Gazetteer - Ellesborough (Bu) to Epping (E)

ELLESBOROUGH (Bu)

Zone 7

'Belgic' sherds as well as flints are reported from two places in this area by Farley (1977, 479-80; c.SP 836 084).

Waugh et al. 1974, fig.14 no.55 is type G4 (SP 833 054).

ELVEDEN (S)

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A grave found in 1888 contained three pots covered by a wooden 'tankard' with bronze plating and repousse medallions, and cremated bone in the earth dug up with the vessels. The finds, in the possession of one Henry Prigg (Prigg 1889, 81), were seen by Evans (1890, 351) who described the pots as 'three earthenware vessels of excellent make', one reddish with globular form and two rows of 'undulating striae'. This does not sound quite like a buttbeaker, but it might have been a form of Gallo-Belgic ancestry. The tankard is the only survivor, in Bury St Edmunds Museum (Corcoran 1952; Fox 1958, 109).

EMBERTON (Bu)

SP 887 508 Zone 7

Extensive gravel-digging destroyed much Romano-British occupation in ditches, etc., 1957-62. The rescued finds, to be published by Mynard, are referred to with some illustrated vessels by Waugh et al. (1974, 387, nos.31-41).

Nos.31-34 G4. Not seen.

No.35 Roman.

No.36 B1-1.

No.37 G4. Pale red, probably grog.

No.38 G4. Hard grey grog, pale red surfaces.

No.39 C6-1. Not seen.

No.40 G5-4. Grog, perhaps romanised.

No.41 G5-6. Not seen.

The girth beakers, G4, include some in hard Roman fabrics as well as grog. Three HM Iron Age rims are also shown by Waugh et al. (fig.11, 1-3); there are also shelly jars and much Roman material. The 'Belgic bricks' are coarse and shelly. BCM 39.61.

An odd broad-mouthed bowl from Epping Plain is shown in Welsford and Rudsdale (pl.X no.13), but it does not appear in the text; I have not been able to locate it. The form is D1-1.

A hoard of 12 gold staters, 4 of Tasciovanus and 8 of Cunobelinus of c.AD 20, was found here 1971-72, and is now in the BM (Coin hoards 1 (1975) 43: no.148; D.F. Allen 1975, 18-19).