

there, the farms of Quob and Tapnage, two miles further east again, in the north-east corner of Titchfield parish and overlooking not the Hamble but the Meon, are described as in the Prallingworth tithing (HRO 11/M59/8079, 59613). This 1803 reference is the last mention which at present we have to Prallingworth. Thereafter we can guess it was the surveyors for the Ordnance Survey and the turnpike, and the compilers of successive Census reports who, by deciding not to include Prallingworth in their lists, ensured its extinction from contemporary usage.

The evidence we do have, though scrappy and incomplete, does nevertheless raise some interesting questions. Prallingworth seems once to have stretched right across the northern boundary of Titchfield parish, from the Hamble and Burridge on the west to Tapnage and the Meon

on the east. In the early fourteenth century it was a community of some size, as large as Swanwick immediately to the south-west and Fontley just to the east. It probably suffered from the late fourteenth century plagues and then lost its topographical coherence by being split up between various landlords. Is there then more plausibility than at first appears in the interpretation of the place-name as that of a very early community? Is it possible that there was a community at Prallingworth *before* the thriving community grew up around the parish church at Titchfield – and that Titchfield in due course swallowed it up? It is unlikely that we shall now find new documentary evidence to answer such questions: but perhaps with the development now taking place in the area, archaeology will one day be able to help us.

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A NOTE ON SOME POST-MEDIEVAL MARITIME OBJECTS

The three objects discussed were found in Southampton Water by Mr M White in deep water opposite Netley and seem to indicate a wreck site. The objects are difficult to parallel even after consultation with the British Museum

and the National Maritime Museum (Fig 3). The smallest object is copper alloy, probably brass and Dr McGrail has noted that it is similar to unidentified objects from sixteenth/ eighteenth century wreck sites (Fig 4). A 'boss' –



Fig 3. Three objects from Southampton Water. That to the left is iron; the others, copper alloy.



Fig 4. Detail of the smaller copper alloy object from Southampton Water.

like object is domed in profile with a height of 40mm and is in a copper alloy, probably bronze. The third object is either a large knife or small sword and is of iron about 5mm thick. The objects have been retained by the finder.

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