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A BEAKER FROM LECKHAMPTON, CHELTENHAM
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Mr Tom Evans while working an excavator in February 1964 on the new housing estate at Hall Road, Leckhampton, spotted the beaker in a trench for a water main but was unable to pull up in time before breaking it. He collected the pieces, which he said were at a depth of 8 feet, and handed the remains to Mrs McLellan of The Pottery, Tewkesbury, where they were restored by her to an almost complete vessel and then handed to the Museum in Tewkesbury.

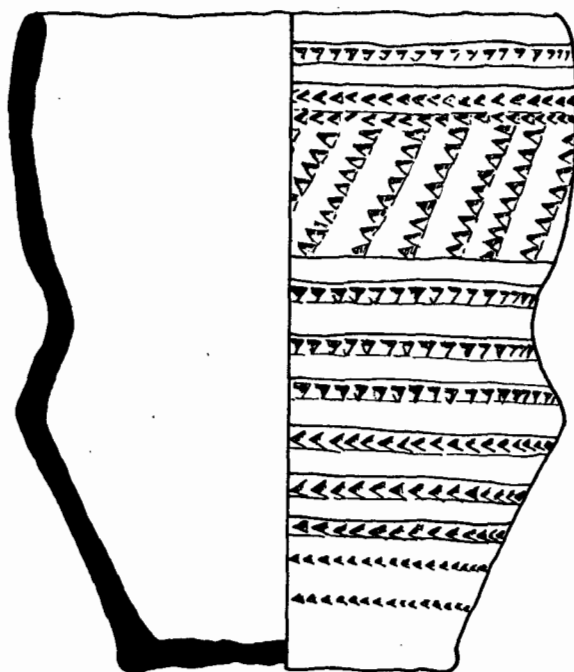


Fig. 1

By kind permission of the Trustees of Tewkesbury Museum and the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, Mr K. E. S. Smale, a report of the find with a drawing has been prepared.

NOTES

The beaker, $6\frac{7}{8}$ inches in height and with rim diameter of $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches, is of good quality paste and has a fine polished surface of a yellow-brown colour. It is decorated from rim to base with a pattern of horizontal rows of triangle-like indentations, except for a band $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide on the neck, where the same pattern is used but arranged in diagonal lines.

The vessel belongs to the A beaker type of Bronze Age pottery and can be dated to the first half of the 2nd millennium B.C.

On visiting the site of the find on the lower slopes of Leckhampton Hill there was nothing to be seen on the ground surface indicating any kind of prehistoric remains.

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