Raymond Allchin
1923-2010
Early Life: Westminster

- Frank Raymond Allchin was born in Harrow, London 1923
- Durston House, Ealing, London 1931-1936
- Westminster School 1936-1939 (founded 1179)
• Regent Street Polytechnic School of Architecture

Fig. 12.4. Shaikhan Dheri, house of Naradakha (after Javed Husain).
The Army 1943-1947

- Royal Corps of Signals 1943

- Served in India & Singapore, developed an enduring interest in history and archaeology, culture and languages
After demobilisation, Raymond attended SOAS, and graduated with a first in Hindi and Sanskrit in 1950.

Registered as research student with Professor K. de B. Codrington.

Researched and completed a PhD entitled ‘The development of early cultures in the Raichur District of Hyderabad’ between 1951 and 1954.

Appointed as a Lecturer in Indian Archaeology in 1954.
Shahr-e-Zohak, Bamiyan Valley, Afghanistan 1951
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“Fortified residence and stronghold of the semi-independent rulers of Bamiyan in the middle of the first millennium AD.”
Piklihal, South India 1952
"This is a book about cow-dung, or rather the ash of cow-dung"
Utnur, South India 1957-8

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a. Section of post-hole trench 4, Utnur Site I. E.

b. Post-hole trench 4 after excavation.

c. Post-hole line 9 after excavation.

Hoof-impressions after lifting.
Cambridge 1959–

- Appointed Lecturer in Indian Studies in the Faculty of Oriental Studies at Cambridge in 1959
- Appointed a Fellow at Churchill College in 1963
- Promoted to Reader in Indian Studies in 1972 and retired in 1989 with the title of Reader Emeritus
- Appointed a Fellow of the British Academy in 1981
Shaikhan Dheri, Charsadda, Pakistan 1963-4

with Professor A.H. Dani of Peshawar University
Malvan, India 1968

with Sri J.P. Joshi of the ASI
Malvan, India 1968
with Professor F.A. Durrani and Professor Farid Khan of Peshaswar University, Mr Robert Knox of the British Museum and Professor Ken Thomas of UCL
Taxila, Pakistan 1980-3
How Old is the City of Taxila?

*Antiquity* 1982

- Allchin questioned the late date of 500 BC proposed for Taxila by Wheeler

- Instead, he suggested a much earlier date, based upon the presence of Red Burnished Ware pottery found at the Hathial Ridge

- Subsequent excavations at Taxila, as well as the nearby site of Charsadda, proved Allchin’s assertions to be correct
How Old is the City of Taxila?

*Antiquity* 1982
ASW2, Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka 1989-95
Rome Beyond the Imperial Frontiers

A new and concise survey of Roman adventuring beyond the political frontiers of the Roman world, much of it based on the author’s own explorations and excavations in India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan

With plates, maps, and line drawings
ASW2, Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka 1989-95
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Synthetic Publications
Research Fellows and Students

- Ihsan Ali
- Piers Baker
- Richard Blurton
- B.D. Chathopadhyaya
- Robin Coningham
- Vidya Dahejja
- Siran Deraniyagala
- George Erdosy
- Reema Huja
- Farid Khan
- Robert Knox
- Jane McIntosh
- MakhanLal
- Danny Miller
- A.C. Pal
- Pratipaditya Pal
- Lolita Nehru
- Vivek Nanda
- Ajay Pratap
- Nandini Rao
- S. Settar
- Farouk Swati
European Association of South Asian Archaeology and Art 1970-

- Founder member of the Association of South Asian Archaeologists in Western Europe, hosting the inaugural conference in 1971 and again in 1995.

- 40th anniversary of its founding

- “No one can question its usefulness, popularity, nor the international status it has achieved”
  Raymond Allchin 1995
Raymond was also a Trustee and founder member of the Ancient India and Iran Trust. Founded in 1978 the trust is an independent charity concerned with the study of early India, Iran & Central Asia, promoting both scholarly research & popular interest in the area.

Wallace Intach Fellows have included:
Professors Hegde, Dilip Chakraarti, Paddayya, Mishra, Dhawlikar, Shinde, Gautam Sengupta, Krishnan, Ravi Korissettar, K. Bhan, Santhi Pappu, Jogalekar, Deshpande-Mukherjee, Kajale and others.
Preservation and Conservation

- Appointed a UNESCO Consultant to both India and Nepal with a remit to look at impact of tourism on archaeological sites

- “As the more archaeological sites are discovered, and the pace of development increases, putting more and more sites and monuments at risk... archaeologists are forced to make an increasing number of difficult decisions... one no longer excavates a site just because it is there.”
  Raymond Allchin 1993
Preservation and Conservation
"THE VOLUME OF RELEVANT DATA IS CERTAINLY ENORMOUS, BUT THE QUALITY OF SO MUCH IS POOR. THERE IS AN ALMOST UNIVERSAL NEED FOR MORE PROBLEM ORIENTED RESEARCH; FOR A MORE INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO THEORETICAL PROBLEMS AND INTERPRETATION; AND MORE MUCH WIDER APPLICATIONS OF SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS"