

## SIXTY-EIGHTH REPORT ON BARROWS

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### YEALM VALLEY, RENNY BROOK.

In the sixty-sixth Report (*Trans. Dev. Assoc.*, vol. lxxvii, p. 55) I mentioned a kistvaen found by MR. L. BUTTON on the right bank of the *Renny Brook*, giving the approximate position as  $3^{\circ}-56'-9''$  lon. and  $50^{\circ}-27'-13''$  lat. (the longitude was misprinted as  $8^{\circ}-56'-9''$ ). MR. BUTTON kindly permitted the use of his photograph of the kistvaen (*Trans. Dev. Assoc.*, vol. lxxvii, plate I), and I am now able to add that this view was taken looking N.13°E.

I have been unable to reach the kistvaen, but our member MR. C. E. B. DIXON was taken to it by MR. R. C. E. CARPENTER; he has accurately ascertained the position, and also prepared a plan of the kist, information which he kindly placed at my disposal.

The correct location is Devon, six-inch O.S., cxix n.w., lon.  $3^{\circ}-56'-8\frac{1}{2}''$ , lat.  $50^{\circ}-27'-17''$ . Three sides of the grave are still in place; the third has been turned back and lies parallel to its original position, the displacement amounting to eighteen inches. This stone was just buried under the turf, but has now been cleared, and is, for the time, visible.

The internal dimensions of the kist are, length 2 ft. 2 ins., breadth 1 ft. 4 ins. The direction of length is N.51°W.

To the south of the kistvaen, and about a foot away from the nearest point of the buried side-stone, lies the displaced coverstone, of which but a small part was above turf. This stone has a greatest length of 4 feet and a greatest width of 2 feet 6 inches.

I desire to express my indebtedness to those who have supplied me with the material for this record.

### AVON VALLEY, BROCKHILL FORD.

MR. C. R. E. CARPENTER has found a kistvaen on the right bank of the *Brockhill Stream*, five hundred feet south-west of *Brockhill Ford*. It lies very near, and to the south of, the *Abbot's Way* (*Jobber's Cawse*). The location is Devon, six-inch O.S., cxii s.e., lon.  $3^{\circ}-51'-48''$ , lat.  $50^{\circ}-28'-33''$ .

The side-stones are approximately 4 ft. 6 ins. in length, and the end-stones approximately 3 ft. The kist has been considerably disturbed. The direction of length lies in the

n.w. quadrant. There is a retaining circle, of which about a dozen stones remain; the diameter of the circle is about 26 feet.

I hope to give more precise details in the next report; meanwhile the location above given needs no revision. I have written this with a photograph, kindly supplied by MR. CARPENTER, before me, and with the aid of his approximate measurements; he had not the instruments with him for a formal survey.

#### VALLEY OF THE GLAZE, PILES HILL.

MR. CARPENTER has also found a group of stones, lying 600 yards west of *Glasscombe Corner*. Probably the remains of a kistvaen. This group needs further enquiry. I hope to include it in the next report.

#### VALLEY OF THE GLAZE, CORRINGTON, GLASSCOMBE.

It has been suggested that it was a mistake to have omitted from the plan of the *Glasscombe Group* (*Trans. Dev. Assoc.*, vol. lxxx, plate 3, *Barrow Report* 66) a ruined cairn which lies near the triple rows. I accordingly supply details. If those interested will take the plan and draw a pencil line from the centre of the Retaining Circle to and through the centre of Cairn No. 3, producing this line to the north-west; then at a distance of 165 feet measured along this line north-westerly from the centre of Cairn No. 3 may be marked the centre of the ruined cairn above mentioned. This cairn was probably some forty feet in diameter when complete, perhaps a little less.

I suggest that the plan should then be completed by numbering the Retaining Circle as 4, and this additional barrow as 5.

The fact that the graves 3, 4 and 5 lie in a straight line may possibly have some significance, but there is no certainty; the spacing is far from equal, and the centres of the cairns are ill defined, consequent on disturbance.

#### ROBOROUGH DOWN, BUCKLAND MONACHORUM.

Prior to the construction of the *Roborough Aerodrome* there stood on *Roborough Down*, south of the road leading from *Freesaber* eastward toward *Yelverton*, two earth barrows, the one considerably larger than the other. Both were shewn on the Ordnance Maps. The position of the larger was Devon Six Inch O.S. cxii, n.w. lon.  $4^{\circ}-6'-8''$ , lat.  $50^{\circ}-29'-41''$ ; the smaller appears on the same sheet at lon.  $4^{\circ}-5'-59\frac{1}{2}''$  lat.  $50^{\circ}-29'-36''$ .

When it was known that the land on which these barrows

stood was to be occupied by an aerodrome MR. C. K. C. ANDREW and myself, quite independently conceived the idea that since they would necessarily be destroyed, it would be well to watch the process of destruction, which might yield information of archaeological value. But the authorities had other views, it would seem; and mechanical excavators are very speedy implements of destruction.

All that is now possible is to preserve the record. The barrow had at some time been disturbed, but it is doubtful whether the interment had ever been exposed. This barrow was about seventy feet in diameter.