domna wife of Septimius
 Severus; Claverton, med lead spindle-whorl; silver
 penny, Hen-III; Dutton, handled ampulla (pilgrim's
 flask), pewter, scallop decoration, long-cross penny,
 Edw I, II or III, short-cross halfpenny, Joh/Hen III;
 Henhull, gold ring set with garnet, suggested 013,
 med bronze seal matrix; Nantwich, lead seal matrix,
 personal, Robert of ? Bostock; Oakmere, horse brass
 or pendant, enamelled, bearing Plantagenet arms;
 Sutton, silver penny, Edw I; Chester, St. John's
 Church gans, 5 clay tobacco pipes; Claverton, shilling,
 Eliz I, shilling, Jam I; Coole Hall Em, 4 clay
 tobacco pipe bowls, 017-18; Dutton, silver shilling,
 Jam I; Nantwich, bronze coin weight, probably Dutch,
 017 or 18, metal jetton, 016; Salghon, threepence,
 Eliz I, shilling, Chas I; Wrenbury, 016-17 fragments
 of pottery, glass and clay tobacco pipes from a devel-
 opment area, Shotton (Clwyd), large fragment of
 aureochs cranium, probably Flavian interglacial; Coole
 Plate, small clay heads previously reported may be
 "Aunt Sally"s; Nantwich, timber and cobbled rd
 surfaces and timber-lined duct observed; Worleston,
 Fieldwk on Middlewich - (?) Whitchurch Ro rd from
 Park Em to near Reeseheath Old Hall.)

Cheshire History, no. 10, Autumn 1982.

pp. 11 - 17 D.E. Owen

Cheshire Canals (Weaver Navigation,
 Mersey & Irwell N, Sankey N, Trent &
 Mersey C, Runcorn-Latchford C,
 Bridgewater C, Manchester Ship C,
 Shropshire Union C, Chester C, Ellesmere
 C, Macclesfield C.)

pp. 39 - 52 L. McKenna

An Outline of the Development of the
 Timber Frame in Cheshire. (Mentioned:
 Northwich area, Tollemache Estate, Little
 Moreton Ha, Breerton Ha, Sandbach Old Ha,
 Gawsorth Old Rectory, St. Michaels Ch
 (Baddley), Chantry Ho (Bunbury), no at
 Congleton, Haslington Ha, Church's Mans
 (Nantwich), Sweetbriar Ha (Nantwich);
 decorative paneling: Church Ho (Tarvin),
 Denton Ha, "The Falcon" (Chester),
 Church's Mans, "White Lion" (Knutstford),
 Blackden Ha (Goostrey), Chorley Old Ha
 (Alderley Edge), Little Moreton Ha,
 Haslington Ha; Moss Ha (Andlem),
 Nantwich Almshouses, Delamere For;
 cruck variations: Grange Cott
 (Knutstford), Lord Ha (Goostrey), Moss
 Em Barn (Bowden), Woodhouses Cruck Barn
 (now in Tatton Park), School La Barn
 (Gt Budworth), no in Beeston, St.
 Michaels Ch (Baddley), Oak Farmho
 (Styal).)

Cornmill Sites in Cheshire 1066-1850. Pt. 1. (Ch. 1. Types of mill. Ch. 2. The Iron Age to the Domesday Book - Cheshire and the distribution of corn-milling in England. Ch. 3. Domesday mills in Cheshire (mentioned: mills at Eastham, Frodsham, Weaverham, Macleesfield, Christleton, Lliston, Farnon, Coddington, Breerton, Wotton, Aston-by-Sutton, Gt Budworth, Barrow, Stapleford, Acton, Bowdon, Prenton.)

"Reports of the Committee for Archaeological Air Photography for 1981." C.F. O'Brien et al. Aerial Archaeol, 7, 1983, pp. 1-4. (Incl NW region.)

The Changing East: Some Recent Work in the Archaeology of Northern England. N.J. Higham (ed.). 87 pp., illus. Univ Manchester Dept Extra-Mural Studs, 1979. £3. (Incl. M.J. Higham on a survey of the Upper Lune valley, with an index of 65 sites; S.R. Williams on med and later shadow sites; Denise Kenyon on the hist of med open-field agriculture; G.D.B. Jones on aerial archaeol; D.C.A. F. Webster on the military-dominated supply patterns of coarse pottery; M.J. Higham on evidence for peasant continuity in the 1st millennium A.D.)

Archaeology and Coastal Change. F.H. Thompson (ed.). 154 pp., illus. Soc. Antiq London Occasl Rpr, n.s., 1, 1980. £12. (Incl. M.J. Pooley on NW England and G.D.B. Jones on settlement in the Wirral and R. Dee area.)

"The Yorkshire archaeological register: 1978." S. Moorhouse. Yorks. Archaeol J., 51, 1979, pp. 1-13. (Incl: Gisburn, undated banks and ditches; Gisburn Forest, millstone working site.)

25 Years of Medieval Archaeology. D.A. Hinton (ed.) 135 pp., illus. Sheffield, Univ Sheffield Dept Prehist Archaeol, 1983. £8 (chs to "J.R. Collis re publication").

Rural Settlement in the Roman North. P. Clack and Susanne Haselgrove. 165 pp., illus. Durham, C.B.A. 3, 1982. £3.70 from Dept. Archaeol., Univ. Durham, 46 Saddler St., Durham DH1 3NU. (Incl A. Olivier on the Ribchester vicus.)

The Roman West in the Third Century: Contributions from Archaeology and History. A. King and M. Henig (eds). 538 pp., illus. Oxford, BAR Int Ser S109, 1981. £20. (Incl: Strickland on Chester.)

Medieval Monasteries of Great Britain. T. Butler and C. Given-Wilson. 416 pp., illus. London, Michael Joseph, 1979. £8.50 net. (Described (usually with photos and plans): Chester Cathedral, Sawley Abbey, Whalley Abbey; mentioned: Birkenhead P, Cockersand A, St. Mary P (Lancaster), Norton A, Upholland P.)

A Bibliography of Railway History, 2nd edn. G. Ottley. 684 pp (incl 200 pp index). London, HMSO (Sci Mus), 1983. £25. (8000 entries. Corrected version of the 1966 edn. A Supplement, due Nov 1983, will have 5000 entries, mostly post-1963.)

History of Gwynedd. Dorothy Sylvester. Pp. 144 + 32 of plates, 18 maps. Phillimore, 1983. £7.95. (From earliest times.)

Sea-level Changes: North-West England during the Flindrian Stage. M.J. Tooley. 252 pp., illus. Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1978.

"Aerial photography in Lancashire." A. Olivier. Aerial Archaeol, 2, 1978, pp. 61-62.

"Aerial photography on Merseyside." B. Sheppard. Aerial Archaeol, 2, 1978, p. 63.

Catalogue of the Prehistoric Metalwork in Merseyside County Museums (Formerly Liverpool Museum). Susan M. Nicholson. 148 pp., illus. Merseyside County Cncl/Unit Liverpool Dept Prehist Archaeol, Work Notes, 2, 1980. £6 post-free.

Roman Britain from the Air. S.S. Frere and J.K.S. St. Joseph. Pp. XVII + 232, illus., 142 photos. C.U.P., 1983. (Sites photographed and/or described incl: Caerhun, Catterick Br, Chester, Dolancothi, Grassington, Hardknot, Lune Gorge (road), Malham, Maryport, Stainmore, Wroxeter, Watling St W.)

Roman Pottery Research in Britain and NW Europe: Papers Presented to Graham Webster. A.C. & A.S. Anderson (eds.). 535 pp., illus. Oxford, BAR Int Ser, S123 (I - II), 1981. £18. (Incl: Ward and Carrington on three types of customer at Chester; Hartley on pottery stamps at Chester; Carrington on mortaria from Chester; Hartley on painted fine wares from Wilderspool)

"The Roman occupation of NW England: The coin evidence." D.C.A. Shotter. Trans Camb Westmor Antiq Archaeol Soc, n.s., 80, 1980, pp. 1-15.

"Medieval logboats of the River Mersey: A classification study." S. McGrail and R. Switsur. In The Archaeology of Medieval Ships and Harbours in Northern Europe, pp. 93-115. BAR Int. Ser., 66, 1979. £7.

"Medieval Britain in 1978." L.B. Webster and J. Cherry. In Medieval Archaeol, 22, 1979, pp. 234-278. (Incl: Beeston Cas; contour survey, gateway approach, gate tower, stone steps, hearth, C17-18 clay pipes; Greyfriars Court, Chester; Norton Priory, Runcom.)

Studies in Medieval Sculpture. F.H. Thompson (ed.). 228 pp., illus. Soc Antiq Occas Pap, n.s., 2, 1983. £18 (Incl J.P. Greene on stonework from Norton Priory.)

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5. BRIEF REPORT

Merseyside Archaeological Society.

Peel Castle (I.O.M.) Excavations revealed a Celtic monastic cemetery, a Norse bldg and med buildings; and a Viking silver-coin hoard and a med signet ring. St. Patrick's Isle (I.O.M.) Archaeological Trust has been created to sponsor future work there, as has been the Friends of Peel Castle group.

Bewsey Old Hall (Warrington). Excavations on the N arm of the most revealed four structures, and a previously unrecorded Georgian brick bridge. Elsewhere a beam slot and timber posts indicated a timber bldg. Finds incl: med pottery and much C17 pottery, incl fine slipware.

6. MISCELLANEA

Federation for Greater Manchester Archaeology.

This is a new body designed to provide a forum for all societies etc. concerned with archaeology in Greater Manchester and its environs. It aims to encourage high standards of work, and collaboration between amateurs and professionals. In its first year the Federation hopes to provide noticeboard facilities within the Manchester Museum, a register of research interests, conferences, and a regular newsletter covering member societies' interests and lectures.

Membership is restricted to representatives of organisations interested in archaeology and in aspects of local history involving archaeology, at a subscription of £5 p.a. The present membership includes the GMAU, Manchester Museum, and the University Dept. of Archaeology.

Further details from:

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Roman Appreciation (Mammucium) Society.

This Society specialises in producing replicas of Roman uniforms, weapons of war etc., and is particularly associated with the Castlefield site. Talks and displays to schools and others. From Jan, regular meetings will be held at the Visitor Centre, Knot Mill, Deansgate.

Grants for Publications.

Applications must be received by Mar 31 at CBA, London, from whom full details are available.

R.A.I. Grants.

£2000 p.a. are available to help local societies and voluntary groups to buy equipments, maps, air photos etc.

Details from: Miss W.E. Phillips, RAI, 304 Addison House, Grove End Rd., London NW8 9BL.

Grosvenor Hotel, Chester - Special Interest Weekends.

Themes incl Roman Heritage, Historic Chester and Cheshire's Industrial Heritage. Details from Ann Elliott, Sales Manager at the Hotel.

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