

What records and finds remain from the excavations?

Apart from the contemporaneously published articles referred to above, little remains of the records of the site. Ian Dormor kindly provided me with 40 slides of the dig and finds, and a fairly poor and unclear plan (fig. X) and some cross sections, although it is unclear where these were situated on the plan. The slides form the most useful part of the whole surviving record, and they have now been scanned and copied to safeguard them for the future. I was informed by another worker on the site that some at least of the records were eaten by rodents in the site hut, although I have been unable to verify this story. Much of the information not gleaned from the published articles has been taken from Ian Dormor's personal recollections from 36 years ago.

Most of the finds were still in the possession of Ian Dormor, and I was unable to locate any in Farnham Museum, although some of the articles refer to items being in the museum. There was no system of finds recording on the site, and most of the finds are unlabelled, making it almost impossible to relate them to the plan and cross-sections. Unfortunately this situation has led to the disappearance of some of the more valuable items e.g. the coins, token and ampulla, although these do appear on the slides. Apparently several of the volunteers took these finds home to clean and record them, and did not return them all thereafter.

As well as the larger finds, it does not appear that any samples were taken from any part of the trenches, moat or well for subsequent analysis. No post excavation analysis, conservation or other work has been carried out on any of the finds (if you exclude wrapping them in newspaper!).

There was a wide variety of finds from the excavation, the most noteworthy being as follows:

A bronze coin of Edward III (1327-1377) minted in English occupied France (fig X) (unfortunately missing)

A lead ampulla from Santiago da Compostella in Spain, presumably a pilgrim's possession once containing holy water (unfortunately missing). Intriguingly in later years similar ampullae were reported as found in another part of the village and in Farnham Park. (fig X)

A 14th century English token (no picture available and also missing)

A large quantity of medieval white ware, comprising parts of a bowl rim and skillet handles (fig X)

A large quantity of glazed and unglazed green ware, probably of local manufacture.

Some window glass, possibly Tudor.

Several pieces of clay pipe.

It is beyond the scope of this paper to discuss these finds in more detail.

As has been stated before, no fully considered post excavation analysis and write up has been carried out. Each edition of the Farnham Museum newsletter which appeared during the dig had a useful summary of progress from Ian Dormor, and at the same time shortened versions of these appeared in the SAS Bulletin. But after mid 1967 no further mention has appeared in any journal.