The Wirral Clinkership/boat under a Pub

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1901 – old pub building
1938 – new pub built behind the old
Details of boat found Railway Hotel Medes.

Main entrance

Window

Paved area front hotel

Car park

Car park

Boats position

Approx 3'0" out from main entrance

Step, boat was left in original state undamaged by excavation.

Estimated size 20'0" - 30'0"

Section of boat uncovered approx 5'0" present ground level

Blue clay

Boat continues unknown length

8'0"

3'0"

18"

18"

Approx 18"

Rise from side of boat to round end

Clinker hull

Hull full of mud

Not to scale

Approx section of boat at 5'0" from end.
GPR Scan Railway pub Meols

Dark Blue shows Cavities - Water.

Light Blue shows Disturbed Ground - Loose soil.

Red indicates Metal foundations of existing building.

Vertical GPR Scan.

15m

3.5 M
Vertical Side Scan appears to show the outline of a boat (Blue). 1.5 - 1.8m deep ↔ 1m.
Railway Pub Meols End View Vertical Cavity Water shown in Blue.

Surface of beer Garden.

Red Metal Foundations to Pub/
GPR Scan Meols
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Pub Frontage

Boat Shaped anomaly.

30 Impulse Parallel scan Future I-160 GPR.
Sample rate 0.5m
15m x 3.5m.
Details of Boat Found Railway Hotel Memo.

Main Entrance

Window

Paved Area - Front Hotel

Car Park

Boats Position

Approx 3'0" out from Main Entrance Step. Boat was left in original state undamaged by excavation. Estimated size 20'-0" - 30'-0"

Section of boat uncovered approx 5'-0" present ground level

10'-0"

Approx 18" Rise from side of boat to round end. Clinker Hull. Hull full of mud

Not to Scale

Approx Cross Section Shape.

Approx Section of Boat at 5'-0" from end.
What is it?
Nydam oak boat ~400AD
Kentmere Reservoir, Lake District

from Frowswick.jpg (Wikipedia)
A Medieval Boat from Kentmere, Westmorland

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This paper summarizes the results of investigations which led to the lifting of a medieval dug-out canoe from the bed of the Kentmere lake in Westmorland some seven miles NNW. of Kendal (Fig. 29) during 1955. The boat has been dated by the radio-carbon method in the Physical Laboratory of Trinity College, Dublin, to A.D. 1320 ± 130 years. It is now reconstructed and is in the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich. The boat is of extreme interest in that a series of wash strakes were attached to the main body of the dug-out hull—a feature which is only rarely encountered in ancient times and hardly ever in the British Isles. The major portion of this paper, therefore, is devoted to a discussion of the implications of this kind of structure in the general history of European boat-building.
Kentmere Boat (Lake District) – AD (1320 + 130)

4.25m length, 0.61m wide:

Details of boat found railway hotel Meols.

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Section of boat uncovered approx 5'-0" present ground level

Approx 18'-0" above ground level. Hull full of mud.

Not to scale

Approx section of boat at 5'-0" from end.

Diagram of boat and surrounding area.
How did it get there?
Figure 2: distribution map of field/track names in *carr* (filled circles) and *holm* (open circles).
The Railway Inn
What next?
• Further scanning in front of the pub
• Further scanning in front of the pub

• Leave it be!
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