

Site 9791

Caistor St Edmund Saxon Cemetery

* See note ~~on site~~ (2)

"Pre-excavation finds" recorded by R R Clarke (but what is the evidence that they all come from this site? - E.R.)

1870. Pot given to BM (MLA) (70 12-6 1) "Found two feet deep on Dashwood's estate" Presented by Royal ~~XXXXXX~~ Institution - fig'd VCH 1 329 fg.10

1 Pot in Wisbech Museum, plain, marked 1835 by Wm. Peckover
NCM - two pots - 52a & b 28 - illust. 1853 cat. nos 8 & 9
iron shears 76.94

52a (449 in 1910 cat) has 5 bulbous projections; vertical lines in intervening spaces

52b (448)(in 1910 cat) has line of round stamped ornaments between horizontal ~~xxxx~~ lines round neck - stamps in triangles below (Mrs Dashwood)

Bronze tweezers NCM 50.25 S W Stevenson (CANCM 1910 50)

"In park partly under corner of plantation (any excavation c1860?) about 1100' SE of E gate of Roman town and on site of Roman suburb. Urns recorded from 1814 and part of site destroyed by rabbiting. Systematic ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ investigation begun by F R Mann Jan 1932-38 with aid of Prof. D Atkinson 1932-5. 502 cremations; 57 inhumations in 37 graves Cruciform brooches date cemetery from late V - late VI but many graves are 7th cent. Possibly Anglian cremations followed by Saxon cremations and inhumations. Roman silver coins of Severus and Domna and AE1 of Trajan, Verus and Commodus have been found. Beads; knives; glass tumbler; tweezers. 1 furnished grave, no.13, Kentish 7th cent, bronze torc and anklet, Jutish faced pot, 250 large flints in it.

E T Leeds cast bronze central portion of brooch with running spiral decoration allied to saucer and applied brooches, duplicate from Westerwanna (stray) - NCM 151.947

All excavated finds ex Rev J W Corbould Warren, now NCM 77.30, coins 120.944, beaker etc 121.944. 15% of pots have animal bones. Pottery some of earliest looking in England. Direct Angle influence from Slesvig. 1 pot paralleled in N. Holstein; 1 pot decorated with boat, 1 with fox.

(Above notes all by R R Clarke. See Myres & Green, Anglo-Saxon Cemeteries of Caistor and Markshall, for updated identifications including detailed account of Roman structures, Samian and Caistor ware etc.)

Refs by R R Clarke -

Add MSS BM 23,027 f92 sketch by Anna Gurney of urn from Roman encampment "many others found" ?1844

VCH 1 329 334 (bowl)

PSA Lond. 2nd series 1.1860 106 (bowl)

EDP 12 Mar 1934; 8 II 1936; 23.VI 1938; 15.IX.1935; 6.IX.1935

Ant J 34, 1954 202

Pot owned by Elliot fig. JBAA X 1855 106

BA Handbook 1935 70

C, H. V. Sutherland 1937 104

Ant J XIII 1933 235; XVII 1937 428, 30, 432

Antiquity XI 1932 392

Leeds 1936 39 plXib - cast brooch

NA XXIX, XXVII 1940 216-8 & pl XIV

Arch XCI 1945 77 & fig 39 (saucer brooch of N German type)

Clarke adds a footnote later crossed out except for words "Much RB-AS pottery from Paddocks and Town Baths"

1944. Much IA ?ABC sherds from plantation E or SE of Roman town (?possibly Anglian - R Clarke) Seen by Frere. Penes W H Bennett 60 Orchard Avenue Shirley. Croydon, Surrey

SEE NOTE
ON SITE
4786
1838 FINA.

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