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Convento di Urbisaglia

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Summary (English)

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In the forum of *Pollentia-Urbs_Salvia*, the excavations of the Republican building, begun in 2001 and interrupted in 2004, were reopened. The aim was to prepare the area for the construction of the foundations for a fixed roof prior to restoration and the subsequent musealisation of the building. The occupation levels had already been associated with the presence of a *concilibulum* predating the foundation of the Gracchan colony in c. 118 B.C. The excavations uncovered the partially preserved structures of three kilns, the first (A) situated at the eastern edge of the south room, the second (B) situated further west and the third (C) to the north-west.

KILN A

Kiln A was covered by a substantial destruction layer that had been levelled prior to the construction of the later building, below which were the levels filling the kiln's firing chamber. Of interest was a perfectly circular pit on the wall of the firing chamber, perhaps of a ritual nature associated with the construction of the later Republican building like those excavated in previous seasons.

KILN B

In kiln B the collapse of the firing chamber, of which the base cordon was preserved, was excavated. A pilaster built with tile and baked clay fragments was present at the centre of the firing chamber floor.

KILN C

The excavation began with the removal of the collapse of the kiln, which overlay the levels of fill and abandonment primarily made up of tile wasters. The fills relating to the abandonment and destruction of kiln C were cut by the pit dug for the construction of kiln B. Sometime after its abandonment, the area of the combustion chamber was occupied by a forge.

The excavations documented several main occupation phases in the area. Kiln C belongs to phase one, which was completely destroyed in order to enlarge the small production installation. Kilns A and B date to the second phase; in the third phase, probably not too different in date from the construction of the Republican building, a small forge was built in the area previously occupied by the combustion chamber of kiln C.

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