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The Editor wishes to express his thanks to the select few who kindly supplied the material for this edition.

F.J.M.

EDITORIAL.

Many of our members will no doubt like to hear the results of our attempt to raise funds, to enable us to subsidise those lucky few who are spending their Holidays at Cadbury this coming July/August. (May the weather keep fine for them)

The Jumble Sale held at our own Meeting place in St. Mary's Church House raised the quite respectable sum of £7 and considering the number of Sales in the same area on the same day, coupled with the fact that the press could not get our advert in on the Friday, this was quite an achievement. Our thanks go to those members who turned up for a hectic half-hour and worked like slaves, and to a non-member Mrs. Male, who regaled us with much needed refreshment and was indeed a tower of strength to us rather inexperienced Jumble Sellers at the Sale.

Editing a Magazine like the PENDRAGON is a pleasure, BUT- could we please have the material a little earlier and give us time to enable us to get the typing, and duplicating done by the last week of the month at the latest. ----and in writing or print that is fairly legible --we are of course very learned old gentlemen and can read - - but Ancient or Cuniform and Hieroglyphics are rather beyond our ken.

Surely someone must have an article or comment about something that they want to get off their chests, - -I know I've just aired MY views- - -LET'S HAVE YOURS.

F.J.M.

The Pendragon Society was founded in 1959, in Hampshire, and we are still in communication with early members. In all 117 Pendragon badges are now in circulation and we hope that when the dig starts, some of those members from whom we have not heard for some time, will turn up at Cadbury.

It is just two years since the first tentative meetings of Pendragons began in Bristol. What have we been doing, and what have we achieved?

Cadbury is a long way beyond the reach of public transport so we have been dependent on the kindness of those members who have cars or vans to get us there. We have made many trips to the area and we ran a weekend camp there at Easter in 1965, when a force nine gale was blowing and the temperature almost down to freezing point.

In the course of these visits we have met a great many local people and everyone in the district far around now knows activities. Lord Castle Stewart, who owns much of the land across which the Hunting Causeway is said to run, gave us permission to carry out investigations and very kindly offered cooperation in any way we might require. We hoped that our aerial photographs would show traces of this lost causeway but in this instance they proved disappointing and we have not yet been able to follow up our investigations. We still have not given up hope of tracing this ancient trackway but there are so many bits of trackways noted in various books and reports that we fear this is going to be quite a task.

One member, Terry Staples, and his wife Brenda went into the air to take a film of the ground between Cadbury and Glastonbury Tor. This film we are anxious to show to the archaeologists who are members of the Camelot Research Committee but an opportunity to do this has not yet occurred. We also hope to show it to the authorities at Bristol Museum. Not being experts ourselves we do not want to make statements about this film but there is certainly one field near Glastonbury that shows signs of small buildings close together and we are guessing that this may be the lost Medieval village that is said to have been somewhere in the vicinity.

Last year we divided the Pendragons into two sections--those over 21 and those under 21--and after a deal of correspondence and form filling the junior section was registered as one of Bristol's official Youth Clubs. Having achieved this recognition we applied to the Youth Development Council for a grant that would enable us to acquire some sort of duplicating machine and/or some form of transport. The application was sent in with a very full description of our aims and intentions and it was submitted with the backing of the Bristol Youth Committee and the local Education Authority. Though we specifically pointed out that there were places all over Britain with Arthurian associations, and that Pendragon Groups could and should be

formed in all these areas, our request for a grant was turned down because "In order to be considered for a grant the scheme is expected to be of national significance or, if a local project, to have potentially much wider significance in that if successful, it could be repeated elsewhere" and apparently the Youth Development Council did not think we had the necessary qualifications.

The Camelot Research Committee decided that £350 would be the minimum sum for this year's exploratory dig. Since the dig is to be carried out by Mr. Alcock of the University of South Wales, and partly for the instruction of the University students, the S.W.U. have contributed £150 towards this sum. Other bodies have promised sums varying from £25 to £75 but the total has been more than reached by a generous contribution given to the Pendragon by the Western Daily Press of £100 and a gift of £10 from Messrs Hodder and Stoughton (also to the Pendragon) through the kind offices of Rosemary Sutcliff, author of "Sword at Sunset." Members will note, we hope with satisfaction, that the Pendragon has been instrumental in contributing a considerable sum to the dig.

We have taken note of the fact that the Bristol Museum now has a new showcase --- containing, admittedly but not surprisingly, only four or five objects --- labelled in large letters DARK AGE. We have also taken note of the fact that just recently a Summer School week-end has been held at the department of Extra-Mural Studies in Bristol with the title "Archaeology in Western Britain 400--800 A.D. Lectures were given by Dr. Radford Mr. Leslie Alcock and Mrs. Hawkes amongst others. The school was so fully attended that only one Pendragon member was able to get a ticket; she will be adding a short report either at our next meeting or, if available somewhere in this issue. Interest in the Dark Ages can be said to be increasing!

Twelve members from Bristol expect to be taking part in the dig. As the cost of accommodation is to be £6. 15. 0. per person we are about to run a Jumble Sale in order to raise enough money to subsidise these members. Mr. Alcock has said that they will be working from 9 a.m. (punctually) until 5.45 p.m. each day, regardless of weather conditions, so we feel that they should have their expenses defrayed if possible. Mr. Alcock will repay 10/- per day to those who have already had experience of digging.

Some local members have been spending a lot of time in the reference libraries and have produced long lists of books also long lists of places in the British Isles associated with Arthur. Members will find reports about Cadbury in the following;

"Companion into Somerset" by Maxwell Fraser.

"The Story of Somerset" by W.R. Richmond.

"Highways and Byways in Somerset" by Nelly Erichsen.

"The Archaeology of Somerset" by D.P. Dobson.

"Inside Somerset" by Monica Hutchings.

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COMMENTS INVITED.

We exchange magazines and correspondence with a group called The Ley Hunters based on Middlesex. The Editor of their magazine has written to our Editor as follows:

"You mention in your magazine that you are interested in the Post-Roman Historical Arthur, and then go on to say that many monuments have been named after him. I do not agree that these refer to the same Arthur at all, but think they are talking about a much earlier person. Many of the "Arthur" names in monuments are connected with Leys and Ley points, and these are obviously much older than the Roman era. There are many Leys on the Isle of Man, which the Romans never reached, therefore they must be of completely different origin.

But who could have built these Leys, which are marvels of accuracy and engineering? Certainly no primitive man, and I think the "wonders" attributed to Arthur refer to a time when the Earth was visited by a technology far greater than she had ever known.

.... There is evidence that the Ley System is not only country-wide but world-wide also It is becoming more and more clear that pre-historic sites are not merely random evidences of a savage religion, but parts of a vast and extremely complex machine".

ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS?????

CADBURY CAMP FINDS. (Prior to the 1913 dig)

period late Celtic. B.C. 200-A.D. 100.

1. Spindle whorles of lead - 2 baked clay sling bullets.
2. Bronze turret ring
3. Armlet with hook and eye fastening - ornamental.
4. Two pieces of Kemmeridge shale armlet. (not frequently met with in late Celtic and Roman sites, are extremely common at Caerwent).

AT THE 1913 DIG.

Cutting 1. Size 26 x 12 x 3.

Stone built entrance to Camp, 143 pieces of pottery found. Sling bullets at 2.8 ft. light red pottery at 5 ft. Pieces of iron (styles?) 2ft. Earth and wire eyelet of typical form RB or LC. 1ft. Iron nail 4ft 3ins. Flint scraper 5ft. Coarse pottery B type 4ft. Two pieces pottery B type 4ft, and pottery similar to LV type.

Cutting 2. Size 50 x 5 x 2.5ft.

9 fragments of pottery RB type between 2ft. & 2ft. 5ins.
10 flint flakes RB. 1 piece burnt flint RB. 1 flint hammer stone RB. 14 selected pebbles RB.

Cutting 3. Size 50 x 7 x 9

52 fragments pottery found RB. between 2 and 5ft.
13 flint flakes. 16 pebbles (Sling stones). Bronze bar 10mm. x 6mm. at 3.5ft. piece of ornamental B pottery BR age type 3ft. Eyelet of pot 3.4ft. LC type. Small piece decorated pottery 6.2ft. Iron nail 3.5ft. Small piece calcinated skull 4ft. Small charcoal pieces (willow or poplar) 6.5ft. Part of skull 3.5ft. 3 pieces B pottery 8.8ft. 9.3ft. 2.3ft. LC type Small piece skull 2.6ft. 2 pieces iron slag 2.6ft. Greater part of small child's skeleton 3.4ft.

Cutting 4. Size 50 x 7 x 8.

Small piece decorated pottery 6.2ft. Iron nail 3.5ft.
Small piece calcinated skull 4ft. Small charcoal pieces.

This list is unfinished but its numerous finds are interesting.

LC late Celtic. R = Roman. LV = Lake Village.
RB = Romano-British. B = British. BR = Bronze Age.

CIRCLING GLASTONBURY.

Members may like to know of activities going on round Glastonbury in addition to our own.

We hear that the British Israelites have bought a large house there with the intention of holding conferences.

Members of a group that publishes a regular quarterly magazine called "Aquarius Rising" are making Glastonbury a point of particular interest. Their belief is that Glastonbury and Stonehenge are remnants of the Atlantean civilisation. The last issue of their magazine carried articles about Arthur and the Glastonbury Zodiac.

Mr. and Mrs. Caine have completed their 40 minute film of the Zodiac and it has had a Trade showing. It is also going to be shown at a big Conference coming up in London in July. Inquiries about this and/or the Magazine should be addressed to the Editor, Dr. Douglas Baker, M.R.C.S 34, Regents Parl Rd. London. N.W.1.

CIRCLING STONEHENGE.

A group of young people calling themselves the LEY Hunters claim to have found a mathematical convergence of ancient leys (tracks) round Stonehenge. Anyone interested should write to Jimmy Goddard, Wynchlands, Walton Bridge Road, Shepperton, Middlesex.

Mr. G. N. Russell, Dunkathel, Glanmire, Co. Cork is also interested in Stonehenge which he is convinced was intended to be a labyrinth similar to the labyrinths and mazes found all over the world and made famous and familiar by the designs on coins from Crete. He thinks the mysterious floor at Glastonbury, symbolically designed and completely destroyed, was a maze motif.

General.

Mr. Montague-Smith, (Editor of Debrett) is coming to give us a talk on Arthur's pedigree. Date and full particulars later.

An article about the Camelot dig has appeared in the April issue of the Bristol Illustrated News.

Another has been printed in the April issue of Country Fair.

Mr. Ashe's article about the forthcoming dig appeared in the Supplement of the Telegraph on April 15th.

A full page article on the 1966 preliminary dig at Cadbury appeared in the Bristol Evening Post on May 27th. in which the Pendragon Society's ambitions were stated & Mr. John White gave us quite a good write-up.

PROMISE YOURSELF.

To be strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
To talk health,happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
To look on the sunny side of everything and make your optimism
come true.
To be just as enthusiastic about success of others as you are
about your own.
To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater
achievements of the future.
To wear a cheerfull countenance at all times,and to have a smile
ready for every living creature you meet.
To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have
no time to criticise others.
To be too large for worry,too noble for anger, too strong for
fear,and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.
To think well of yourself and to proclaim this fact to the world,
not in loud words but in great deeds.
To live in faith that the world is on your side as long as you
are true to the best that is in you.

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These lines could quite easily be the maxims of the
PENDRAGON members, being surely the basic idea of true
Chivalry. Ed.