2008 SEASON

171 Tally.

REMOVAL OF SURFACE (packed chalk) 171 AT FRONT OF BUILDING.

116 NATURAL TRUNCATED B horizon continues along N. of where it was cut by rubble platform (as excv. 2007). However, we found the floor surface, (same as 83) which had originally abutted 2nd phase wall 441. The floor surface 173 has been cut by construction trench 120 for wall 42.

Removal of 120 for fill 42.
177 HIGHER STRP LEFT AT FRONT—
UNEXCAVATED 2007, AND OVERCUT BY
DIGGER 2008:

Diagram:

Rubble between 2 front ditches?

Removal of (177) — really mixed.
Pot sherds (Knapton) bone, charcoal,
burnt chalk. In line with stem
internal dividing wall are lots pot
sherds + bone. Came down onto
wall core.
EXCAVATION OF MORTARY YELLOW SANDY RUBBLE OVER RUBBLE PLATFORM

Very much same as last year.

Looking for rel. between walls 44, 42 + 80 (dividing wall). Also with 177—Clayish mixed deposit v. slim to 177 seems to run up to rubble deposit under 187 (= 118 last year).
Pottery deposit in S. Par. —

lies within 198 rubbly/mortar deposit on top of cut of foundation trench of 45.

REL. OF WALLS — FRONT, SOUTH END.

Rubble underlying loose mortar with pot, fish, etc. could be earliest make up for a floor. Seems too neat and dense to be collapse, yet not neat enough to be the rubble that fits the supports 44. Wall 122 could have been cut at W'end end to build wall 42, and then been badly rebuilt to mend gap — blocks here are looser and less well put together. The higher level of blocks jutting out from 42 at this point suggest a better wall was once there. The cuts in this area
are confusing and need to be clarified.

ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING IN SOUTHERN INTERNAL ROOM

POINTS SURVEYED IN + 1 BUCKET (2 BAGS TAKEN)
CO-ORDINATES.

A: E 505680.065
   N 469850.390

B: E 505680.802
   N 469848.868

C: E 505681.326
   N 469847.687

D: E 505681.703
   N 469851.162

E: E 505682.475
   N 469849.651

F: E 505683.059
   N 469848.492
EXCAVATION OF 205 - THE DARK BROWN
(BURNT UMBER WITH NEVADA RED) LAYER WITH
CHALKY PLATFORMS.

Started excavating this from the northern extent of trench, and worked back towards south pavilion. This context was high in clay content - sticky when wet, but like concrete when dry.

Lots of chalk flakes. At first we suspected it was chalk "drive" that was picked up in 2005 + 2007. But in removing the flakes vigorously, discovered there are 2 phases to it - the first surface abuts front wall 112, and is well built with small & chunks of chalk, and well packed flat surface. A second phase is the destruction of wall 112, and consists of 44, when the chalk surface is extended to cover wall 112, using some of the original facing footings. It is
less well built, using bigger stones (probably from original wall core). These stones are now on top suggesting use over considerable amount of time. Undulations in surface suggest slumps and subsequent patching.

Further south, abutting area is a square feature, surrounded by denser, more silty, slightly darker brown clay. Martin thinks the chalk fill is patching in an area of slump. I think the area is too well defined by the cut, and the blocks are too nice, and well arranged more like other chalk platforms at front. It is situated to frame the "drive." The ditch running E-W to front of building matches one found last year, framing drive.

1 patch of natural left.
CARP that was put down with 2nd Phase. EXPOSED SURFACE.

205 Proof (DEE) same as 177. Just covers wall 110. IN Active. Fact 115.
QMERIES -

Was there rubble surface excavated over front wall of S. Par, the same as the rubble that covers (115) front wall of main building (which are technically the same thing). Were they destroyed + covered at the same time?

Note: In initial crisis of 1974 & 1975, prob. dug out a lot of mud. On 5/19, we started.
The marble's front corner (1) front view.

The stone point of view (2) front view (3) front view (4) front view.

Getpeater & corner at the stone.
After deciding there were 2 phases to surface, started exav. the 2nd
phase. Realised the reddish orange rich deposit (full of fluids) was
actually a diff. context, that represents an organic deposit of
long deposition over primary surface (227).

Dug at upper surface at N end of trench, down to orange layer (226)
in places. This was smooth & regular, but in others higgledy piggledy
with mottle → prob. represent years of filling in shrimps, patching
etc.

Note: In initial exav. of 226 as 2nd phase, prob dug out a lot of 226. Only sep. at N. end.
Dug rubble fill into the destruction/faction trench of Wall 1 (Wall 113). As we worked south, a smear of darker, friable brown rich deposit developed onto smooth mortar bottom, with well defined edges. Realised brown deposit diff. Context -

233

Found LOTS of bone - cow, sheep + bird. Took 2 env. samples.

V. good bits of pottery.
After removal of 233, mortar, peat granules, chalk lumps at seam end of deposited stuff in mortar smooth. Close to wall 229.

Want to remove to clarify wall.

233 - flinty, dark, silt, pot, bones, charcoal.
S. PAW. → N. WALL

Rachel took off loose rubble + silty mortar from the area cleared up by WM. Came down onto s.n. now red layer that hung over fast wall 2007, was dug by Nat 2006. Is it a door? Level seems too low. Red rich layer comes over the rubble we suppose to be floor support. Can we presume floor destroyed + some parts of wall (part of N + E), + room took on another function?
SLUMPED ROCK, REMOVED.

120

RECONSTRUCTION CUT # 271

WHERE 249 WAS - RED, ORGANIC = TO (100) + 84.

THIS GOES UNDER THE STICKING OUT BIT FROM 43.

118

122

142

SMALL, LOOSE RUBBLE

LARGER, BETTER CONSTRUCTED RUBBLE, BUT NOT AS GOOD AS 118.

249 DUG BY RACHEL. CLEAR INTERFACE. REDDISH BROWN CLAYISH SILT. FEW POT BONE. 50/50 BOULDERS + MATRIX. 4 NAILS.
1. Small rubble, various levels. Lies on top.
2. Similar to 1 but more mortar, + interwoven with bigger lumps.
3. Well constructed rubble platform but with vertical not flat stones (unlike 115). These would underline facing stones of 122.
IRON FURNACE CONTEXT NUMBERS

Fill at top of matrix = (1465)
(151) Fill of gully
(146) Cut

CONTEXT NUMBERS S. PAV. ORGANIC

81  2006: Whole room + corners
80  2007: Over front wall
249  2008: N.W. corner of S. Pav-over wall.

233
112
233
242
252
253

Equal to 233?

238
264
252
253
265
After removal of (233) + (242), the cut of
(111) front primary wall came onto solid
mortar bottom that in places was
dipped + smooth, and in others was
scattered with chalk.

Digging ditch (253), I want to find
relationship between cut (111) and
cut (252) — does the ditch extend
under the wall? or does it respect
wall edge. Mortar seems to have
spewed over making it difficult to
define.
DITCH E-W AT FRONT OF BUILDING

(253) Big pot, = to (233) in (11)?

(265) Black, lots of finds, small hump of soil, Rich in pot + bone

(274) Red/brown - more clay, less finds, but still a lot.

(278) Gritty, claggy, chalky deposit right at bottom.

SECTION THROUGH (264): DITCH CONTINUES UNDERNEATH WITH MORTAR COMING DOWN. THE DITCH EXISTS BEFORE CONSTRUCTION OF (112), AS WELL AS AFTERWARDS, BECAUSE TOP DEPOSIT OF DITCH OVERLIES THE ROBBED TRENCH OF (117) AS WELL.

N-S ditch...
Features to record

- EDM

- Surface scatter (103) and its rel. with cut at front of building.

- Jutting facing stones with wall (122) — "DOOR" AREA?

- Lip of (111) + (252) (ditch).

- Facing stones on wall (112).

- Extent of rubble.

- Spot heights in ditch — top + toe.

- Pavis big ditch needs ditch profile + post holes need recording. More Spot heights (232).

- Cut off (112) needs recording while way.

- Offset of wall in S. Pan.
N-S Ditch Running Along Front of Building

Reddish orange, very clayish, pottery includes piece of black slip. 

281. This is on interface with 285.

Black/brown, silty/clayey. Bone toggle, pottery, bone.

Recut 288.

Orange brown clay, chalk inclusions.

NAT?

Original level?

Bone toggle.

Recut 283.

Recut 288.

Check floor 173 → abuts/cut by 44?