

slightly below the villa site and not only picked up noise in the form of straight lines from the building, but also what is interpreted as a pair of Iron Age hut circle ditches.

The next stage of my project at Paulton Villa is to do further geophysics, do some more investigation of the building and the hut circle ditches, but most importantly to get everything written up and published. The plan is to finish the report during 2002 and once complete it will be published and made available to members.

## SOUTH STOKE

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*A project in progress*

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My dissertation subject for my Roman Britain course is 'The Roman Remains in the Parish of South Stoke' and during the course of the last year I have been researching and investigating sites in the village and its surrounding landscape.

South Stoke was one of the many places that the Reverend Skinner visited during his tour of Somerset and he wrote endless notes and drew many sketches of the area. He pinpointed a specific field as having a 'Roman Edifice' in it and speculated that part of the village was at one time a Roman camp.

During the years between the two World Wars, garden landscaping at one particular house produced massive amounts of pottery that have now been identified as ranging from the 9<sup>th</sup> century, (during the Bronze Age), through the 3<sup>rd</sup> century – 1<sup>st</sup> century BC, (Iron Age), to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> centuries AD, (Roman).

In 1965 Bill Wedlake dug some small exploratory trenches in another garden and found Roman pottery and building foundations.

In addition various other finds from around the village have included a sculpted head, columns and capitals, coffins and a possible mosaic.

In the next few months I plan to do some geophysics at various sites around the village, and if the results prove successful – a few small test pits.

My work at South Stoke will certainly continue after my dissertation has been completed and I will provide a full update at the Annual Archaeological Review in November and publish my findings later in the year.

In the meantime, one of the 2002 excursions is to South Stoke where I will be doing a walk around the village pointing out sites of interest followed by a talk with slides going into more detail on my research and findings. See page 35 and 37 for details and booking form.