A3: ELABORATELY CORDONED PEDESTAL URNS

Notes
Examples known so far have the common Al foot; some pots are very large, showing even greater skill in potting than the plain Al. The form shows strong regional distribution and local variation; it is the standard form in Kent, where some of the Swarling examples exhibit a local foot form that is close to A2. The general relationship of SE Essex with Kent is here apparent; and the form is conspicuously absent at Colchester and Lexden. Other pedestal forms only occasionally have multiple cords. The Herts.-Beds. area has only a few rather fine pieces, and a shale example that illustrates the relationship of the ceramic form to turning techniques in shale and wood.

It is often used in 1st century BC burials, but cf. the Boxford pot in A9, with butt-beaker copies; and the Birchington
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example, although this is small and unlike the usual burial type. The Borden ditch has Roman sherds as well as Iron Age and 'Belgic', but the cordoned sherds are not certainly from a pedestal urn. The two Oldbury vessels were found dug into the latest defences of the NE gate of the hill fort; their decoration is very similar to that of the Folkestone pot, but in a different fabric.

The Swarling form of foot has continental parallels: the jarres piriformes at Ville-sur-Retourne, Champagne (Flouest & Stead 1977, 1979); also La Poterie, Ardennes (Roualet 1977, no. 154). For A3 see also Wissant, Pas-de-Calais (Mariette 1966, fig.23 no. 127).