





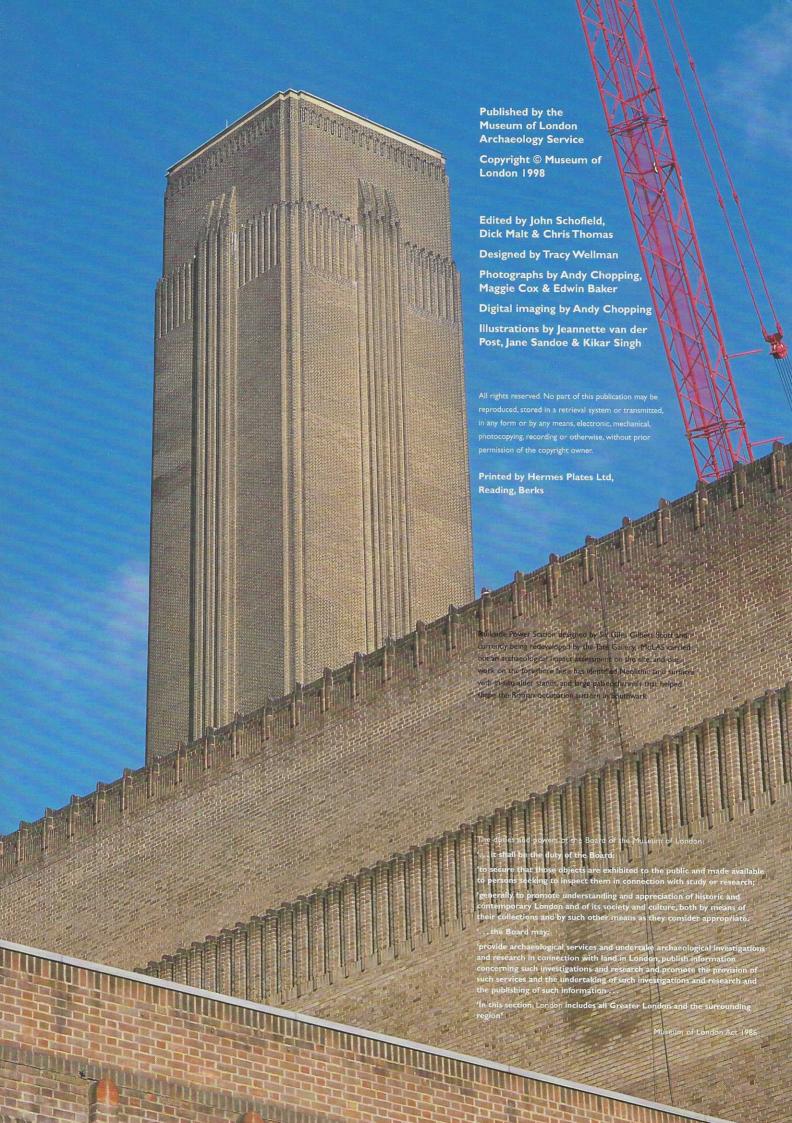
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FOREWORD

The Museum of London serves London's archaeology in a number of ways. It not only provides the best place for the public to come to find out about London's archaeology, it also provides a specialist resource through its curatorial departments and the London Archaeological Archive. This report celebrates the third aspect of the service the Museum provides — its archaeology service. During 1998 MoLAS has made a major contribution to both the Museum's programme and to London archaeology as a whole. During 1999, its contribution will be further expanded and developed to meet the needs of all who are interested or involved in London's fascinating past.

Simon Thurley

Director, Museum of London

This review of MoLAS work aims to describe the very wide range of archaeological projects carried out in 1997, and to provide just a glimpse of the enormous complexity and excitement of our work.

Since its establishment in 1991, the aim of MoLAS has been to provide a comprehensive regional archaeological service, while investing and experimenting in approach and technique, to improve both the service we provide to our clients, and the standard of the archaeological product.

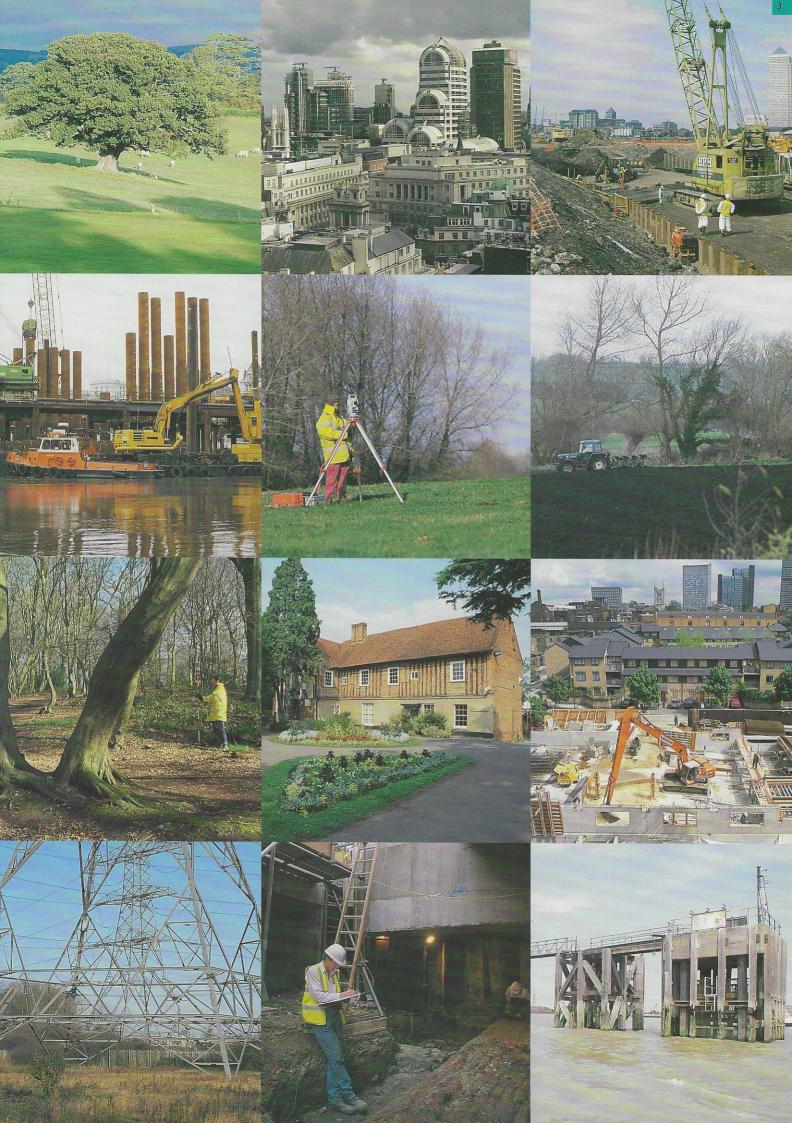
The work described here is ample illustration of how successfully this aim has been achieved. Not only have momentous discoveries been made through academic research, on projects largely arising through planning processes, but there have also been significant methodological advances, demonstrating how MoLAS has been continually evolving, adapting to circumstances within construction industry and within the Museum's overall strategy for London. We are delighted that many of these developments have — as intended — brought direct commercial and academic benefits to our clients and their archaeological projects.

We believe that the greatest challenge now facing the profession is to sustain well-focused research at a regional level that will continue to ensure that archaeology is relevant to the population as a whole. Our ambitious Greater London publications programme, sponsored by English Heritage, is now well advanced, and the first of a series of integrated, academic monographs has been published: Excavations at the Priory and Hospital of St Mary Spital, London. We continue to produce a wide range of publications, including popular summaries, and are also pleased to have extended the results of our work to the public, special interest local groups and our clients through exhibition and display.

I am delighted to have this opportunity to record MoLAS's appreciation to our many clients, and our colleagues in English Heritage, the London Boroughs and the City of London Archaeological Trust, and my appreciation of the hard work and commitment of MoLAS staff and volunteers.

Taryn Nixon

Head of Service, MoLAS



PUBLICATION & RESEARCH INTO LONDON

1997 saw the production of the first in a new monograph series for MoLAS: Excavations at the Priory and Hospital of St Mary Spital, London, the first in a long line of books reporting the Museum of London's archaeological excavations and illustrating material recovered from them.

Future volumes will include a number of monastic sites (St Mary Clerkenwell, St John Clerkenwell, Bermondsey Abbey, Merton Priory and Holy Trinity Priory), prehistoric settlements (Three Ways Wharf, Uxbridge), aspects of Roman London (Roman cemeteries, Number 1 Poultry, various excavations in Southwark), medieval London (London Bridge, Winchester Palace and Queenhithe) and excavations on the Jubilee Line (Stratford Langthorne Abbey, Roman Southwark, post-Roman Southwark, post-medieval Southwark, Westminster, Roman Stratford and the palaeoenvironment).

Many of these projects are part of the Greater London publication programme, funded by English Heritage. Excavations at the **Westminster Abbey Dorter** and **Undercroft** have also been published this year, while the report on excavations at Edward III's Manor at **Platform Wharf** and the **Archive Guide** to sites carried out by the Department of Greater London Archaeology, one of the predecessors of MoLAS, are currently in production.

Analysis of the two religious houses of St Mary and St John Clerkenwell is approaching conclusion. St Mary Clerkenwell has proved to be a fascinating site, its church, cloisters and service courtyard being constructed in stone in 1180-1200 after 40 years of timber buildings. The poverty of the house in the 13th-15th centuries appears to be reflected in the piecemeal development which included three tile kilns constructed only 40m from the church door. Documentary research has revealed that in the late 12th century the nunnery may have functioned as a quasi-double house, occupied by perhaps twelve brethren as well as the nuns themselves. The priory of St John Clerkenwell (the English headquarters of the Knights of St John) can be shown to have developed from a preceptory (a Hospitaller estate) in the 12th century to a palatial residence sharing more of the characteristics of a bishop's palace than a monastic convent. The church was probably one of the more lavishly painted in London in the late 12th century. Through the 14th century, parts of the outer precinct exploited the nearby meat markets of Smithfield and Cowcross; pits filled with cattle skulls and horncores were found in one slaughter yard.

Analysis is now also being carried out on a number of other projects, many of them using one of the latest pieces of Information Technology: a Geographic Information System (GIS). This allows digitally recorded plans of the archaeological layers and features to be viewed and compared with the finds and environmental data recovered from them; the data are recorded on a relational database called Oracle. Complex enquiries about the distribution of such material can be made which could not have been attempted before on large-scale projects.

Analysis of excavations at the Cluniac abbey at **Bermondsey** (founded in the 1080s) has indicated several areas of interest. One of these concerns the eastern end of the church, the apparent northern half of which was recorded by W F Grimes in 1956. Published representations of the church have indicated a structure with an east end comprising three apsidal chapels and two further flanking chapels to north and south. Recent analysis suggests that the foundation representing the northern apse belongs to a different building phase and that a large trench, some 4m to the south of the north presbytery wall, may have removed the foundation of a north aisle arcade within the chancel. The hitherto accepted width of 10m for the presbytery seems out of proportion to its recorded length. Moreover, an apsidal structure discovered during the 1984–8 excavations 20m south of Grimes's excavations may prove to be part of the eastern arm of the abbey church.



Reconstruction of St Mary Spital in about 1500. Painting by Kikar Singh

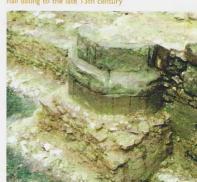


A group of keys discarded in the infirmary at St Mary Spital in the late 13th century



A pair of leather boots from St Mary Spital, discarded in about 1300

A foundation arch from St Mary Spital's infirmary hall dating to the late 13th century



A study of **London Bridge** (both the Roman and medieval versions) has identified the probable position for the main phase of the Roman Bridge slightly downstream of the site of the medieval bridge.

It is thought that the Roman bridge had stone piers and a timber superstructure and may have possessed a drawbridge, as much of the Roman harbour lay on the upstream side of the bridge. Analysis of the southern medieval bridge abutment has identified a series of timber bridge abutments and caissons, the

The northern portion of medieval London Bridge in about 1600, a model produced for the 1996 'Living Bridges' exhibition at the Royal Academy

earliest of which dates to *c* 987–1032. The timber bridges were apparently nearly always washed away by floods. The stone bridge (*c* 1176–1209) was more durable, but on two occasions partly collapsed: in 1281–2 five arches fell down, as did two arches at the southern end of the bridge in January 1437, resulting in a massive rebuilding and repair programme that lasted for the next 40 years.

Proposed future publications include the Roman signal station at **Shadwell**, the Saxon settlements at **Battersea**, **Clapham**, and **Hammersmith**, and the middle Saxon settlement at Lundenwic centred around the Covent Garden area. It is also intended to publish work on Bankside and its Elizabethan playhouses, including the **Rose**

concerns the site of **Fastolf Place** and the **Rosary**, the large-scale medieval moated houses built for Sir John Fastolf and King Edward II on the Southwark waterfront, directly opposite the Tower of London. Evidence for three phases of timber revetting of the moat of Fastolf Place were found, which appears to have been reused as the header tank for a tidal mill in the early 16th century. Evidence was also found for the masonry precinct wall and internal buildings of the Rosary, a late medieval masonry building incorporating an ashlar river wall, as well as timber revetments forming inlets from the Thames and drainage channels.

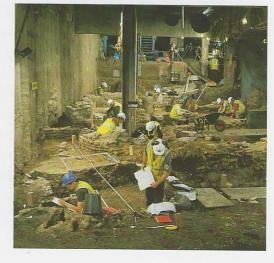
A token found at the site of the Globe Theatre, dated 1625 and with the initials of the maker RW on the reverse. The token has no other precise parallel in Britain

Some post-excavation projects are being co-sponsored by English Heritage and individual site developers. An assessment of the findings from **Number I Poultry** (Altstadtbau Ltd for City Acre Property & Investment Trust and Advanta Management AG) followed the completion in June 1996 of the excavation of this major project near Bank Station. The identification of a site's importance and the potential for further analysis and publication represents an important stage in the modern archaeological process, and in this case has led to a submission for English Heritage funding.

Multidisciplinary analysis of stratigraphic, finds, and environmental data will allow spatial and temporal comparative work on aspects of land use at Number I Poultry. For the Roman period a total of five separate insulae and four roads are represented within the site boundaries, and 54 individual buildings and 48 external areas (such as yards) have been identified.

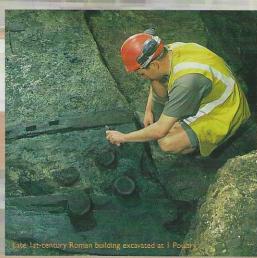
Opposite The new James Stirling-designed building at 1 Poultry, near Bank Station in the City

One of the largest archaeological excavations carried out in London in recent years took place on the site between 1994–6, at the same time as the new building was built. The MoLAS work was funded by Aldstadtbau Ltd on behalf of Lord Palumbo (CAPIT) and Dieter Bock. Extensive evidence of Roman, late Saxon and medieval London was found, and is now the subject of substantial English Heritage funding of analysis and publication work.





There is also detailed evidence relating to late Roman occupation; for instance the combined use of timber and masonry building traditions is of major research importance. Other research topics possible include London's trade and economy and the River Walbrook as an industrial zone and a place of religious significance. Analysis of the late Saxon (c 850 onwards) data has identified four roads, 37 buildings and ten external areas and will allow broad urban themes to be studied for both the late Saxon and medieval settlement. Scattered late Saxon sunkenfloored buildings can be seen to have developed into organised frontages of small buildings and workshops lining both Poultry and Bucklersbury by the late 11th century. Extensive evidence was found of trade and industry, particularly metal-working, and a cobbled area bordered by Bucklersbury and Pancras Lane may have formed a market. The small, simple parish church of St Benet Sherehog was established during the 11th century and is deserving of detailed analysis. Evidence of 12th- and 13thcentury growth includes large stone buildings such as the property of the Riccardi merchants of Lucca (northern Italy) and parts of the City infrastructure such as the first medieval piped water supply. The survival of later medieval and early modern evidence was poor. An exception was the post-Great Fire burial ground on the site of St Benet Sherehog, which was excavated in full and will allow extensive analysis of an important group of burials from the 17th and 18th centuries.





Burial within a stone-lined grave in the north transept at Merton Priory, with the hands clasped around a leather belt

Initial analysis of Merton Priory (| Sainsbury plc and English Heritage) has indicated that there was a major rebuilding programme of the infirmary in the mid 13th century, later than previously thought. The documentary research has also revealed that during this period Merton Priory achieved national prominence with frequent visits by Henry III in the 1240s, 1250s and early 1270s and it may be that much of the rebuilding work was instigated by him. Environmental analysis has revealed information about the canons' diet with hazel nuts, plum, cherry, grape, wheat, and charred barley seeds recovered. Also, close to the infirmary, a single sample of over 1000 black mustard seeds was found suggesting the importation of plants probably to be used in medicines. 1327-77 (top) and

Henry III 1216-72

Research is also being undertaken on the Cistercian abbey of **St Mary Stratford Langthorne** (London Underground Limited and English Heritage), founded in 1135, where five excavations have revealed parts of the abbey church, cloister, infirmary cloister, great drain, and cemetery and a substantial medieval masonry building surrounded by a moat near the abbey gatehouse. The overall size of the eastern arm of the church makes it comparable in scale to that at Fountains Abbey, Yorkshire, founded three years earlier, and its plan bears similarities with Abbey Dore, Herefordshire. The architectural fragments suggest a similar development to Merton. Few can be dated to the period of the abbey's foundation; instead, a large group from the late 12th and early 13th century suggest that the masonry church may have replaced an earlier, timber one. The cemetery may have been divided by a ditch into zones with the lay cemetery on one side and the monks' on the other. Burials were also recovered from within the church, some of which were accompanied by chalices and patens suggesting burials of priests. It will be important to compare the evidence of medieval burial customs and skeletal pathology with the evidence from Merton.

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A wide variety of environmental research has been undertaken including analysis of human skeletons, plant remains and animal bones, study of the River Thames in former times, and dendrochronology (tree-ring dating).

Two large assemblages of human skeletons currently being analysed are from Merton Priory and Stratford Langthorne Abbey. Initial observations from one third of the skeletons at Merton Priory indicate an adult male bias. Although this may be predictable for a priory site, such a marked bias is surprising in a cemetery also used for lay burials from the parish. Many interesting examples of pathology have been recovered, including a high number of cases of diffuse idiopathic skeletal hyperostosis (DISH) which may be a condition associated with an opulent diet.

Analysis of a sub-sample of 270 burials from Stratford Langthorne Abbey has shown a similar preponderance of male burials to Merton. These figures may alter when the entire sample of 669 burials is analysed in detail. The prevalence of dietary deficiency diseases appears low and this, taken in conjunction with a high incidence of DISH (as at Merton), may indicate a relaxation of the normally strict Cistercian Rule.

Wharf are currently in progress. Approximately two tonnes of animal bones were recovered from the Saxon deposits at the Royal Opera House, being found in large concentrations over yard and alley surfaces, and also within pits and wells. The assemblages are dominated by cattle and pig, with a lesser quantity of sheep/goat. Other species were consumed, including red deer, hare, chicken, goose and fish but these formed a minor part of the diet. There is evidence for some industrial activity, for instance hornworking and antler working waste, suggesting a concentration of artisans' workshops in the eastern part of the site.



A selection of 8th–9th-century bone pins, needles and weaving tools from the Royal Opera House site. The ring-headed pin (third from bottom) is the first from Lundenwic and a very rare type in bone



A selection of 8th-century bone spindlewhorls and a possible gaming piece of antler (top) from the Royal Opera House

At Bull Wharf animal bones were found in large quantities within occupation material associated with a series of late Saxon buildings. As with the earlier Saxon material from the Royal Opera House, the bones stress the dietary importance of cattle, in particular, as well as sheep/goat and pig. However there appears to be a trend towards the use of a greater variety of food animals such as wild animals, including 'exotics' like sturgeon and whale. This may be related to the occupants' status or perhaps to a better organised food distribution network. An interesting discovery was a four-horned sheep skull from one of the later buildings. Such animals, typified today by the Jacob breed, were apparently introduced into this country from Scandinavia.

A major theme of MoLAS research has been the River Thames, as an understanding of how the course and size of the river has changed is fundamental to archaeological studies in London. Several projects currently being undertaken are contributing significant data to the research.

Following the end of the last Ice Age, about 10,000 years ago, discharge of meltwater from glaciers into the sea led to a rapid rise in sea-level. This caused the level in the River Thames to rise by about 15m in the first few thousand years of the post-glacial period. The Mesolithic flint-knapping site at the **Spine Road Development**, Bexley (reported on last year) had to be abandoned possibly after being submerged by the rising river levels. During the Neolithic period, the river continued to rise possibly owing to the continued subsidence of Southern Britain, even though the glaciers had retreated.

A number of sites in Southwark, such as **Lafone Street** and **Wolseley Street**, have shown cultivated land submerged by the rising river. This trend continued into the Bronze age with the complex of sites recently excavated and researched in the Beckton/Barking/ Dagenham area, showing the process occurred during a period of extensive peat development. A series of trackways in the area were built at this time, possibly as a response to wetter conditions. Between the end of the Bronze Age and the mid 1st century AD the river level had risen by more than 2m, leaving only a small area available for occupation and influencing the siting of the southern bridge abutment and its approach road, built c AD 50.



Two late 4th-century hearths on the site at Summerton Way, Thamesmead

On the north bank, work at Regis House has demonstrated that the earliest revetment was built in AD 52, only nine years after the Roman invasion of Britain, the first large-scale port facility being constructed in AD 63-4. Over the next 200 years a succession of waterfront structures was built on both sides of the river which, because they are securely dated by dendrochronology and ceramic evidence, provide the best evidence for changing river levels in the Roman period anywhere in Britain. Evidence suggests that a progressive fall of 1.5m in the river level occurred between the mid 1st and mid 3rd centuries. The north bank waterfronts were replaced and extended in cycles of roughly 30 years over a 1.5km frontage, the final wharves being constructed after AD 210 some 40-50m from the pre-Roman riverbank.

The earliest settlement in Southwark was probably protected by embankments while the river remained at a high level, later structures being built over the former foreshore as the river level fell. These included the Winchester Palace complex, a mid 2nd-century wharf under Guy's Hospital and a timber warehouse of AD 152 found beneath Courage's Brewery. Such a fall must have had a major effect on a busy trading community, involving cycles of several years prior to rebuilding where the river became frustratingly shallow. The tidal head must also have moved a considerable distance downstream of its 1st-century position affecting ships using high water to carry them upriver.

Further work is needed to determine the location of the tidal head at different periods, although the discovery of barnacles on an early 2nd-century revetment at Regis House shows that the river remained saline at least until then.

After the abandonment of the port facility in the mid 3rd century, the falling river level continued to affect London, the recently observed late 3rd-century river wall at Three Quays House near the Tower of London being built at what had been high water only 50 or 60 years before. The site downstream at Summerton Way, Thamesmead, now confirms that a tidal decline continued to the end of the period: this site had been open foreshore until the mid 3rd century when it was embanked, drained and occupied up to the late 4th century.

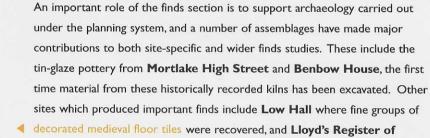
Subsequently rapidly rising river levels in the early medieval period reduced the settlement area in Southwark to its pre-Roman extent, destroying the southern bridge abutments and the riverside wall on the north bank, and flooding the late Roman settlement at Thamesmead.

A series of dendrochronologically dated timber revetments at Bull Wharf/Thames Court were on the same east-west alignment as the Roman quays, of which there were traces on site. These were constructed progressively further south into the river; the earliest in about 950, the latest in 1181. All the revetments save the last indicate steadily dropping river levels as they decrease in height, although the 1181 revetment is higher by half a metre than the preceding one, suggesting that this may have been the period when river levels began to rise. Previous research on the later medieval waterfront in the City and current research on the Jubilee Line Extension sites at Westminster suggests that the river continued to rise, but now was contained by very substantial waterfront structures. Other work by MoLAS on the river foreshores is reported later in this review.

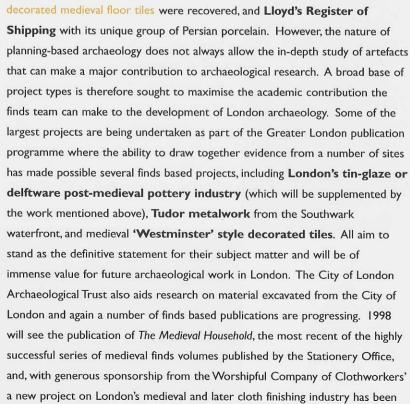


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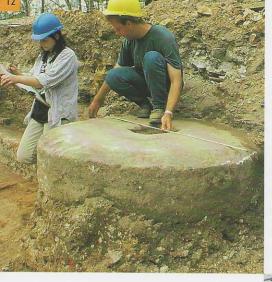








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Mortlake High Street: recording
a millstone from the 19thcentury brewery, on the Thames
waterfront



At the site of the Globe Theatre, the outline of the Scheduled Ancient Monument is to be displayed in a new courtyard. MoLAS surveyors set out the exact shape of the buried remains, using a total station, which allowed the contractors to lay contrasting coloured cobbles to pick out the monument walls



Recording an oast-house of the 19th-century brewery at Mortlake High Street. The floor reuses curved refractory from the 18th-century pottery which preceded the brewery on the site



At 22 Wormwood Street in the
City: 3-dimensionally co-ordinated
targets are attached to an exposed
length of the City wall prior to
recording by rectified photography



Recording an 18th-century revetment, part of the shipyard at Pier Head, Isle of Dogs



Part of a Roman road found
during an evaluation at Priory
Road, Colliers Wood

The excavation of the deposits dumped on the Thames foreshore at Regis House, King William Street (Land Securities plc) either immediately before or after the construction of the quay in AD 63 (during the reign of the emperor Nero) produced a fine collection of well preserved metalwork and leather. Much of this material was made up of fragments of armour and other military items. The assemblage is unique in London on account of its date, content and preservation. It included a fragment of copper alloy lorica squamata armour (now on display in the Museum of London Roman gallery), and copper alloy buckles and fittings associated with lorica segmentata armour, studs and horse pendants. Most of the studs are decorated with inlaid floret designs. The decorated studs and the armour fragments are typical of military equipment of the second half of the 1st century AD. A preliminary study of the leather has identified a number of fragments of army tents, including at least one complete panel. It is thought that these too are also associated with an early military presence in London. Such large pieces of leather were usually reused, so that it is interesting that these relatively complete fragments were discarded.

The presence of so much Roman military equipment, and the presence of an incomplete branded inscription on one of the quay baulks interpreted by Mark Hassall as 'the [numeral] Augustan Cohort of Thracians', confirms that the Roman army was present during the construction of the Neronian quay. The discovery of this volume of Roman military equipment from Regis House raises some important questions. Firstly, three years after Boudica's rebels burnt Londinium to the ground, was the army (as opposed to a civil authority) rebuilding and replacing the town's infrastructure to facilitate the movement of food, raw materials and possibly troops? Secondly, since reanalysis of the excavations shows that the Cripplegate fort was not constructed until the early 2nd century, where had the army been accommodated previously? Perhaps the apparent absence of a contemporary fort implies that the military presence in London in the years after the Boudican rebellion was short-lived; from AD 71–4 the army was conquering northern England and Wales, and Londinium would have been little use as a supply base by this date. Thirdly, as the port remained in use, was it perhaps handed over to the civilian authorities by the military who had built it? Could this acquisition of a newly constructed infrastructure help explain Londinium's rapid economic growth in the late 1st century?

More recent post-excavation projects have been sponsored solely by the developer. This involves the production of a post-excavation assessment at the end of the excavation which embodies recommendations for further work. The Assessment and Updated Project Design for the Guildhall Yard excavations (Corporation of London) of 1987-96 was completed this year. Designed to accompany an application for funding of post-excavation analysis, research and final publication, the document is nearly 500 pages long, represents the labour of two principal authors and more than a dozen contributing specialists over several months, and is an important work in its own right.

The Assessment element provides a summary of provisional analysis of all archaeological excavations within the Scheduled area. The Updated Project Design element suggests a number of methodologies for arriving at publication of the results of further analysis. Taken as a whole the document is designed to lead the reader through a logical consideration of the archaeological resources, and then introduce proposals for several monographs to disseminate the results of a wide range of studies.



Reconstruction of scale armour (lorica squamata) based on surviving fragments from Regis House. The small sections of metal sheet were wired together and sewn to a fabric backing



Antler mould for disc brooch based on a contemporary coin (mid to later 8th-century) showing a standing bird with a border of ringand-dot motifs. The channel for pouring in the metal alloy can be seen at the top



Spindlewhorl or gaming piece carved from an antler pedicle with incised decoration. Mid to later 8th century



Fragment from an Ipswich ware pitcher decorated with opposed gridded triangle stamps c 750–800

Analysis is also being carried out on the material recovered from the **Royal**Opera House in Covent Garden (ROH Developments Ltd). There have also been a number of service diversions and other minor interventions around the site, the recording of which has extended our knowledge about the layout of Saxon London, *Lundenwic*, in providing further instances of alleys, roads and buildings. Layout information can be mapped onto other areas of the settlement as part of the English Heritage funded *Lundenwic* project to test theories and models of settlement form, growth and diversification. It will also be used in the formation of future research strategies for the curation of the remaining strata forming this internationally important monument.

The use of GIS on this project is enabling us to understand better the relationships and distribution patterns of such disparate elements as animal bone and loomweights. Complete assemblages of cultural material associated with particular buildings can be easily identified, quantified and compared with other assemblages to answer the questions which the research design posed about the site.

Analysis has so far identified more than 60 buildings of which more than one third can be dated to the period before the mid 8th century, marked archaeologically by the introduction of a recognised type of pottery called lpswich ware. During the later 8th century the use of larger looms (identified from the presence of loomweights), indicates the growing importance of textile manufacturing. This is confirmed by one of the earliest recorded contracts in English history, dating to 796, in which Charlemagne agreed to protect English traders but complained about the length of sagæ (cloaks or cloths) which were being offered in exchange for 'black stones' (querns?) from the continent.

The large defensive ditch which crossed the site, as reported in *MoLAS 97*, has now been dated to earlier in the 9th century than previously supposed, suggesting that it had already been partially backfilled before the onset of the Viking attacks on London in the middle of that century. It was probably contemporary with the wars between Mercia and Wessex, between 825 and 830, when London changed hands at least twice and then remained on the frontier between the two kingdoms until the Danish conquest.

The analysis stage will be completed early in 1998 with the monograph publication due to be published in the spring of 1999. The project continues to generate a great deal of interest; a large number of lectures and presentations of the results have been given throughout the year and more are planned for 1998.

An eighth-century coin 'sceatta' from the site at the Royal Opera House showing a bearded head, possibly Wodin



ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS IN LONDON & ELSEWHERE

MoLAS provides a wide range of independent, professional archaeological services to the property industry and to the academic community both in Britain and abroad.

Although launched in 1991, MoLAS draws on over 25 years of experience in London archaeology through its predecessor organisations. Based in central London, MoLAS is ideally placed to respond quickly, providing a comprehensive range of archaeological services to both the private and public sectors.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

Heathrow Airport and its environs

PROJECTS MoLAS has been working for a number of years both within and around Heathrow Airport; an area where remains have been found of ancient landscapes from the earliest hunter-gatherer communities to the farmed landscape influenced by the Roman and later city of London. MoLAS has provided consultancy and advice to BAA plc and the Highways Agency, and acted as expert witness on archaeological matters for the Terminal 5 Public Inquiry.

Two projects have been carried out within the airside operational areas of the airport during 1997. A watching brief was conducted over a distance of 3.7km along the line of a new communications system beside the northern runway. A number of pits and ditches were observed towards the western and eastern ends of the runway. These locations lay respectively to the north of a Bronze Age, Iron Age, and Roman site excavated at the northern runway extension in 1968, and of the Iron Age enclosed settlement and temple at Caesar's Camp excavated in 1944. Although undated, several of the features found in 1997 are likely to have been associated with the activities recorded on those sites. The work also enabled a record to be made of the soil profile along the length of the airport, which will form a useful tool for predicting the survival of archaeological deposits within the northern half of the airfield.

A second watching brief, of soil stripping at the Terminal 4 Remote Stands, has produced some evidence of prehistoric features, probably of Bronze Age date.

An excavation to the north of the airport at Nobel Drive (Howmac Ltd) produced a fine specimen of an Earlier Neolithic leaf-shaped ▼ arrowhead, whilst the Late Bronze and Middle-Late Iron Age features represented parts of an enclosed agricultural landscape. The entrance through one enclosure had a complex sequence of alterations, which may have been part of a system for control of livestock, probably sheep. Evidence from the Roman period was confined to a single coin, a minim dating to the late 3rd or early 4th century AD. The results of the excavation of this small site not only provide a snapshot of the sequence of archaeological landscapes in this area, but add further details to our knowledge of activity and settlement gained from an extensive excavation carried out to the immediate north-east at Cranford Lane, Harlington, in 1994-5.

Recording a Bronze Age ditch at the Cargo Point Development site







To the south of the airport, in Surrey, an evaluation and intensive watching brief at the Cargo Point Development, **Bedfont Road**, Stanwell (Lynton plc), together with an adjacent evaluation at **Long Lane** (Sandville Properties), have revealed remains of Neolithic, Bronze Age, medieval, and post-medieval date. An Early Neolithic laurel leaf projectile point and two snapped blades were recovered from later features; together with the arrowhead from Nobel Drive, this material is adding to a very limited assemblage of Early Neolithic material from the Heathrow area. This will help to clarify the distribution of activity during the period of transition from mobile bands of hunter-gatherers to a sedentary agricultural lifestyle. The Middle Bronze Age was represented by three phases of field or enclosure boundary ditches. Next came evidence of farming in the 11th to 14th centuries AD: a ditch-lined droveway and wells, as well as post built structures. The remains of 18th-century buildings and roadside ditches were also recorded.

Other archaeological fieldwork at the airport has included evaluations at **Newall Road** (BAA Lynton plc), **Lufthansa Cargo Warehouse**, **Southampton Road** (Lufthansa AG), and **Bath Road** (Kingswood Commercial Properties Ltd), and a field walking survey has been carried out at **Mayfield Farm**, East Bedfont.



MoLAS also works in the countryside: an evaluation trench at the 'West of Tollgate' site in Kent for the Channel Tunnel Rail Link project (CTRL team)

Channel Tunnel Rail Link

The Channel Tunnel Rail Link (CTRL) will connect London mainline railway stations with the Channel Tunnel. From the St Pancras terminus the line will pass through east London, crossing the River Thames at West Thurrock before traversing Kent via the North Downs and Ashford, and linking with the Channel Tunnel near Folkestone. It will require the construction of cuttings, tunnels and embankments, the impact of which on the natural and built environment is outlined in the Union Railways Limited Environmental Statement. As a result of this desk-based survey, MoLAS was commissioned by Union Railways Limited to carry out fieldwork to evaluate nineteen sites between Gravesend and Folkestone. The results of this fieldwork will contribute to the development of the Archaeological Research Strategy for the project and detailed mitigation measures.

The evaluation sites were situated in a fairly straight north-west to south-east corridor and provided the opportunity to define the nature of potential archaeological sites. Four kinds of geological landscape are involved: the Thames Marshes, the North Downs Chalk near Gravesend and Rochester, the Wealden Clays south-east of Maidstone, and the Lower Greensand beds between Ashford and Folkestone.

Early prehistoric inhabitants were present in the Thames Marshes and the North Downs. They have been occasionally traced by their stone tools, worked flint and flakes. Two sites, at Tollgate near Gravesend and at Newlands near Ashford, produced the earliest evidence of prehistoric activity. From the area south-east of Tollgate a large Lower Palaeolithic flint biface was recovered.



Careful examination of the Palaeolithic deposits at Swanscombe

Signs of Bronze Age occupation were discovered on the North Downs, south of Gravesend when 44 evaluation trenches were excavated within 10 hectares of fields. A large 2.6m-wide ditch was excavated and pottery dating to the mid to late Bronze Age and early Iron Age was recovered from the lower fill.

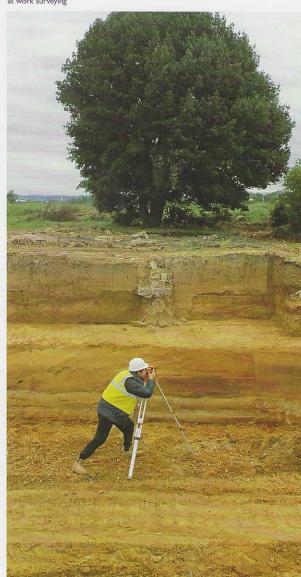
Traces of occupation from late Iron Age to Roman times were found mainly on the North Downs but also around Ashford on the Folkstone Beds. Eight 30m-long trenches were excavated to investigate crop marks located by aerial photography to the north-west of Ashford. Several ditches dated to between the early 1st and mid 3rd centuries may have formed enclosures. The pottery assemblage recovered from the ditches included sherds of vessels imported from Gaul and a partially complete mortarium (Roman mixing bowl) from Colchester. The mortarium is straight-sided with a grooved bead and dates to the mid 2nd to late 3rd centuries.

Most of the features were ditches marking boundaries of field systems, but occasionally buildings or the location of former settlements could be established. Slightly further to the north-west of Ashford sixteen evaluation trenches were excavated to assess surface concentrations of prehistoric worked flint and crop marks. In the southern part of the site was an unexpected find: the stone foundations of a rectangular building. Although the full extent of the structure was not revealed, an internal earth floor, a hearth and an external cobbled surface were identified. Pottery and roof tiles from these deposits indicated that the structure was of medieval date.

The evaluation phase of fieldwork has now been completed. The results of this work will be analysed and detailed mitigation measures developed. Full scale excavations will be undertaken some of the sites later this year.



Examining the Swanscombe gravels: one of the University of London team at work surveying



The investigations of the sites related to the **Jubilee Line Extension Project** in Westminster, which started in 1992, came to an end in 1997. Analysis and publication work will be carried out in 1998.

Jubilee Line Extension

The investigations of 1997 comprised five sites. Two were excavated in Cannon Row and both found evidence of prehistoric activity including pits and a ditch. Flint tools were found, some dating to the Mesolithic period and demonstrating occupation in the area over a period of more than 7000 years. The excavation at the junction of Cannon Row with Bridge Street uncovered a river wall dating to about 1200 with a building behind it containing three large stone ovens. Previous excavations within the main station site had already uncovered a river wall and dock of the same period. Cannon Row itself was laid out in the middle of the 14th century when houses for the canons of St Stephen's Chapel within the Palace were built.

The other three investigations were watching briefs, one of which was sited in a new subway built under Bridge Street. This located a large stone river wall, possibly 16th-century in date, at least 2.5m thick. A building to the south of it was also constructed with stone walls in part preserved to heights of over 2.3m.

London and its region. As a result we have

developed techniques of excavation and recording that are recognised as the industry standard in our profession, and are now being adopted worldwide.





First century ceramic oil lamp in the shape of a right foot wearing a thonged sandal. The object is very detailed and well modelled and even the hob nails on the sole are shown. The wick hole was in the big toe and the filling hole in the ankle, which is closed with a palmette motif; part of a ring handle survives at the heel (scale 10cm). Analytical studio photography, combined with digital imaging techniques by MoLAS photographers, can rapidly produce accurate composite illustrations of such objects for academic publication and

MAJOR PROJECTS INTHE ARCHAEOLOGY The Museum of London's archaeologists have been responsible for investigating one of the largest and most complex sites in Europe, the historic City of

Though all our excavation work is governed by the needs of the planning process, each project has archaeological objectives or questions. Some projects answer more questions than others, or throw up significant new information which has to be digested and fitted into our evolving research frameworks. These projects, often excavation sites of medium or large proportions, have regional importance and take forward our study of the last half million years of mankind in the London area.

Lloyd's Register: masonry foundations of a 3rd-century Roman building are revealed in the foreground, punctuated at the same level by square brick foundations of Victorian buildings. This is often the case on City sites



Excavation of a gravel surface in a sunken aisled building on Magpie House, part of the Lloyd's Register site. Part of the collapsed suspended floor can be seen in the foreground, with a brick internal pier behind

Lloyd's Register of Shipping

One of the largest new projects undertaken by MoLAS during 1997 was the excavation of the site of **Lloyd's Register of Shipping**, Fenchurch Street. The construction of a new headquarters office for Lloyd's Register presented the opportunity to examine a huge open area of approximately 3000 square metres in this relatively unknown part of the Roman town. The site lies within the Roman defensive wall, some 175m to the south-west of the Aldgate and adjacent to a major Roman street which led to it. The former offices consisted of five separate buildings, with single and double basements, surrounding the small post-medieval churchyard of St Katherine Coleman (the church was demolished in 1926).

Despite double basements, evidence of large Roman masonry buildings was found, cutting through agricultural soils and earlier clay and timber structures. Most of the masonry had been 'robbed' out in the medieval period, leaving a series of trenches filled with loose rubble. Some of these building foundations had been constructed on dense timber piles. Sections of hypocaust subfloors and fragments of painted wall plaster indicate that the buildings were of quite high quality. A small watercourse appears to have run through the south-western corner of the site, possibly influencing the alignment of properties. Immediately south of the present churchyard, beneath the surviving foundations of the 18th-century church, the Roman material was in better condition, with upstanding masonry walls, drains and *in-situ* wall plaster. Linear trenches representing the floor joists were also recorded.

To the north-west of this complex, the corner of a sunken room was excavated. The walls consisted of ragstone with plaster pointing between the blocks on the internal face. This plaster had been painted with thin red lines. The overall result was a curious combination of rustication and ashlar effect, not seen before in London.

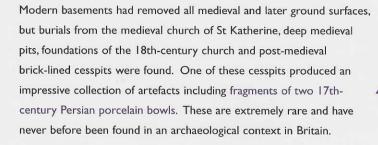


On the western part of the site beyond St Katherine's Row lay a large rectangular Roman building, probably a house, with either a sunken courtyard or a cellar. The northern wall of the building survived to a height of over Im and the east wall was pierced by a gravel-floored, tile-built porch. The south and west walls of the building were entirely robbed out, but internally five tile-built pier-bases survived in two rows. The same 'red-line' painting technique had been used in this building. Among the demolition material a small bronze sphinx was recovered; other important Roman finds from the site include a collection of stamped samian bowls (some burnt) which may have come from a warehouse in the area, fragments of shale table legs and an iron door hinge.





In situ wall plaster in a sunken room cut into natural brickearth at Lloyd's Register; the scale is 0.5m. The plaster was later retrieved and conserved



Test pits within the building fronting onto Fenchurch Street also located the foundations of the medieval church which is now partly preserved beneath the present St Katherine Coleman churchyard.



Sectional recording of the large sunken room at Lloyd's Register



Across the Roman and medieval city to the west, excavation at **Procession House** (Heron Property Corporation) on the south side of Ludgate Hill was divided into two

Procession House

areas. The eastern of these lay on the edge of the valley of the now buried River Fleet, and a number of Roman and medieval rubbish pits (the latter possibly associated with

industries) and other cut features survived truncation by Victorian basements. The most notable feature was a large east/west V-shaped Roman ditch, possibly with its famous 'ankle-breaker' profile at the base, which followed the south side of Ludgate Hill, the line of the Roman road. This ditch, apparently backfilled soon after AD 70, may be a hitherto unknown part of the defences to the west of the Roman city, although possibly only temporary. The chalk foundations of an interval tower belonging to the extension of the medieval city wall for the Blackfriars precinct between 1285 and 1300 was also identified and has been preserved in situ. The western area of excavation lay well within the channel of the Fleet River in the Roman and earlier medieval periods. A number of later medieval dumped deposits indicated that this area was probably not reclaimed from the river until after the city wall extension was built. Above these deposits were a number of medieval chalk foundations for buildings on the east bank of the Fleet, which were modified and extended in the 16th and early 17th centuries. One 17th-century cellar had a set of timber steps which appeared to have been burnt in situ, perhaps in the Great Fire of 1666. The cellar was backfilled and replaced by the rear wall of a series of warehouses built by Sir Christopher Wren in the early 1670s as part of his grand design to canalise the Fleet and reproduce a miniature Venice to the west of the City.

Main picture left Seated sphinx which may have been attached to the lid of a copper alloy vessel (1st/2nd century) by the chain found with it

From far left
The sphinx before conservation

X-ray showing a length of the chain

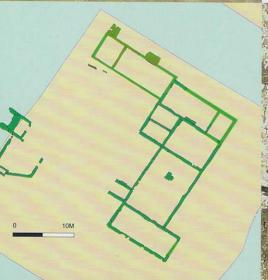
Detail during cleaning



Low Hall Manor, Walthamstow

Away from the historic cores of London in the City and Westminster, it is rare to find a medieval site where the buildings or strata remain intact over significantly large areas. Excavation on the site of **Low Hall Manor, Walthamstow** (Avebury Projects for Circle 33 Housing Trust Ltd, East Thames Housing Group, Family Housing Association, Kush Housing Association, London and Quadrant Housing Trust and Tower Housing Association) produced an impressive structural sequence which spanned the entire history of the moated manor house once owned by Warwick the Kingmaker (who helped depose Henry VI and bring Edward IV to the throne in 1460).

The earliest building had chalk and ragstone foundations, probably for a timber frame. Its rectangular plan comprised a hall and adjoining solar block with an elongated service range at the opposite end. The main entrance had an external porch which aligned directly on the moat bridge some 20m away to the north. This structure included a square abutment constructed of regular courses of limestone ashlar blocks, some levelled with peg tiles.





Above left The final substantially modified form of the later house, which incorporated much of the earlier plan of the 17th- and 18th-century structure

Far left The full plan of the medieval manor complex following the addition of the final narrow side wing along the edge of the moat

Preparing a part of the 2000 square metre site for photography



Two 14th-century floor tiles incorporated into the base of the garderobe

Early 15th-century tile oven, probably for baking bread, in the external kitchen range



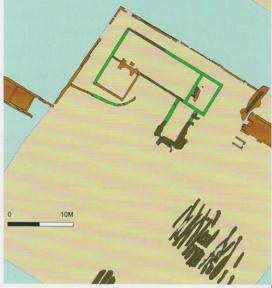




The twisted remains of the VI flying bomb which destroyed the last house at Low Hall in August 1944



The simple plan of the smaller 18th-century house which had two wings around an inner courtyard



Integral chalk garderobe on the moatside wall of the secondary wing of the medieval manor house

The main body of the 14th-century manor house, looking from the enlarged square solar towards the great hall, with the principle entrance and an elongated service wing attached to its lower end

In front of the abutment were the remains of the wooden bridge, comprising four well-preserved baseplates jointed together to form a rectangular base frame, probably for a drawbridge. Dendrochronological (tree-ring) dating on three of these timbers produced a consistent felling date of the summer of 1344. Fragmentary traces of a stone gatehouse lay to one side of the bridge abutment, in the form of a moat-side wall with a drain and garderobe which discharged directly into the moat.

The main body of the manor house was subsequently extended to the east before the addition of a second wing to the north which gave the complex an L-shape. Although few traces of the internal floor surfaces survived an indication of the quality of the original structure was provided by a total of 56 late 14th-century decorated floor tiles made in Penn in Buckinghamshire, most of them recovered from the moat. Beyond the service range of the early building were the robbed remains of a stone and timber out-building with a tile oven, the uppermost surface of which gave an archaeomagnetic date of 1410–25 for its final firing; this was probably a separate kitchen, where the largest hearth would have been.





Medieval bridge abutment and the adjoining gatehouse viewed from the moat, with the remains of the manor house in the upper background

During the 17th century the medieval manor house was abandoned and a smaller building was erected on its northern wing, using some of the earlier foundations. This structure was mainly of brick with a timber frame and was extensively remodelled with numerous rebuilds and modifications during the 18th century. At this date a new brick moat bridge was constructed to one side of its medieval predecessor. During this period, especially in the 19th century, the house declined to the status of a farmhouse and this structure was destroyed by a flying bomb in August 1944. The remains of the bomb and its crater were found in the courtyard in front of the house, a graphic close to the 600-year history of the manor house.

MoLAS excavated the site of the planned new Royal Docks Community School in Prince Regent Lane, Canning Town, for the **London Borough of Newham**. From a Neolithic and Bronze age landsurface over 1300 fragments of flint tools and pieces of pottery dating to between about 3000 and 1500 BC have been recovered, on what was then a small island in the Thames floodplain. A few even older flint tools from the Mesolithic period (8000 to 3500 BC) were found.

Royal Docks Community School

The site is interpreted as a seasonal or temporary camp situated on an island of dry land near a channel or inlet close to the River Thames. The surrounding marshy area and water would have been a valuable resource for hunting wildfowl and animals, fishing, and a source of wood for shelter, fuel and tools. The people who used this camp probably had their more permanent homes on the higher land towards where modern West Ham and East Ham now lie.

Lying within and on this prehistoric land surface were numerous fragments of worked flint and pottery, dating from as early as the Mesolithic period, around 8000 BC, to the Bronze Age, up to about 1500 BC. Most of the material however dated to between about 3000 and 1500 BC, suggesting that the island was used much more intensively in this later period. More than 1300 individual finds of flint and pottery came from the site. Some of the flint fragments found were finished tools including a knife blade, scrapers probably used for skinning animals, and an arrow head. The majority were waste flakes that had fallen on the ground while these tools were being shaped from flint pebbles.

The fragments of pottery were probably from pots used for cooking; two food preparation and cooking areas were excavated on the site. Piles of burnt flint indicate areas where the stones had been heated in a fire. They were then placed in a rectangular cooking pit where they brought water to the boil or were used directly to roast meat. Scatters of animal bone were found around these cooking areas.





Stakeholes suggesting a timber platform were excavated alongside a deep and narrow channel that probably ran into one of the river inlets. It seems likely that this was a jetty or landing place giving access to the island by boat. An interesting and unexpected discovery was a virtually complete Bronze Age (or possibly older) yew tree. This was lying where it had fallen over 4000 years ago, in the lower lying peat to the west of the island where the flint and pottery were found.

The precise locations of all the flint and pottery fragments were recorded with a sophisticated electronic surveying Total Station. All the layers and features such as the cooking pits were described and electronically planned and sections through the layers were drawn. Though this important prehistoric site would have been damaged by the new school's foundations, a detailed record of it will now be preserved in the form of the finds themselves, and the computer and paper records.



The main excavation area on this prehistoric 'island' site. The machine on the left is exposing the dark prehistoric soil horizon. The archaeologists on the right have already excavated this and are examining the prehistoric sandy subsoil



A Bronze Age cooking pit filled with burnt flint, half of which has been excavated. Meat would have been roasted in the red-hot flints

Though the work of MoLAS is governed largely by the needs of development, we piece together the evidence from several sites over a period of time. From the Museum's archive of observations it is possible to compare results from several investigations, some going back fifty years, to show how areas or localities within part of the City or its environs developed over the centuries. Here are two examples of these cumulative area studies, both in this case from the City.

Cripplegate Fort area study

Excavations during late 1997 at 90–91 and 100
Wood Street (Helical Bar (Wood Street) Ltd)

have uncovered further evidence of the Roman Cripplegate Fort as first recorded by Professor

W.F. Grimes in the 1950s. Together with information gathered during excavations in 1996 pearby a

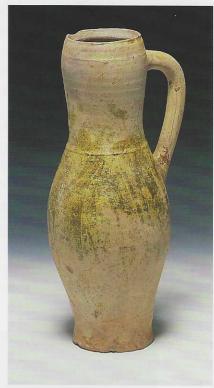
W F Grimes in the 1950s. Together with information gathered during excavations in 1996 nearby at Shelley House and Garrard House it has contributed to a more detailed understanding of the Fort.

Professor Grimes' excavations revealed the presence of a hitherto unknown Roman fort, with masonry walls, an internal earth bank, barrack blocks and internal road plan. His small excavation in the area of 100 Wood Street revealed fragmentary remains of the western side of the southern gateway into the fort and traces of the north-south aligned road (*via praetoria*).

The excavations at 100 Wood Street and Shelley House have together revealed masonry walls of up to six buildings, possibly barrack blocks, separated by metalled alleyways, and at least two roads. The north-south aligned road first recorded at Garrard House in 1996 was also recorded to the north at 100 Wood Street. This road would have become the *via praetoria* inside the fort, dividing it in half. The second road identified, in the south-east of the 100 Wood Street site, was the intramural road of the fort, the south wall of the fort running along the southern limit of the site. The masonry fort was constructed after AD 120 superseding earlier timber buildings on the same alignment.

Postholes and beamslots were recorded at Shelley House but only robbed out beamslots at 100 Wood Street. It is hoped that analysis of the results of these excavations may indicate whether these fragmentary remains were part of a timber precursor of the masonry fort, which itself went out of use during the first half of the 3rd century.

The area remained unoccupied until the 10th or 11th century and the many pits of Saxo-Norman (10th to 12th century) date in the Cripplegate area suggest an intense reoccupation. Three similarly dated cellared buildings were recorded at Shelley House and at least two more have been found on 100 Wood Street. The plotting of these buildings together with the many early pits from the Shelley House, Wood Street, Daiwa House, and Garrard House sites will help to define the establishment and layout of the medieval properties, perhaps (as found nearby in Milk Street, dug in the 1970s) from the 10th century. Along with the evidence from Guildhall Yard to the east, these sites are revealing the northern extent of the built-up area of the city in Saxon times. This burst of activity in the early medieval period in the area seems to have ceased in the 13th century, and further developments were few until the Tudor period.



Late 13th-century London type ware baluster jug from Wood Street

Professor Grimes and his supervisor Audrey Williams examine the west gate of the fort in 1956



In 1997 three relatively small-scale archaeological projects revealed important new information about the forum-basilica complex. At 8–9 and 20–22 Leadenhall Market (Saigon Times Restaurant) part of the foundation of the apsidal eastern end of the second basilica was uncovered during groundworks for a new restaurant. This part of the basilica was last seen by Henry Hodge in the 1880s at the time of the construction of the present Leadenhall Market. The one-day watching brief on this site confirmed that remains still survive beneath the Market cellars and also allowed MoLAS to survey this part of the

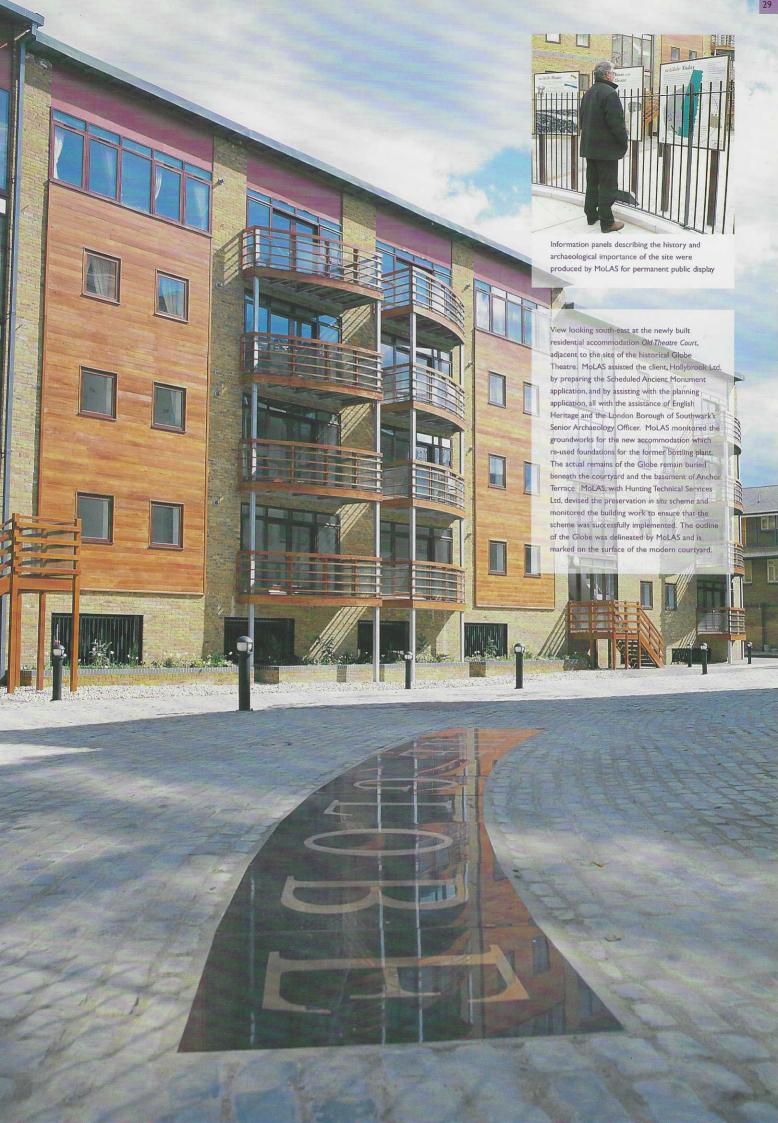
Roman forum area study

basilica using accurate, modern techniques. A similar exercise was undertaken at **50 Cornhill** (Fuller Smith & Turner plc), where excavations for

new manholes uncovered two sections of the wall foundations of the second basilica, together with associated construction levels and floors. A complex evaluation consisting of deep 'key-hole' trenches around the perimeter of the 1960s building at 168 Fenchurch Street (BPH Developments) has enabled walls of the south range of both the first and second fora to be recorded and located. MoLAS is now building up a database of digital plans of the forum-basilica which will help to locate and interpret the monument more precisely and assist in planning for future developments in the Gracechurch Street area.



A small view of an enormous building: the foundations of the Roman basilica, one of the largest Roman buildings in Europe, were recorded beneath a former bank hall as it was being refurbished as a pub at 50 Cornhill in the heart of the City



MOLAS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS: THE COMPLETE SERVICE

In London, as elsewhere, there is a general need for developers and landowners to obtain authoritative and impartial advice on the historic value of a building, a site, or a particular feature within either. The range of services offered by MoLAS includes:

- advice on the archaeological implications of development schemes at the earliest stage, for example as part of an initial feasibility study, when the client may be considering a portfolio of possible sites
- · desk-based assessments and on-site evaluations of individual sites
- · investigation of sites ahead of development or refurbishment
- assisting with applications concerning Listed Buildings and Scheduled Monuments
- providing expert witnesses in Public Inquiries
- writing authoritative histories of individual sites for private or general publication, eg as part of a company history or a stand-alone document







STANDING BUILDING

MoLAS has continued its work in the recording of standing buildings in 1997. Since the introduction of *Planning and Policy Guidance 15 (PPG15)* by the Department of Environment in 1994 there has been a greater awareness of the importance of assessing and, if needs be, recording historic buildings. The recording of standing buildings involves a wide

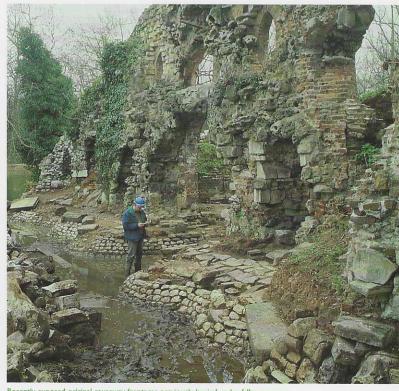
SURVEY

variety of techniques including drawn, digitally surveyed, and photographic records, and specialisms including ceramic building materials, wood-working, and moulded stone. All of these techniques have been used by MoLAS this year.

Further recording during refurbishment of **2–3 Middle Temple Lane** (Honourable Society of the Middle Temple) and analysis of the records of the **Middle Temple Gatehouse** and **1–2 Middle Temple Lane**, reported upon in *MoLAS 97*, has been carried out. In particular much of the timber roof structure was recorded, indicating that it was a double-pile roof of common rafter construction, consisting of two parallel pitched roofs with a central valley. Dendrochronology, whilst unable to date the original timbers from the roof, demonstrated that the same trees were used as those in the roof of 1–2 Middle Temple Lane, confirming that the whole roof, at least, was built in 1693.

Analysis of the gatehouse suggests that its basement may not have been replaced when rebuilt in 1683–4, but may represent its late 16th-century predecessor. The French windows on the first floor of the gatehouse overlooking Fleet Street were among the earliest in England, having apparently been introduced at Versailles in the early 1680s. Recording of the timber framing and internal layout of the building has resulted in three-dimensional digital drawings of the building.

Recording also took place at the Grotto in Wanstead Park (Corporation of London, Department of Buildings and Services) in the London Borough of Redbridge. The Grotto lies at the south end of a lake known as the Ornamental Water and was originally constructed as a boat-house with elaborately decorated chambers above for the use of the owners of Wanstead House, itself rebuilt in 1720 by Colen Campbell for the first Earl Tylney. A fire caused substantial damage to the Grotto in 1884 and more recent erosion, robbing, and vandalism have caused widespread damage leaving the building very ruinous.



Recently exposed original causeway frontages previously buried under fallen masonry

The survey was undertaken to provide digitally drawn information and rectified photographs, as aids to the planning of the works that will be required in order to repair, conserve and potentially reconstruct the building. Plans and elevations of the building have been produced along with reconstruction plans and elevations (using measured 19th-century drawings) showing how the building may have looked originally.





The north facade, partially restored, facing onto the Ornamental Water, the entrance arch to the boat dock in the centre

The Grotto was primarily constructed from red brick and had an entrance passage on the west side which led into the first-floor chamber. A set of stairs led to the second floor. A tunnel from the entrance passage led down to the water's edge and communicated with the boathouse and its dock below. The facade facing the lake was decorated in a rustic manner with various natural stones and architectural fragments and contained several broad niches which acted as shelters from which the lake could be viewed. Much of this facade survives although partly rebuilt during the 1970s.

Three existing windows, although partially rebuilt, afford views across the lake from what was the first-floor chamber.

Excavation work was subsequently carried out to ascertain the extent of survival of the dock structure and interior of the boathouse. During this process decorative fragments from the Grotto and pieces of fallen masonry from the superstructure of the building were retrieved. There are a number of masonry fragments dumped into the Ornamental Water beyond the entrance of the boathouse that require surveying and pieces of the original superstructure of The Grotto could be retrieved.

A standing building survey of two structures on disused land west of Thamesmead at Gallion's Reach (Thamesmead Town) recorded a proof butts, one of the remaining

installations on the site of the Woolwich Arsenal and used for gunnery testing. It consisted of a three-walled rectangular-shaped concrete building, surrounded by a bank of earth and to the south-east, a linear-shaped open area, representing a firing range. Three stepped internal walls divided the structure into four bays, the backs of which were slightly concave. Some repair work had been carried out on the back walls of each bay, evinced by the presence of concrete patching over areas that had been subjected to shelling. A double gabled roof surmounted the structure, consisting of an iron frame, on which was laid corrugated iron sheets.

The north and south walls of the proof butts, with part of the firing range visible to the left



Within the City of London, during refurbishment works at 77 Carter Lane / I Carter Court (Dencora Homes Limited), excavation revealed foundations and human burials associated with the 13th-century Blackfriars conventual church, while late 17th-century brick vaults were recorded by producing annotated measured drawings and photography.

The house at 77 Carter Lane appears to have been built soon after the Great Fire of 1666, although most of the existing superstructure is much later, probably of about 1900. Most of the cellars which occupy the full width of the property are original. Unusually, they were on two levels. The upper level dates to the original construction of the house in the late 17th century. They have brick floors and half-elliptical barrel vaults ranging from 2.7m to 3m high. The lower cellar also had a brick floor but is probably of the 19th century, increasing the storage capacity of the building. The vault consisted of jack-arches constructed of bricks and supported on the outside edges by the cellar walls and along the middle by a cast iron beam. Thus the recording shows how some 19th-century premises in the City were adaptations of buildings put up shortly after 1666.



SMALLER EXCAVATIONS EVALUATION

An evaluation at Plantation House, a large site between Fenchurch Street,

Mincing Lane and Great Tower Street (British Land City Estates Ltd), was based

on six archaeological test pits and the excavation by hand of the upper 1.2m of

two boreholes. Modern basements had truncated the horizontal stratigraphy

down to the level of early Roman layers. The sequence showed that the site

period. Passing through its northern part was the eastward extension of the

via decumana, the main street of Roman London. All the other testpits revealed

clay and timber buildings. The via decumana was resurfaced at least twice and

the road level raised by approximately 0.9m by the 2nd century. The clay and

had been stripped of the natural brickearth at the beginning of the Roman

Smaller excavations and evaluations of sites, often by recording engineers' test-pits which seek to probe the extent of foundations or the depth of strata, provide the valuable observations which both fill out the picture of an ancient landscape, in the town or the countryside, and often point to exciting possibilities of new discoveries. Here are some examples from many cases of the kind encountered in 1997.

> Roman masonry building was probably of high status, in that painted wall plaster, box flue tiles (from central heating) and fragments of opus signinum flooring were recovered from the demolition; but it had been almost completely robbed out during the late Roman period.

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timber buildings kept pace with this rising level; traces of destruction by fire were recorded along the northern part of the site but not in the central areas. A later



Part of the entablature over the door of Plantation House built in the 1930s

Design in the linoleum on the floor of the Tea Auction Rooms

Down near the Thames, evaluation at **Broken Wharf House and Sir John Lyon House, Upper Thames Street** (Jones Lang Wootton) has generally confirmed that the proposed development sits astride a substantial cross-section of intact waterfront archaeology with activity dating from the 12th century or earlier. The foundations of medieval tenements survive over organic reclamation dumps which in turn seal timber structures preserved in excellent condition in the waterlogged environment. These observations will betaken into account by a MoLAS study of the area based on extensive recent excavations at nearby Bull Wharf and Vintry.





Away from the river, MoLAS were commissioned by Goldcrest Homes plc to undertake a watching brief and excavation at 22–24 Wormwood Street during the redevelopment of the site for new residential accommodation. The north wall of the basement to this property is a Scheduled Ancient Monument, comprising both the Roman city wall and a section of 17th-and 18th-century walling constructed from reused Roman and medieval masonry. All original ground surfaces had been removed by the existing basements, but deep cut features survived on the site including two Roman wells which appear to predate the construction of the earth bank associated with the city wall. Pottery found in the wells dates to AD 60–150.

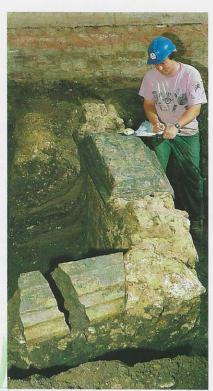
North-east of the City, an evaluation followed by excavation took place at 2–6 Link Street, Hackney (New Islington and Hackney Housing Association).

The excavation provided evidence for agriculture in Homerton, a hamlet first recorded in 1343. The earliest features comprised a structure with a chalk foundation and evidence of agricultural activity from the 11th to 12th centuries. A building with chalk and flint foundations was constructed during the 15th century, incorporating the truncated base of an oven. A contemporary sequence of ditches and a timber sluice to the south seemed to be part of a water management scheme connected with Hackney Brook to the south; these features were replaced by a brick-lined reservoir constructed during

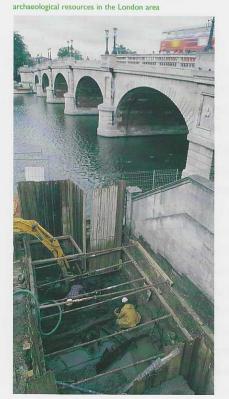


the mid 16th century. At this period the land came into the ownership of Ralph Sadleir, the owner of Sutton House, a Tudor mansion still standing to the west. After the demolition of the 15th-century building its plot became an external surface to the west of a building known to be standing in the mid 18th century. This was subsequently demolished and built upon in the very early 19th century, after the demolition of buildings adjacent to the site between 1792 and 1800.

Across the river in Southwark, at London Bridge Street (London Hotels Ltd), a watching brief and excavation of a lift pit was carried out within the basement of a standing building constructed in 1916 and undergoing refurbishment for conversion into an hotel. Historically, the site was part of St Thomas's Hospital, founded on the site in 1215 and occupied until 1862. The excavation of the lift pit found a linear feature, thought to be a drain, two post holes, and a pit of Roman, possibly 2nd-century, date. Medieval dumping followed with evidence of pitting, and a cellar or cesspit constructed from chalk, ragstone and flint. Parts of two grave slabs Adated from their decoration to 1200-1350 had been reused in its construction. One was the lower half of an adult's slab and the other a child's. The latter had an inscription on either side of its bevelled edges. Both slabs are believed to come from the early medieval St Thomas' Chapel which lay on the northern side of the site, within the area covered by the present building. The medieval dumping contained pottery spanning the 13th-15th centuries, including a complete jug of the 13th or late 14th century.



Kingston Bridge from the east, showing the proximity of the medieval revetment to the present river. The foreshore and banks of the Thames are together one of the richest



At Priory Road, Colliers Wood, Merton (J Sainsbury Developments Ltd) MoLAS evaluated two sites which revealed Stane Street, the main Roman road from London to Chichester, whose route is followed by the present A24 from London Bridge through Clapham, Tooting. Between Colliers Wood and Morden Hall Park the line of the road had disappeared, but archaeological evaluation has now revealed that the road ran straight towards the site of the 12th-century Merton Priory, probably passing just to the north of the north transept, and continued though the middle of the Abbey Mills and on in a straight line to Morden. The road measured around 8m to 9m wide and was constructed from flint, gravel and sand. This type of road construction seems

plausible when crossing a low-lying area close to a river (and presumably a ford) as at Merton. The raised banks may have acted as water defences within the marshland environment, and the road itself may actually have formed a causeway through this low-lying area. A roadside ditch contained 1st- to 3rd-century pottery.



Medieval timbers well-preserved in

Also in the south-west, an excavation has been carried out on the south side of the present Kingston Bridge, prior to the widening of the bridge (Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames). This revealed around ten phases of river revetments dating from the 14th to 17th centuries. The revetments were mainly constructed of oak, reusing both boat and building timbers. The waterfronts are likely to have belonged to a medieval property lying just to the north of the Bishop's Hall, which would have extended from the River Thames to Thames Street. During the 16th and 17th centuries the river encroached upon the land, and by this date the revetments were constructed some 3m to the east (inland) of the latest previous medieval revetment. A parallel line of timber posts extended from one of the revetments into the river suggesting a timber jetty.

Turning now to the south-eastern area around London, an excavation was undertaken during 1997 in advance of a riverside residential development at **Summerton Way, Thamesmead** (Wilcon Homes Ltd). The site lay close to the location of discoveries of prehistoric and Roman objects in an area of former marshland which until quite recently formed part of Woolwich Arsenal. The alluvial sediments and peats examined on the site demonstrated the complex changes which have taken place in the Thames estuary since prehistoric times. Radiocarbon samples from the lowest levels on the site showed that relatively dry conditions were followed in the early first millennium BC by a gradual inundation of the site as river levels rose.

By the Roman period this process had begun to reverse once more and by the mid 3rd century AD the site was dry enough to attract occupation. At a date after 250 a network of field ditches was established on the site alongside a number of enigmatic hearths which may have served as corndriers. Despite a flood in or soon after 300, the site remained in occupation until the late 4th century as shown by the establishment of a realigned field system some time after 350. Rising river levels finally inundated the site at the end of the 4th or early 5th century.

Over the last few years MoLAS has also undertaken a number of small-scale investigations in central Greenwich, particularly within the grounds of the Royal Naval College and the National Maritime Museum to the south. Together with ongoing historical research, these investigations have greatly enhanced our understanding of the history and layout of this important site. Recent work to the east and to the west of the College complex has uncovered features dating to the 12th century, by which time Greenwich was probably a settled village. One of the most important finds was a substantial Tudor building belonging to a courtier at the palace of Placentia built by Henry VII on the site of earlier royal builings, and enlarged by Henry VIII and Elizabeth I. Nothing of the palace remains above ground and it was only through excavations conducted by the then Department of the Environment in 1970—I that a plan of the royal complex emerged. A MoLAS watching brief near these excavations identified hitherto unknown walls and floor surfaces and, to the south within the grounds of the National Maritime Museum, investigations have revealed what were almost certainly walls of Henry VIII's tiltyard.



Augering on the Thames foreshore in order to map the buried sediments

Developments along the Thames foreshore have been a feature of the past few years, and MoLAS has developed fast, accurate and cost-effective field surveying systems perfectly suited to the rigorous timetables imposed by the river's great tidal swings. Discoveries and publications by the Thames Archaeological Survey (TAS), based at the Museum of London, have highlighted awareness of the archaeological richness of the intertidal zone, and MoLAS has been able to dovetail its client-based work into the larger pattern of survey being undertaken by TAS, as shown by the following examples.

At Bankside, Southwark (London Borough of Southwark), some 500m of the foreshore has been precisely mapped in three dimensions in just a few mornings, with detailed pictures built up of the location of prehistoric alluvial deposits, ancient timber structures, scatters of shipwrights nails and other features spanning nearly 5000 years. Corollary information is being collected on the coincidence of predicted and actual tidal levels, and on current rates of deposition and erosion of foreshore deposits. Follow-up testpits have allowed sampling of mollusca and organic material, and revealed up to 1.5m of deposits.



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SERVICES & CONSULTANCIES IN BRITAIN AND ABROAD

MoLAS will be expanding its range of professional skills in 1998: geoarchaeological services will be available, as well as the geophysical dating and prospecting techniques already supplied by the Clark Laboratory.

MoLAS has also provided archaeological expertise to television's Time Team, various projects abroad and has been a valuable contributor to international conferences. MoLAS continues to support the secretariat of the European Association of Archaeologists.

THE CLARK LABORATORY

The Clark Laboratory was formed in 1995 in recognition of the lifetime's contribution to archaeological geophysics made by the late Dr A J Clark. In keeping with the spirit of Tony Clark's work, the Laboratory continues to evaluate new scientific survey methods to expand the range of non-destructive prospection techniques available to archaeologists. The Clark Laboratory is currently the only facility in the UK which offers the following range of geophysical techniques for both surveying and dating: archaeomagnetic dating; ground penetrating radar survey with three dimensional modelling and time slicing; magnetic susceptibility survey; logged and scanning magnetometer survey; electromagnetic induction, resistivity and resistivity profiling.

The range of projects undertaken by the Laboratory during the last year demonstrates the variety of survey techniques we currently provide, and the applicability of these techniques in both urban and rural settings as well as for private and institutional clients. The Laboratory has undertaken a GPR (ground-penetrating radar) survey of a Roman villa site at **Abinger**; a multiphase project to locate the remains of **Hadrian's Bridge**, **Cumbria** (Carlisle Archaeological 0.0M Z Unit); used both GPR and resistivity to survey the grounds of **Hertford Castle**; and used GPR in conjunction with a resistivity and magnetometer survey to detect archaeological remains and service tunnels associated with the largest garden water fountains in the United Kingdom at **Witley Court**, **Hereford**. We have also discovered a possible Iron Age enclosure during a 17 hectare magnetic susceptibility and magnetometer survey in Hertfordshire and used GPR to evaluate the extent of the concrete flooring slab at the **Royal Albert Hall**, London.

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Planometric view of anomalous activity caused by archaeology from a recent Clark Laboratory project

Laboratory staff have provided archaeomagnetic dates for several major archaeological excavations. These include not only MoLAS projects such as Lloyd's Register, City of London and Low Hall, Walthamstow, but also a site at **Walton-le-Dale, Preston**; and the Viking site of **Glyn, Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey**.

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instances where MoLAS has been consulted by various divisions of the Police Force (both City and Metropolitan) to assist with enquiries. This has ranged from identifying bones brought in by the public to visiting sites to age human remains discovered in suspicious circumstances. Forensic Archaeology is a developing discipline, but one

for which MoLAS is ideally fitted by virtue of its diverse range of specialists, (human osteologists, documentary historians, stratigraphic specialists) and its rapid response, particularly important in suspicious or criminal circumstances.

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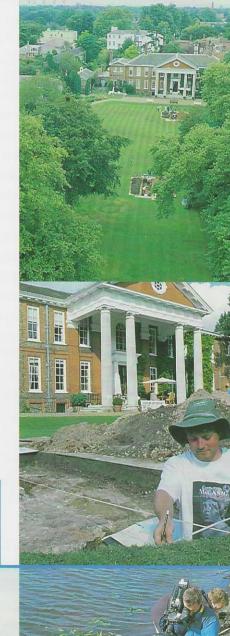


MOLAS TIME TEAM

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In August, MoLAS and Channel 4's Time Team once again undertook a collaborative investigation (see MoLAS 95). This time, the focus was upon the site of the medieval and Tudor royal palace at Richmond, Surrey, occupied by, amongst others, Edward III, Henry VII and Elizabeth I. Above the ground, only the gatehouse and Wardrobe still survive. The object of the investigations was to locate the Privy Lodgings, the royals' private quarters. Four trenches were sunk in the beautiful gardens of Trumpeter's House. These located substantial masonry and Tudor brick walls along with demolition rubble of the Commonwealth period, including highly-crafted architectural fragments from windows and doorways of the palace. The programme was screened in January 1998, and a follow-up publication is planned.

MoLAS also aided Time Team last spring on a Bronze Age and Iron Age trackway in the Somerset Levels.





CONSULTANCIES IN EUROPE & BEYOND



Excavation in progress on Granary Island, Gdansk (Jane Sidell)

MoLAS is pleased to have started a project which will probably run for three years, with the support of the British Council in Poland, to help colleagues at the Archaeological Museum in **Gdansk**, **Poland** (the great medieval city of Danzig). This co-operation started in early 1996 with visits by Polish archaeologists to London, and continued in the summer and autumn with visits to Gdansk, where waterfront excavations are in progress, by MoLAS specialists in environmental archaeology, surveying, pottery, timber recording and graphics. A public lecture in Gdansk in October, comparing the archaeology of Gdansk and London, was the occasion for the announcement of further support by the British ambassador. Given the likely increase in construction in Polish cities, it is important for archaeologists in Gdansk to be familiar with the latest in archaeological methods, while we can refine our techniques by testing them in other places, especially abroad. MoLAS therefore encourages enquiries about its systems from urban archaeologists in other countries.

In 1997 there were several other foreign consultancies. MoLAS has long been recognised as being at the forefront in the development of systems to manage archaeological data from complex urban deposits. It is this experience which has led to our involvement with developing information management systems for the Gabinete Arquelogia Urbana in the historic city of **Oporto, Portugal**. The main element of the work is to be the development of a GIS to aid development control in the historic core of the city which has gained World Heritage status. In 1997, MoLAS undertook the first stage of work, which involved three members of staff visiting Oporto to evaluate the needs of the GAU and to outline the main part of the project.

In **Beirut**, **Lebanon**, there have been intensive international excavations in the downtown area, which is the site of Bronze Age, Phoenician, Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine and Islamic cities one above the other. In 1993 UNESCO asked for MoLAS support in the form of a co-ordinator for the excavations which were just beginning. Spectacular discoveries have been made, including the medieval castle of Beirut which lies on the Bronze Age fortification forming the oldest part of the city. The monuments thus revealed have to be sensitively incorporated into the future pattern of new streets. In 1996 the urban development corporation, SOLIDERE, asked French architect Michel Macary, who worked on the inclusion of the medieval donjon of Paris in the Louvre refurbishment by I M Pei, to come up with a series of alternative solutions; and MoLAS provided the archaeological dimension to these discussions.



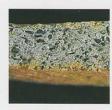
Pathway between Granaries, with the Gdansk Archaeological Museum in the background (Jane Sidell)

MoLAS has gone out to the Far East, when we carried out environmental impact assessment work commissioned by **ERM-Hong Kong Ltd**, thus acting as archaeological consultants for a new passenger railway. The Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation's 'West Rail' project is another in a series of major railway infrastructure schemes for which MoLAS has provided archaeological input. The archaeological work on West Rail is groundbreaking for several reasons. It marks the first time that archaeology has been included formally in an Environmental Impact Assessment in Hong Kong; the approach devised by ERM-Hong Kong and MoLAS has entailed exhaustive predictive modelling and field testing, to compensate for the lack of archaeological records for the study area. MoLAS is working closely with the Government Antiquities and Monuments Office and local archaeological practitioners in the Territory, and the approach looks set to shape the way that archaeology is carried out in Hong Kong in future.

CONTRIBUTING TO NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

& THE DEVELOPMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN EUROPE

National Roman Fabric Collection



Patchgrove Grog-tempered ware



Harrold Shelley ware

1997 has seen the successful completion of this long-term project initiated and funded by English Heritage. A reference collection of approximately 200 clay types representing a number of different source areas, including ones imported into Roman Britain as well as local types with a supra-regional distribution, is now available at the Department of Prehistoric and Romano-British Antiquities, The British Museum. It provides a resource for those working either part or full time in Roman pottery studies and serves to standardise both identification and description of the types present. In addition to this physical collection, the accompanying publication is currently in press as a MoLAS monograph.

Mortarium Bibliography

This project concerns ceramic bowls, frequently spouted, which are internally gritted and used as mortars. These vessels form a specific class of Roman pottery which, because of their distinctive nature, are especially good markers for charting the movement of pottery types and by inference trade in other goods. Historically they have been studied separately from the main bulk of pottery and as a result their literature is disparate and sometimes difficult to access. To rectify this situation, English Heritage has commissioned the compilation of a bibliography which will not only draw together the subject, but also provide a preliminary assessment of the level and range of information on mortaria available for different regions within Britain.

The National Survey of Archaeological Archives

In 1997 MoLAS was commissioned by English Heritage and the Museums and Galleries Commission to undertake a national survey of archaeological archives (the records and finds recovered from excavations). The survey was born out of a widescale concern that increasing numbers of excavations and resulting quantities of finds and records are stretching the ability of museums to accept and curate such material.

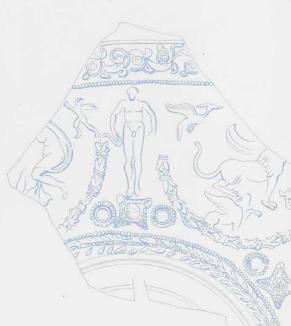
As might have been predicted, an initial relatively simplistic picture of the problem and possible solutions has been replaced by a recognition that there are many different problems and arrangements conspiring to create a situation for which there will be no single solution. At one extreme there are large county and city museum services which often have extremely good 'archive awareness' but are simply struggling with the sheer scale of material which they are expected to curate. At the other are some areas where archive numbers and quantities may be quite small but where museum provision is piece-meal and uncoordinated.

Most museums have run out, or are rapidly running out, of storage space for archaeological material without having clear plans for the future. To make matters worse, large bodies of material are still being held by archaeological units, building up problems for the future. Museum budgets are not growing sufficiently to cope with these increases and in most museums other solutions need to be found.

MoLAS Roman pottery projects in Europe: the Caesar project

Two of the three European Roman pottery projects described in MoLAS 97 have not yet come to fruition, although we have hopes that both the project on a Database for samian ware from Lezoux and the Network of International Reference Collections for Ceramics in Western Europe will be realised in the course of 1998. By contrast, the third project, known as Caesar: validation project for the archaeological ceramics at European Atlantic ports, has made considerable progress, and has led to new insights into the nature of Roman pottery found at sites in northern Spain, western France, and Britain.

The concept of the project is to bring together the work of three archaeological units: MoLAS at London, Arkeolan at San Sebastian and Irun in the Basque country of northern Spain, and the Service Régional de l'Archéologie en Aquitaine, at Bordeaux. The work concentrates on the Roman pottery found at three sites, Regis House in London, Calle Santiago at Irun, and Camille Jullian at Bordeaux. One of the research themes is to test evidence of a possible 'Atlantic pottery region'. By this we mean that in a region which includes the coastal areas of the Basque country, the western coast of France including Aquitania, Brittany, Normandy and the Pas-de-Calais, and Britain (and perhaps also much of Belgium, Holland and Germany), there seems to have been a generally unified set of styles in Roman pottery, especially in the table and kitchen wares, which is different from the styles found contemporaneously in southern Spain, eastern France, Italy and other parts of the Roman Empire.



Taking London into Europe: MoLAS at international conferences

In four days in October 1997 the city of Brugge (Bruges) in Belgium hosted the Second International Conference on Medieval and Later Archaeology. The work of MoLAS was represented by eight lectures, all of which have been published as part of the conference papers (the titles can be found in the MoLAS bibliography towards the end of this review). One of these papers discussed the development of the Saxon harbour and Lundenwic, based on the preliminary results of the recent excavations at Queenhithe (as reported in MoLAS 97) and the Royal Opera House (as reported in MoLAS 96 and here); other papers discussed the 11th-12th century settlement at Guildhall Yard. Preliminary work on the Guildhall material suggests that the area of the Roman amphitheatre arena at this period was occupied not by the Saxons, but by a Scandinavian community with international connections. This new hypothesis raises the possibility that the medieval Guildhall developed out of the need to formalise the various public assemblies and activities which may have taken place in this yard. The structural development of another of the capital's famous monuments, London Bridge, was outlined in another paper. Medieval London Bridge is the subject of a forthcoming monograph produced as part of the English Heritage funded post-excavation and publication programme. The Brugge papers show how the work of MoLAS provides comparative information of interest to our colleagues in Europe, the 10th-11th century buildings found at Guildhall Yard for instance are best compared with such places as Birka (Sweden) and Haithabu (north Germany).

European Association of Archaeologists

Teaching

MoLAS staff teach archaeology to classes throughout London.



Birkbeck College (University of London) Centre for Extra-mural Studies students undergoing instruction and drawing a post-medieval wall at the 1997 training dig held in Southwark by Birkbeck College and MoLAS

The original concept of the European Association of Archaeologists was discussed in 1988 by a group of European archaeologists from Denmark, France and UK at a Theoretical Archaeology Group (TAG) meeting. Many organisations and institutions around Europe have supported the EAA's formation and continuation such as the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, the Czechoslovak (as it was) Academy of Sciences, the Norwegian Central Board of Antiquities (Riksantikvaren) and the Wenner-Gren Foundation. Since January 1997 MoLAS has supported the EAA by providing office space and facilities for the EAA Secretariat. MoLAS is proud that since taking over the management of the Secretariat, members have seen a marked improvement in service. The Association's membership has increased by 30% in the last nine months. The majority of these members are European, however, membership is expanding to other parts of the world. Currently there are 48 countries that are represented within the Association.



FIELDWORK

Greater London

Barking & Dagenham

lbis Hotel, Highbridge Road, West Bank, Barking, IG11 (HHB97) (Askew P)

Barnet

McDonald's Restaurants Ltd, 154 Stonegrove, Edgware (SGV97) (Lakin D)

Bexley

Nursing Home Development, Copperfield Road, SE28 (CPF97) (Stevens S)

Voyager's Quay, Copperfield Road, SE28 (CPP96) (Stevens S) Erith Deep Water Wharf, Crescent Road, Erith, Kent (EWW97) (Bates J & Stevens S)

The Norman Park Site, Norman Road, Picardy Manor Way, Belvedere, Kent (NOM97) (Woodger A)

Hollywood Road (new road), off Slade Green Road, Slade Green, Erith, Kent (HYW97) $\,$ (Holder N)

Summerton Way, Thamesmead North, SE28 (SWY97) (Lakin D) Watermead Park, Wallhouse Road, Slade Green, Crayford, Kent (WMP97) (Martin B)

Bromley

Glebe House, Church Road, Keston, Kent (GLE96) (Tucker S & Wheeler L)

Mountsealed Estate, Molash Road, St Mary Cray, Kent (MSH97) (Stevens S)

Camden

Electricity Substation, Warner Street, ECI (WRS97) (Roycroft N)

City of London

4 Bouverie Street, EC4 (BVS97) (Miles A)

Carter Lane, Ludgate Broadway (junction), EC4 (CLU97) (Sankey D)

77 Carter Lane, EC4 (CTE96) (Askew P & Smith T)

City Tree Project - Byward Street, EC3 (CYK97) (Stevens S)

Gateway House, 25 Cannon Street, EC4 (CAO96) (Bowsher D)

Cannon Street and Bread Street junction, EC4 (CNB97) (Lakin D)

I Carey Lane, II-I2 Foster Lane, EC2 (CAY97) (Blair I)

50 Cornhill, EC3 (CNI97) (Sankey D)

13-21 Eastcheap, EC3 (ESC97) (Roycroft N)

Plantation House, 26–38 Fenchurch Street, I–16 Mincing Lane, EC3 (FER97) (Nielsen R & Roycroft N)

168 Fenchurch Street, EC3 (FEH95) (Dunwoodie L)

Lloyd's Register of Shipping, Fenchurch Street, EC3 (FCC95) (Nielsen R & Bluer D)

7-12 Gracechurch Street, EC3 (GCS97) (Barber B)

2-12 Gresham Street, EC2 (GSM97) (Roycroft N)

Broken Wharf & Sir John Lyon House, High Timber Street, EC4 (HTS97) (Wroe-Brown R)

Atlantic House, 46–50 Holborn Viaduct, ECI (ATC97) (Dunwoodie L)

Equitable House, 47–51 King William Street, 16 Fish Street Hill, EC4 (ETE97) (Sankey D)

20-22 Leadenhall Market, EC3 (LHL97) (Brigham T)

Barber Surgeons' Hall Gardens, London Wall, EC2 (BSG97) (McCann W)

Winchester House, London Wall, EC2 (WCH95) (Askew P)

Barrington House, I-6 Love Lane, 59-67 Gresham Street, EC2 (LVL97) (Woodger A)

Procession House, 55 Ludgate Hill, EC4 (LUG97) (Grainger I)

I-3 Ludgate Square, 56-66 Carter Lane, EC4 (LUS97) (Watson B)

I-4 Middle Temple Lane, EC4 (MTE96) (Minkin J)

Moorgate Station, 21 Moorfields, EC2 (MFL97) (Roycroft N)

Sudbury House, Newgate Street, EC4 (SHN97) (Askew P)

Britannia House, 16-17 Old Bailey, EC4 (OBL97) (Steele A)

Paternoster Row, EC4 (PRN97) (Porter G)

St Andrew by the Wardrobe, Queen Victoria Street, EC4 (SAA97) (Miles A)

40-66 Queen Victoria Street, EC4 (QVA97) (Hil, J)

3 I-32 St Andrew's Hill, EC4 (SRW97) (Miles A)

36 St Andrew's Hill, EC4 (SNW97) (Tyler K & Porter G))

7-13 St Bride Street, EC4 (SBS97) (Howe L & Askew P)

Brook's Wharf, 48 Upper Thames Street, EC4 (BHD90) (Ayre J)

Suffolk Lane – junction with Upper Thames Street, EC4 (SUK97) (Pitt K)

Wardrobe Court, 53–57 Carter Lane, 1–5 Addle Hill, EC4 (WDC97) (Tyler K)

13-21 West Smithfield, EC1 (WSI97) (Treveil P & Bluer D)

90–91, 100 Wood Street, St Albans Court, EC2 (WOO97) (Howe L)

22-24 Wormwood Street, EC2 (WOE97) (Sankey D)

Croydon

163 Coombe Road (land at rear), Croydon, Surrey (COB97) (Stevens S)

Farthing Down, Downs Road, Coulsdon, Surrey (FTD97) (Watson B) Methodist Church (land adjacent), Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead, Croydon, Surrey (LPR96) (Stevens S)

Atwood Primary School, Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead, Croydon, Surrey (LFD97) (Saxby D)

513, 515 London Road, Croydon, Surrey (LNN97) (Hewett R) Station Road (former Garage/Workshop site), 60 Godstone Road,

Kenley, Surrey (GOT97) (Hewett R)

64-68 Thornton Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey (THR97) (Cowie R)

Ealing

268 Northfield Avenue (rear), Northfield, W5 (NTA97) (Lakin D) Elm View, Norwood Green Road, Southall, Middx (NGN97) (Steele A)

Enfield

Brancroft Way, Brimsdown, Enfield (BNW95) (Burch M)
Forty Hall Farm, Forty Hill, Enfield (FOF94) (Howe L)
270 Great Cambridge Road, Enfield (GCE97) (Roberts J)
Railway Goods Yard (former), Kingsway, Southbury, Enfield, (KNY97)
(McKenzie M)

Greenwich

Gallions Reach Urban Village, Central Way, Western Way, Thamesmead, SE18 (GAC97) (Saxby D & Askew P)

Gallions Reach Urban Village, Phase 2, Central Way, Thamesmead, SE18 (GAE97) (Stevens S)

DLR Lewisham Extension, Cutty Sark Station, Creek Road, Greenwich, SEI0 (DXL97) (McKenzie M)

Riverwall Works, Greenwich Millenium Festival, Drawdock Road, Ordnance Cres, Greenwich, SE10 (BWP97) (Bowsher J)

Guildford Grove, SE10 (GUL97) (Bowsher J)

Creedy's Yard, High Bridge Wharf, High Bridge, Greenwich, SE10 (HBW97) (Bowsher J)

Hackney

9 Appold Street and Snowden House, 66–90 Worship Street, EC2 (APP97) (Sankey D)

2–16 Link Street, 12–14 Homerton High Street, E9 (LIK95) (Tyler K)

St Augustine's Tower, Mare Street, E8 (SGS97) (Burch M)

Hammersmith & Fulham

5-15 Galena Road, SW6 (GAN96) (Partridge J)

West Court, Fulham Palace, Bishop's Avenue, SW6 (FPC97) (Bowsher J)

All Saints Primary School, Bishops Avenue, Fulham, SW6 (ASP97) (Partridge J et al)

69a Fulham High Street, 423 New King's Road, SW6 (FUH97) (Partridge J)

Wimslow Road, W6 (WLR97) (Cowie R)

Haringev

Highgate Woods, bounded by Archway & Muswell Hill Road, N10 (HWO96) (Holder N)

Havering

Union Railways, Phase 4, Area 3, 10, Rainham-Purfleet, Essex (URA97) (Blair I)

Angel Way (ex GPO site), Romford, Essex (ANL97) (Holder N) Gidea Park, The Bowling Green, Main Road, Romford, Essex (MNO97) (Wiggins M)

Hillingdon

The Norman Hay Site, Bath Road, Harmondsworth, Middx (NHS97) (Cowie R)

Ruislip Manor House (SAM), near Bury Street, Ruislip, Middx (RMH97) (Steele A)

Windsor Court Development, 30–34 Chapel Street, 28–34 Windsor Street, Uxbridge, Middx (CWU97) (Knight H)

Heathrow Airport Terminal 4 Remote Stands, Grassed Area 16A, Terminal 4, Heathrow Airport, Middx (TFR97) (Hoad S)

St Giles Church Hall, High Road, Ickenham, Uxbridge, Middx (SGL97) (Wiggins M)

Moysons Yard, Moor Lane, Harmondsworth, West Drayton, Middx (MLH97) (Steele A)

The World Business Centre, Newall Road, Heathrow Airport, Middx (NLL97) (Partridge I)

Heathrow Airport N side — Communications Infrastructure, south of Northern Perimeter Road, N of N runway, Hounslow, Middx (HCI97) (Elsden N & Hoad S)

Lufthansa Cargo Warehouse, Southampton Road, Shoreham Road West, Middx (LCW97) (Hoad S)

The Shoenberg Site, Trevor Road, Hayes, Middx (TVO97) (Stevens S)

Hounslow

I Brentford High Street, Brentford, Middx (BFH97) (Cowie R)
St Mary's Convent, The Butts, Brentford, Middx (BTT97)
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The Serco Site, 13 Hayes Road, Southall, Middx (HYR97) (Lakin D) Former Health Centre, Spring Road, Lower Feltham, Middx (SLF97) (Knight H)

Mayfield Farm, Staines Road, Bedfont, Middx (MFF97) (Knight H)

Islington

Preacher's Court, Charterhouse Mews, Charterhouse, ECI (PCC92) (Thomas C)

85 Colebrook Row, NI (COK97) (Miles A)

I-7 Dallington St, ECI (DLL97) (Miles A)

5 Garrett Street, ECI (GET97) (Askew P & Howe, L)

Collin's Music Hall, 10-12 Islington Green, N1 (ISL97) (Miles A)

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56-64 Pentonville Road, I-II Baron Street, NI (PNT97) (Tyler K)

Kensington & Chelsea

The Royal Hospital, Royal Hospital Road, SW3 (RHR97) (Jones S)

Kingston-upon-Thames

South side Kingston Bridge, Kingston, Surrey (KIB97) (Saxby D)

Lambeth

Thames Water pipeline, Belvedere Road, SEI (BVD97) (Minkin J) Flood Mitigation Phase 3, Thames Foreshore, opp County Hall, South of Hungerford Bridge, SEI (TFC97) (Hoad S)

The Millenium Wheel site, Jubilee Gardens, Belvedere Road, SEI (JUL97) (Spurr G)

Lewisham

DLR Lewisham Extension, Trenches 10–11, rear of Conington Road, SE13 (DXH97) (Bowsher I)

DLR Lewisham Extension, Trench 9, junction of Elverson Road, Conington Road, SE13 (DXG97) (Bowsher J)

DLR Lewisham Extension, Trench 14, off Lewisham High Street, Tesco car park, SE13 (DXJ97) (Bowsher J)

Merton

Tesco Store, Burlington Road, Burlington Road, New Malden, Surrey (BUL97) (Cowan C)

Caesar's Camp, Royal Wimbledon Golf Club, Camp Road, SW19 (CCM97) (Roycroft N)

High Street, Christchurch Road, Priory Road (land bound by), SW19 (CCC97) (Saxby D)

110 Ridgway, SW19 (RGW97) (Hewett R)

42 Tramway Path, Mitcham, Surrey (TRA97) (Hewett R)

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East Ham Baths, Nelson Street, E6 (HIS97) (Holder N)
Royal Docks Community School, Prince Regent Lane, E16 (PRG97)
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Council Depot (former), Well Street, opp jnc Waddington Street, Stratford, E15 (WTF97) (Sankey D)



A range of 19th-century pedestal ointment pots manufactured at Mortlake potteries

Redbridge

Eastwood Road, South Woodford, E18 (EWR97) (Grainger I)
The Grotto, Wanstead Park, Warren Road, E11 (GWP97)
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Trumpeter's House, The Old Palace, The Green, Richmond-upon-Thames, Surrey (TRU97) (Cowie R)

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Lower Nurseries, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey (LNK97) (Simmons T)

61–69 Mortlake High Street, SW14 (MOT97) (Holder N & Hoad S)
Dalemead Residential Care Home, 10–12 Riverdale Gardens,
St Margarets, Twickenham, Middx (RDG97) (Cowie R)

Harrods Depository (former), Trinity Church Road, SW13 (TRC97) (Jones S)

Southwark

80 Camberwell Church Street, Camberwell, SE5 (CBW97) (Askew P)

Gloucester Grove Phase 3C, St George's Way, Peckham, SE15 (GLG97) (Saxby D)

10–18 London Bridge Street, SEI (LNB97) (Askew,P)

18–26 Nunhead Lane, Peckham, SE15 (NUN97) (Stevens S)
Platform Wharf, 23 Paradise Street, SE16 (PDS97) (Blatherwick S)
Staffordshire Street, Goldsmith Road, Peckham, SE15 (SFF97)
(Pickard C)

14–16 Stoney Street, SE1 (SYT97) (Cowan C)
1–29 Studholme Street, Peckham, SE15 (SDH97) (Stevens S)
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Sutton

256–264 Croydon Road, Wallington, Surrey (CYN97) (Roycroft N) Mitcham House, Mitcham Road, Croydon, Surrey (MHM97) (Stevens S)

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Blackwall Stairs, Blackwall Way, Yabsley Street, E14 (BLK97) (Wroe-Brown R)

28-36 Brushfield Street, EI (BFL97) (Dunwoodie L)

Horner Buildings, Brushfield Street, Lamb Street, Spitalfields, EI (BHF97) (Thomas C)

I Prescot Street, EI (PCS97) (Roycroft N)

St John's Church, Scandrett Street, Green Bank, E1 (SJN97) ($\it Miles~A$)

The Pier Head, South West India Dock Entrance, E14 (SWI97)

Locke's Wharf, West Ferry Road, E14 (LOC97) (Wroe-Brown R)

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219–221 Balham High Road, SW17 (BHG97) (Treveil P)
Enterprise House (land), Cathles Road, SW12 (CAH97) (Bates J)
Danebury School (former), Alton Education Centre, Danebury
Avenue, Roehampton, SW15 (DNA97) (Cowie R)

Westminster

Bridge Street (subway, in road), SWI (BGS97) (Thomas C)
Commons Court, Houses of Parliament, Bridge Street, SWI (CMO97) (Roycroft N)

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99–203 Buckingham Palace Road, Ebury Bridge Road, SWI (BPR97) (Jones S)

Cannon Row (ventilation shaft), SWI (CNW97) (Thomas C)
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93 Ebury Bridge Road, SW1 (EBR95) (Pickard C)
Edgware Road, 121–125 Edgware Road, W2 (EDW97) (Hoad S)

27 Floral Street, W1 (FLO97) (Partridge J) Horse Shoe Yard, W1 (HOY97) (Pitt K)

Children's Hospital, Paddington Green, W2 (PAG97) (Holder N) Marlborough House, Pall Mall, SW1 (MRB92) (Bowsher D)

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Perkin's Rents and Great Peter Street (corner), SW1 (PKN97)
(Bowsher I)

Serpentine Gallery, off Serpentine Walk, Kensington Gardens, W2 (SRG97) (Wiggins M)

Egyptian Embassy, South Street, W1 (EGY97) (Ayre J)
Somerset House, Strand, WC2 (SST96) (Chew S & Holder N)
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Love Lane, Rochester, Kent (KT LOV97) (Martin B)
Swanscombe Community School, Southfleet Road, Swanscombe,
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Channel Tunnel

Station Road (west of), Ashford, Kent (ARC PFM97) (Heard K)
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(Roycroft N)

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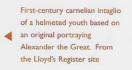
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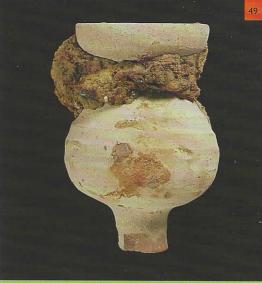
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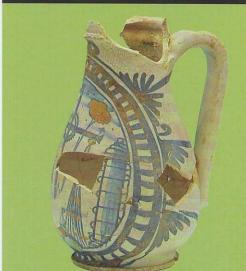


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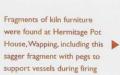


An X-ray of the unguentarium (above right) showing the copper wire tied around its neck





Spanish 'cuerda seca' floor tile, decorated with Islamic style motif and manufactured in Seville c 1500

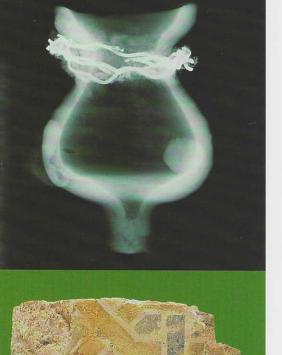


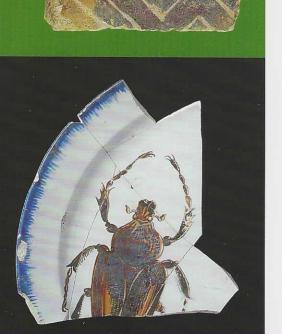


Mid 19th-century Pearlware plate decorated with an overglaze representation of a cockroach. Found at Marlborough House



A Lower Palaeolithic pointed flint handaxe from one of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link sites in Kent





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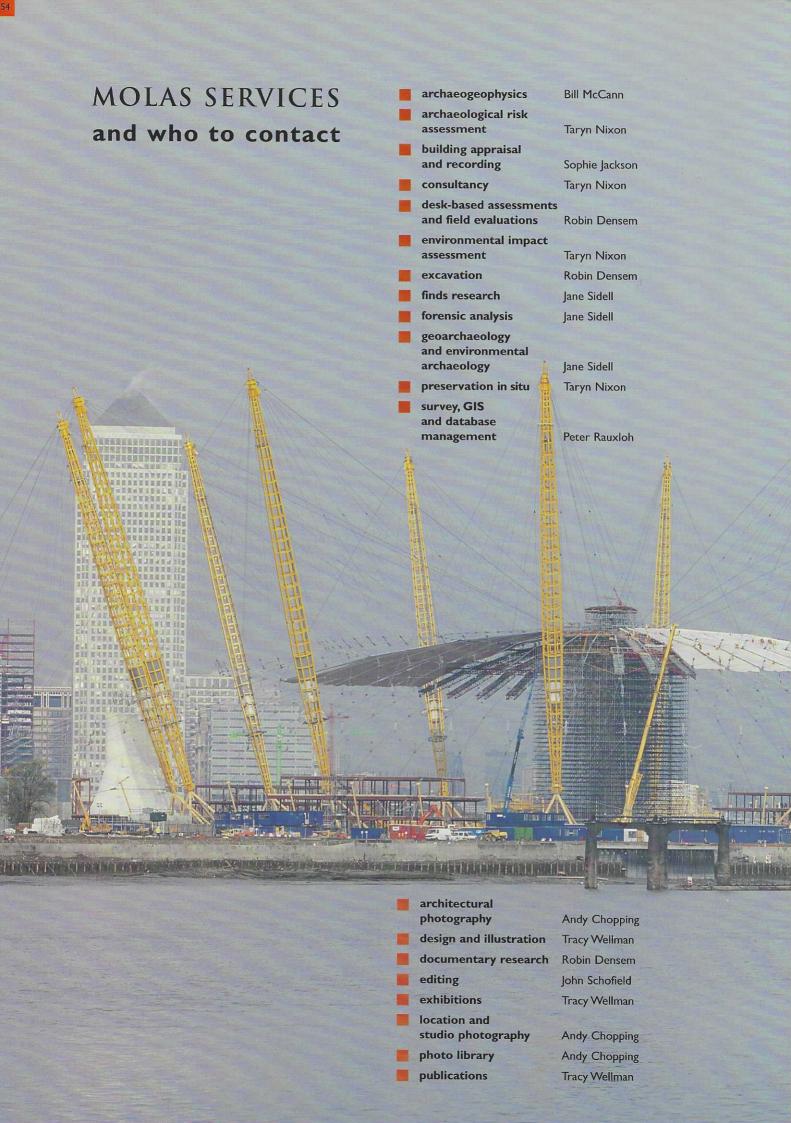
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