

CITY WALL, WORCESTER

During the past few weeks work has begun on clearing the City Wall in Bowling Green Terrace and between Charles Street and Carden Street before the building of the new City Walls road. Long stretches of finely preserved plinth have been revealed. It is hoped to cut one or more sections across the City ditch.

WORCESTER CITY MUSEUM

Reorganisation of the Museum's displays in accordance with the Severn Valley theme is currently being extended to the prehistoric material. The first sections to receive this treatment are those dealing with the Bronze and Iron Ages to be followed in the near future by the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic periods.

BRITISH  
A ROMANO-BRITISH POTTERY PRODUCTION SITE AT NEWLAND

The site of yet another Romano-British pottery kiln has been noted within the Malvern District. Certain densities of pottery were observed lying in the plough level. These areas of pottery were tested for a possible kiln site and all but one turned out to be of pit like construction, of a purpose as yet unknown. A possible kiln site requires further excavation. Finds consisted completely of very coarse ware sherds but some decorated with incised lines and thus, roughly dating the site to 150 A.D. A large amount of burnt rough brick was found, one large piece being made into a wedge shape and possibly from the actual kiln. A portion of a quern stone almost certainly gives evidence to the existence of some form of occupation. It is hoped to investigate the site more thoroughly in 1969.

THE COUNTY MUSEUM, HARTLEBURY CASTLE, KIDDERMINSTER

A start has been made upon the task of compiling a complete archaeological cover of the County based on 6" Ordnance Survey maps. All archaeological discoveries made in the County will be recorded on these maps and on their card index, thus providing a simple and comprehensive reference system for the archaeology of the County. It would be appreciated if archaeological fieldworkers, and people who may make chance finds of archaeological material, would tell the County Museum about the nature and location of their discoveries so that this information can be entered upon the maps.

A start has also been made upon the compilation of a reference collection of aerial photographs of the County, which should be of great value to fieldworkers and as a record of sites destroyed by modern development.

Steven Taylor

Early in the New Year much of the material from R.T.Rowley's excavation at Bordesley Abbey will be displayed in a new archaeological gallery. Items will include coloured glass, ceramics, carved columns, as well as small finds such as a 14th century dagger pommel.

Mrs. D. J. Bullard,  
Keeper

WORCESTERSHIRE CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

Recent activities of the Society have included:-

1. The collecting and recording of pre-1837 Catholic Parish Registers, and their microfilming with the co-operation of the County Record Office. Information has been supplied for the National Index of Parish Registers (Society of Genealogists) on the same.