



# Lousyberry Wood, 53 Temple Ewell

A goodly number of members responded to the invitation in the last Newsletter to help with the Society's project of planting trees in Lousyberry Wood, .

We were joined by local residents of Temple Ewell and school-children from the village school. Encouraged by their head teacher, the children are currently doing a cross-curricula project on the subject of trees.

Largely we enjoyed good weather, completed the clearance of undergrowth and started the planting of beech, maple and cherry during National Tree Week at the end of November.

We hope to complete before any really cold weather arrives!

JOHN OWEN  
Chairman of Projects Committee

*Since this report was written this project has been splendidly completed with the planting of 200 trees. ED*

## Lousyberry Wood

Yes, we have re-planting Lousyberry Wood, but what is this name 'Lousyberry'?

No one seems to have an explanation of its origin. But, if you walk the Pilgrims' Way above Chilham, you climb a long low hill known as Julyberry Down or Juliberrie's Grave. This is said to be the grave of one Laberius, a Roman officer in Julius Caesar's army which, around 55 BC fought with the British on this spot. The name is said to be a combination of Julius and Laberius corrupted by the Britons over the years to Julyberry. Perhaps he had a brother Lucius Laberius who died in some skirmish on this hill above the River Dour and giving us, over the years, the name Lousyberry. There *are* tumuli in the wood, which we were careful not to disturb.

Perhaps readers can suggest a better derivation?

MARJORY WRIGHT

John Owen

Collage by





Limestone head of a Romano-British man.

# THE LOUSYBERRY LOOT

It is indeed appropriate that the first of an intriguing series of finds, recently made in Lousyberry Wood, was made on the day known to the Romans as KALENDS APRILIS. Space allows only a portion of the cache to be illustrated here.

It is obvious that some earlier excavator, surely a treasure-hunter, hid his loot and, inexplicably, never returned to claim it.

For reasons of security the PRESENT whereabouts of these fascinating objects will only be divulged, in the strictest confidence, to readers who are prepared to reveal to the Editor the fruits of their own research in this area.

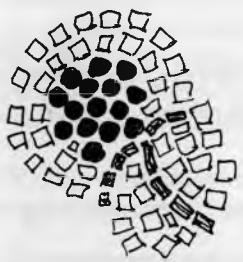
Perhaps investigations into your family history have turned up a link with Julius or Lucius? Could there be a connection with Decimus Laberius, the Roman knight famous for his talented writing of mimes? Or do you, in spite of the evidence, adhere to the notion that Julius/Jullieberryie was interred a thousand years before Caesar set foot in Kent? Could you throw any light on the finds? Can you identify the mysterious treasure seeker?

PHILOMENA KENNEDY

Drawings by Marjorie Radford and Philomena Kennedy



Hand & money bag from a relief carving in limestone. Fragment.



Small portion of mosaic showing blackberry. It is said that, in parts of Kent, this fruit is known as a jullieberry!



Sculpture of a centurion which is remarkably complete.



Part of a bronze medallion



Silver finger-ring



Small piece of an inscription on marble