

Book Chronicle

JØRGEN HOLM & FLEMMING RIECK: *Istidsjægere ved Jelsøerne. Hamburgkulturen i Danmark. With contributions by JOAN HUXTABLE, ELSE KOLSTRUP, BO MADSEN and VAGN MEJDAHL.* Skrifter fra Museumsrådet for Sønderjyllands Amt, 5. Haderslev 1992. 151pp (with English summaries).

The first settlement sites of the Hamburgian Culture excavated in Denmark (see preliminary report in *JDA* vol. 2). This final report on the two sites at Jels includes contributions on flint technology, geology and climate, as well as thermoluminescence dating.

DAVID LIVERSAGE: *Barkær. Long Barrows and Settlements.* Arkæologiske Studier Vol. IX. Akademisk Forlag, København, 1992. 124pp.

The famous long-houses from the Early Neolithic excavated 1931-49 by P.V. Glob at Barkær in Eastern Jutland are reinterpreted as earthen long barrows in this publication which presents a full report on the excavation. It also gives a critical review of the chronology of the Early Neolithic in Denmark.

J.A. BARKER: *The Dutch Hunebedden. Megalithic Tombs of the Funnel Beaker Culture.* International Monographs in Prehistory, Archaeological Series 2. Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1992. 214pp.

The 53 Dutch *Hunebedden* (passage graves) are under survey in this well-structured handbook containing a wealth of details and references (21pp of bibliography).

SVEND HANSEN: *Jættestuer i Danmark. Konstruktion og restaurering.* Miljøministeriet, Skov- og Naturstyrelsen, København 1993. 151pp (with an English summary supplied separately on request by the publishers).

The Danish passage graves are here described by the restaurator, focusing on architectural aspects. The book contains a summary of our present knowledge about the construction of the tombs and their mounds. Ground plans of 205 passage graves – about half the number of surviving monuments – are given in the same scale.

NILS BJØRHEM & ULF SÄFVESTAD: *Fosie IV. Bebyggelsen under brons- och järnålder.* Malmöfynd 6. Malmö Museer 1993. 408pp (with an English summary).

One of the largest settlement excavations in Sweden took place 1979-83 near Malmö in SW Scania. A settlement with Late Neolithic long-houses was already published 1989 (in Malmöfynd 5). The book offers a detailed documentation of the remains of settlement from the Bronze and Iron Ages.

KARL-HEINZ WILLROTH: *Untersuchungen zur Besiedlungsgeschichte der Landschaften Angeln und Schwansen von der älteren Bronzezeit bis zum frühen Mittelalter. Eine Studie zur Chronologie, Chorologie und Siedlungskunde.* Offa-Bücher Band 72, Neumünster 1992. 679 pp.

This voluminous dissertation is based on the records of the *Land-*

saufname and summarises the archaeological source material from the eastern part of Southern Schleswig. It is volume one of a series of publications planned in order to present the results of recent investigation in the Kosel area, Kreis Rendsburg-Eckernförde (volume two is the survey of historical sources by H. Unverhau, see Offa-Bücher Band 69).

KENT ANDERSSON: *Romartida Guldsmede i Norden I*, Katalog. Aun 17, Uppsala 1993. 292pp and 67 distribution maps.

A catalogue of Roman period gold jewellery in the Nordic Countries with all relevant references, written in Swedish but with an English glossary.

W. HAIJO ZIMMERMANN: *Die Siedlungen des 1. bis 6. Jahrhunderts nach Christus von Flögeln-Eekhöltjen, Niedersachsen: Die Bauformen und ihre Funktionen.* Probleme der Küstenforschung im südlichen Nordseegebiet, Band 19. Hildesheim 1992. 360pp.

Large-scale excavations of the naturally bounded settlement area at Flögeln took place 1971-1986, admired by Scandinavian archaeologists because of its organization and interdisciplinary approach. This volume of *Probleme der Küstenforschung* is a monograph, which offers a presentation and discussion of the buildings of the Roman Iron Age and Migration Period.

PER H. RAMQVIST: *Högom. The excavations 1949-1984. Högom Part 1.* Archaeology and Environment 13. Neumünster 1992. 236pp and 154 plates.

Following the publication by Margareta Nockert, *The Högom find and other Migration Period textiles and costumes in Scandinavia* (1991), the present volume reports in detail on the magnificent finds from the princely burials from the Migration Period at Högum in Central Norrland, Sweden.

JOHN HINES: *Clasps, Hektespenner, Agraffen. Anglo-Scandinavian Clasps of Classes A-C of the 3rd to 6th centuries A.D. Typology, Diffusion and Function.* Kungl. Vitterhets Historie och Antikvitets Akademien. Stockholm 1993. 126pp and 5 plates.

The way people button their clothes may be indicative of social status and group identity – in the present as in the past. The author has produced a 'history of the button' which also supplements the history of decorative arts in the Migration Period.

WIETSKA PRUMMEL: *Starigard/Oldenburg. Hauptburg der Slawen in Wagrien. IV, Die Tierknochenfunde unter besondere Berücksichtigung der Beizjagd.* Offa-Bücher Band 74. Neumünster 1993. 154pp and 16 tables.

The Slavonic and early German castle at Starigard/Oldenburg was excavated 1953-86 under the direction of K.W. Struve. Being one in a series of reports on the find material, this volume presents the faunal

remains from the Medieval layers. It includes an interesting contribution to the history of falconry.

JØRGEN JENSEN: *Thomsens Museum. Historien om Nationalmuseet Gyldendal*, København 1992. 432pp.

Some books deserve mention in spite of being entirely in Danish. J. Jensen's biographic book on C.J. Thomsen is one of them. It is an account of how archaeology in Denmark grew to become a research discipline and how museum collections were organized and presented to the public during the first half of the 19th century – seen on the background of the cultural, political and intellectual history of the time.

L. LARSSON, J. CALLMER & B. STJERNQUIST (eds.): *The Archaeology of the Cultural Landscape. Field work and research in a south Swedish rural region*. Acta Archaeologica Lundensia. Ser. in 4°, N° 19. Lund 1992. 498pp and 15 colour plates.

The Ystad Project in southern Sweden was carried out 1982-1990 by the University of Lund as an interdisciplinary study of settlement and environment from the Mesolithic until the present – see review of the project report, *The Cultural Landscape during 6000 Years in Southern Sweden*, in this volume. This book contains the results of the archaeological investigations of the project and deals with the time from the beginning of agriculture until the Early Medieval.

The Study of Medieval Archaeology. European Symposium for Teachers of Medieval Archaeology, Lund 11-15 June 1990. Edited by HANS ANDERSSON and JES WIENBERG. Lund Studies in Medieval Archaeology 13. Stockholm 1993. 387pp.

Twenty-five papers in German and English describe various aspects of medieval archaeology in Europe, together forming a profile of the research discipline. One section contains short descriptions of 22 university institutes teaching medieval archaeology in 14 countries.

GUÐRUN SVEINBJARNADÓTTIR: *Farm Abandonment in Medieval and Post-Medieval Iceland: an Interdisciplinary Study*. Oxbow Monographs 17. Exeter 1992. 192pp.

The book deals with the nature and distribution of habitation in Iceland since its earliest settlement in the 9th century, and the extent and causes of early farm abandonment.

S. HVASS & B. STORGAARD (eds.): *Digging into the Past. 25 Years of Archaeology in Denmark*.

76 scholars present an up-to-date survey of archaeological work in Denmark during a quarter of a century. A most informative book on various aspects of contemporary archaeology also including sections on legislation and institutions (with 25pp of references). Danish version available.