

flints. After a very cursory
search over the surface of the
adjoining field, he found 2 scrapers
& other worked flints. The
pottery I sent you yesterday
is identical with that of
of the ware found in the
adjoining beams. I hope
I may ultimately get them
back & let me complete
the examination of the
ditch. If so I shall follow
your valued advice and work
the ditch horizontally which
is the only way to avoid the
chance of the relics above
intermingling with those
below. United I received
your letter this morning

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WHATCOMBE,
BLANDFORD.
AND TELEGRAPH

My dear & most favored
I too had come to
the same conclusion that
the communication of the
ditch was guided by
results of any valve, not
perhaps from the earthen
of the workmen so much
as the disturbances it has
incurred at some time
or other, of which the situation
of flint which I mentioned
to you in a former letter
may be an instance. From
personal observation I
think - with few exceptions

the relics are correctly
tabulated. I think the
only point proved is that
the barrow belongs to the
Bronze age & that the
Romans - British period
was reached when the filling
had reached about 3 feet.
Anything therefore tabulated
below 3 feet of Romans -
British manufacture must
be incorrect - When the latter
made spindle wheel could not
have been in its proper
place on the level in tamped
chamber floor but must
have fallen from above
This I saw when it was
first brought down

There is a gradual rise of
gradient on the eastern side
of the ditch ~~to~~ from 9 feet
to 6 feet on the northern where
it culminates & south
it gradually ^{is} extended to
9 feet again. The entrance
bed of flint must have
been made during the Romans
British period. The sheet of
Kerromed, they have found a
very short distance south of the
North-Ed. The ditch appears
to have been trodden over and
was done at the top of the slope
before King's Oak was dug
my attention to this, but
it could not account for the

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WHATCOMBE,
BLANDFORD,
—AND TILFORD—

I could not see how this
 could be avoided. It is
 now clear to me
 I look forward to a pleasant
 journey with you
 at Wtd-Hill. I am
 prepared to say I am
 very disappointed with
 my own arrangements and
 I have not a proper dressy
 suit at present. I have
 Mr Cox-Jerman

Ever yours
W. M. Poynter

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