

In this issue . . .

The discovery of the church of St Paulinus at Lincoln, Village and Farm in Iron Age Oxfordshire and some good advice from Philip Rahtz dominate the latest issue of Current Archaeology.

First of all, however, we have done some re-arranging. Having grown tired of pontificating six times a year in an editorial, we have abolished the editorial and in its place we are inviting our readers, to pontificate for us. We have therefore introduced a new feature called 'Opinion', for which we invite contributions of not more than 850 words.

The **Diary** deals with Prince Charles' forthcoming visit to Rescue, York, the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, the Diploma in Archaeological Practice and three new National Societies.

The church of **St Paul-in-the-Bail, Lincoln** is reputedly the site of the church founded by St Paulinus in c. 628 and recorded by Bede. Earlier this year the excavators found what was clearly St Paulinus church, with a superb hanging bowl under the altar.

What did the typical Iron Age farmstead look like? The Oxfordshire Archaeological Unit has been carrying out a classic exercise in how to conduct a research project within a rescue framework and has now excavated 5 Iron Age sites on the Thames' gravels. The results reveal both villages, farms and seasonal settlements.

In Books we discuss *Anglo-Saxon Pottery, Hengistbury Head, The Walls of Rome, Mesolithic Cultures, Environmental Archaeology, A Guide to Prehistoric Remains*, and a number of *Shorter Notices and Implication Reports*, with a *Postscript* on the price of books.

At **Broomhill/Braishfield**, Michael O'Malley has been excavating single-handed an extensive mesolithic site, revealing a mesolithic roundhouse and 89,124 flints.

The reconstruction at the Roman fort at **The Lunt** still continues. Here we describe how the *Gyrus* has been reconstructed as a training ground for horses.

Finally, our newest feature, **Opinion**, and we have two offerings, both inspired by Philip Barker's new book, *Techniques in Archaeological Excavation*. Firstly A. H. A. Hogg puts the case for **Sample Excavation**, and then Philip Rahtz, Professor of Archaeology at York offers 20 maxims on that most neglected of subjects, **How to get an Excavation Finished**.

Cover Photo: Excavating the central pit of the Broomfield mesolithic house. Michael O'Malley (right) is accompanied by Mr. M. Palmer, who helped him during 1973-74. In the background are the bags of soil waiting to go to Cambridge for soil and seed analysis.

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