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NOTES FROM THE KENT COUNTY MUSEUM  
SERVICE

## CHEVENING

A Mesolithic flint blade (Fig. 1, no. 2), found in the garden of 15 Westerham Road (N.G.R. TQ 508555) was brought into Sevenoaks Museum for identification. The blade is 86 mm. long, and is very similar to blades in the Museum's collection from St. John's Hill, Sevenoaks. See also the entry for Riverhead below.

## GRAVESEND

A Greek copper alloy coin, identified by the British Museum's Coins and Medals Department as minted at Chalcis or Cythera and dating from between about 300 and 200 B.C., has been given to Gravesham Museum by the finder, K.H. Sagers. The coin is 16 mm. in diameter and weighs 2.4 grams. It is said to have been found near East Court Farm, Chalk, at N.G.R. TQ 686728. The Museum already has in its collection a dozen Greek coins dating between c. 400 and c. 150 B.C., from the collection of G.M. Arnold. They bear provenances Gravesend, Cobham and Shorne Mead, but no details of their findspots.

## HERNE BAY

A Palaeolithic hand axe found on the beach at Bishopstone Glen (N.G.R. TR 218691) has been donated to Herne Bay Museum. The hand axe (Fig. 1, no. 1), of dark brown flint with few signs of abrasion, is of Acheulian type with a twisted point. It is 177 mm. long and 102 mm. maximum width.

## MILSTEAD

Roman pottery and glass dug up in Milstead churchyard in 1947 (mentioned in *Arch Cant.*, lxi (1948), xliii) has been passed to the Kent County Museum Service by the incumbent. The material seems to be a late second-century cremation group, comprising a piece of cremated bone, parts of a large urn of brown sand-tempered ware,

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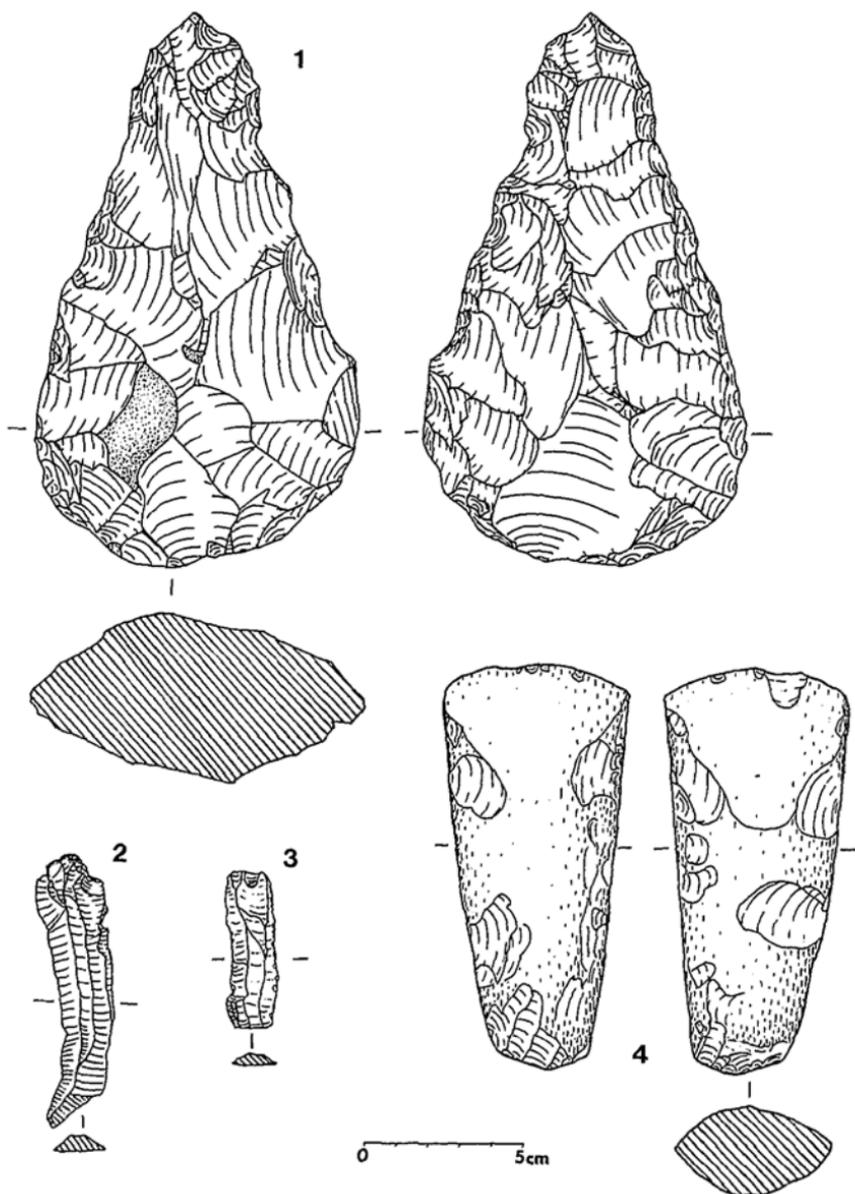


Fig. 1. 1. Herne Bay: Palaeolithic hand-axe. 2. Chevening: Mesolithic blade. 3. Riverhead: Mesolithic blade. 4. Rainham: late Neolithic to Early Bronze Age axe-head.

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one sherd from a poppy-head beaker, two small sherds of a vessel of fine orange ware and an incomplete bottle (in small fragments) of fine clear glass. The provenance of the find, according to Ordnance Survey records, is N.G.R. TQ 90375878.

### NEWENDEN

The archive from excavations carried out at Castle Toll in 1965 and 1971 has been transferred to the Kent County Museum Service from English Heritage. A summary of the excavations, directed by B.K. Davison, appeared in *Medieval Archaeology*, xvi (1972), 123–7.

### RAINHAM

A late Neolithic or Early Bronze Age polished flint axe, found by D. Turpin at the South-Eastern Electricity Board sub-station in Maidstone Road (N.G.R. TQ 808656), was brought in for identification. The axe (Fig. 1, no. 4), is 127 mm. long, 57 mm. wide and 30 mm. thick, and patinated to a pale mottled grey colour. The finder reported recovering the axe from a hole about 4 ft. deep.

### RIVERHEAD

A Mesolithic flint blade (Fig. 1, no. 3) 49 mm. long, found in the garden of 24 Lyndhurst Drive (N.G.R. TQ 515555), was brought into Sevenoaks Museum for identification. The blade may bear evidence of retouching along one side.

### TEYNHAM

The County Museum Service has purchased 23 gold guineas and half-guineas ranging in date from 1745 to 1792, which were the subject of a coroner's inquest on treasure trove held on 18th October, 1989. The coins, along with banknotes of the Bank of England, Faversham Bank and Commercial Bank dating from 1790 to 1800, were found in August 1989 at 'Beldoon', 7 Deerton Street, during renovation work.

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