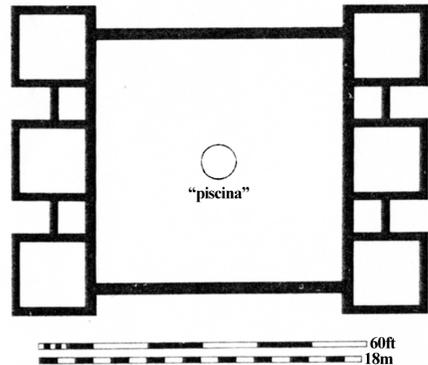
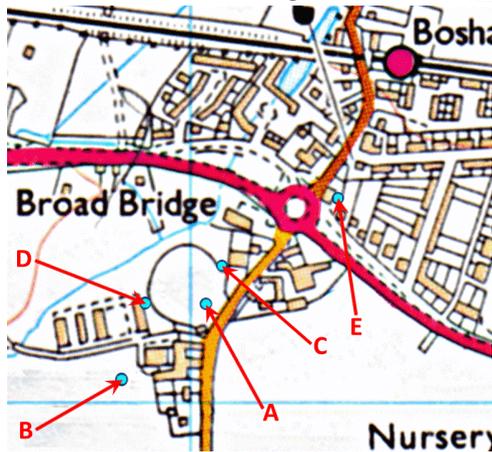


ROMAN BUILDINGS IN BOSHAM

At the meeting of Bosham Forum on September 24th, archaeologist John Smith mentioned that during Roman times there were several important buildings in Bosham, near what is now the Delling Lane Co-op. They were described in a paper which may be consulted in the reference section of Chichester Library: *Black, EW. (1985) 'The Roman buildings at Bosham' Sussex Archaeological Collections 123, 255-6.*



Building A: possibly a temple

Five Roman buildings were excavated and re-buried during the 19th and 20th centuries. There are now no traces of any of these buildings above ground. Their locations are shown on the accompanying map, and these are Black's 'best guesses' as to their former use:

- A The most important of the buildings, which had a 14m square room with a piscina (pool) in the centre. It was surrounded by six smaller rooms (see illustration). It is probable that this building was a temple.
- B Only sketchy details are available, but this was possibly a small theatre, with tiered seating.
- C A timber palisade surrounding an area of land, possibly dedicated to the worship of a god.
- D A building with a mosaic floor, possibly accommodation for visitors.
- E A masonry building from late in the Roman period, possibly a residence.

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