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RECENTLY INTRODUCED FLINT NODULES ON THE MENDIP HILLS, SOMERSET

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ABSTRACT

Material containing flints, spread on fields at Westbury-sub-Mendip, is not of local origin.

The purpose of this note is to avert the possibility of confusion for future geologists or archaeologists working in the area to which this note relates. Justification for recording the occurrence may be recognized by the parallel with the long-running controversy which arose concerning the finding of 'picrite blocks' near Wookey Hole. Picrite, like flint, was considered not to be naturally derived on the Mendip Hills (Evens, 1958).

In the spring of 1982, a number of lorry loads of foreign material were distributed on a field at Westbury-sub-Mendip. This was undertaken following the removal from the field of '150mm' of commercial topsoil. The foreign material was levelled, and the field was subsequently sown for long-term grass. On an area of the field covering approximately 0.4 hectares, centred on NGR ST 51475023, at 260m OD, there is now a surface scatter of rolled flint nodules of up to 125mm (5 inch) size. The farmer concerned supplied the information that the material introduced had been brought from Chepstow.

Foreign material from an unknown source was introduced at a later date on to the surface of the adjoining field to the west of the site recorded above.

It may be of interest to record here that occasionally quite large nodules of flint, originating in Wiltshire, arrive on Mendip in bales of hay brought as fodder.

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MORE ON R. F. PARRY

Dr W. I. Stanton has identified the location of the photograph of R. F. Parry (opposite p. 120 in the last issue of *Proceedings*) as being on Walton Hill near Street, not Barton Hill. The renovated windmill behind is diagnostic.