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AGM

The Society's Annual General Meeting has had to be postponed, and will take place on Saturday, September 21st, 1974.

SAS VISITS

June 15th Visit to Claydon House, and Aylesbury, Bucks.
July 13th Visit to Clews Farm, Bisley and the Chobham area.
Details of these and other meetings are given elsewhere in this Bulletin.

EXCAVATION NOTICES

MOTORWAY RESCUE GROUP

PETTERS SPORTS FIELD, EGHAM (TQ 017718)

Directors: Bernard Johnson and David Barker

The site at Petters sports-field will be started early in May. Several features here have already produced Iron Age pottery. The Egham-by-Runnymede HS are still working in this field on the edge of the eleventh-twelfth century road with a side ditch and a possible roadside settlement. Volunteers are urgently needed for this interesting and potentially important site. Work will take place seven days a week, help is especially needed Mondays to Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Contact Bernard Johnson at 01-928 5794 or 01-407 1989 or David Barker at Egham 3873.

THE GRAPSOME (TQ 169636)

Director: Martin Dean

This is a small coppice wood lying 500 yards north of Barwell Court on the Long Ditton-Hook boundary, it is thought to contain a small moated site. Week-end rescue excavations have begun, under the auspices of the SAS. Volunteer diggers are urgently required.

Please contact Marion Smith, Kingston upon Thames Museum, 01-546 8905 or S. Nelson, 01-398 0045.

SHERE: HOLMBURY HILL FORT (TQ 104430)

Director: F. H. Thompson

By kind permission of the landowners through the Hurtwood Control Committee and with the sanction of the Department of the Environment,

it is planned to excavate this summer at the Holmbury Hill Iron Age hillfort. Holmbury lies 3m west of Anstiebury, nr Dorking, where excavation took place in 1972-3, and this year's work is intended to follow on from that. The late S. E. Winbolt dug at Holmbury in 1930 but his report (Surrey Archaeological Collections, XXXVIII) is not very informative. The intention is to work on one site at the north-west entrance, and combine a defence section with an examination of the gate. This is fairly ambitious and success will depend on a good response from the Anstiebury team and others who may be interested. Applications for grants are being made and if these are successful it should prove possible to pay volunteers travelling expenses and arrange for mechanical filling-in. The period proposed for excavation is for four weeks from Saturday, July 6th to Saturday, August 3rd inclusive and offers of help, however short, during that period will be most welcome.

Enquiries to the Director at Society of Antiquaries of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1V 0HS.

Wandsworth HS Excavation

WANDSWORTH: CONJECTURAL LINE OF ROMAN ROAD

This excavation started on Easter Friday and the work, depending on the outcome, might carry through to October. The purpose is to locate the conjectural line of a "local" Roman road, parts of which have been uncovered over the past two years whilst excavating the Romano-British settlement half a mile to the north.

The location is behind the Police Station in Upper Richmond Road. Entrance to the site is between numbers 12 and 16 Gwendolen Avenue, which is the third turning along the left hand side of Upper Richmond Road heading west from the junction with Putney High Street.

Transport: By underground to East Putney Station, turn left towards Putney and continue along the Upper Richmond Road. By British Rail, Southern Region to Putney Station, turn left and then right at the cross roads along the Upper Richmond Road. By bus nos. 14, 22 and 220 to Putney Bridge end of the High Street, walk along the High Street to junction with Upper Richmond Road and turn right. Bus nos 74, 85 and 93 go to the junction of the High Street and Upper Richmond Road. Bus nos 30 and 37 pass by the end of Gwendolen Avenue, along the Upper Richmond Road.

Enquiries and further information from Patrick Loobey, 157 Longcliffe House, Arndale Walk, SW17 4BN. Tel 874 9369 (up to 10.30 p.m.).

NOTES AND QUERIES

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Hon Local Secretaries

Mr T. C. Maile, Chaos, Tuesley Lane, Godalming, has been appointed Local Secretary for Godalming in succession to John Reading.

Mrs E. R. Ellison, 19 Westfield the Marld, Ashted, has been appointed Local Secretary for Leatherhead, Ashted, Fetcham and the Bookhams in succession to the late A. W. G. Lowther.

(D. J. Turner)

Recent Accessions to the Society's Library. Previous list in Bulletin 100 (Sept 1973).

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Brailsford (J. W.) Antiquities of Roman Britain. ed 3. British Museum: London, 1971.

Burleigh (R.) Carbon-14 dating. London, 1973.

Cole (S.) The neolithic revolution. ed 3. British Museum (Natural History): London, 1963.

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Coon (C. S.) The history of man. London, 1957.

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Cunliffe (B.) The Regni. London, 1973.

Darwin (C.) The formation of vegetable mould. London, 1868.

Dyer (J.) Southern England: an archaeological guide. London, 1973.

Eames (E.) Medieval tiles. British Museum London, 1968.

Gravett (K. W.) Timber and brick building in Kent (Prints). Chichester, 1971.

Harvey (N.) History of farm buildings in England and Wales. Newton Abbot, 1973.

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Hayge (R.) Larousse encyclopaedia of Prehistoric and Ancient Art. London 1967.

Kenyon (Dame K. M.) Beginning in archaeology. London, 1961.

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Oakley (K.) and Mulr-Wood (H. M.) The succession of life through geological time. British Museum (Natural History): London, 1964.

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 Shepherd (W. R.) *Historical atlas*. New York, 1956.
 Swinton (W. E.) *Dinosaurs*. British Museum (Natural History): London, 1962.
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 Vine (P. A. L.) *London's lost route to the sea*. ed 3. Newton Abbot, 1973.
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 Webster (G.) *Practical archaeology*. London, 1963.

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 Dorking—Concerning the three churches in Dorking dedicated to St Martin. Chiswick, 1917.
 Epsom—Dent (J.) *The excavation of Nonsuch*. Epsom, 1959.*
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 Home (G.) *Epsom: its history and its surroundings*. London, c. 1901.
 Esher—Burchell (J. P. T.) and Frere (S. S.) *The occupation of Sandown Park*. Offprint from *Antiqs JI*, 1947.
 Farnham—Clark (A. J.) *The fourth century Romano-British pottery kilns at Overwey, Tilford*. Offprint from *SyAC*, 1949.
 Hall (D. and A.) *Farnham and the Civil War*. Farnham, 1973.
 Smith (W. C.) *The history of Farnham and the Cistercian abbey of Waverley*. Farnham c.1830.
 Wade (A. G.) *Farnham Castle*. Farnham, 1947.
 Frensham—Baker (H. J.) *Frensham then and now*. Frensham, 1948.
 Frimley—Toynbee (H.) *Frimley Green: a village history*. Mytchett, 1973. (Obtainable from the author, Ha'penny Cottage, Sturt Road, Frimley Green, price 30p).
 Guildford—Guildford Corporation. *Picturesque Guildford*. ed 7. London, c.1924.
 Surrey's capital. ed 8. London, 1925.
 Horley—Chouler (W. H.) *The story of Horley's schools*. Horley, 1973. (Obtainable from the author, Meath Green CPS, Greenfields Road, Horley, price 50p post free).

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- Lambeth—Rudolf (R. de M.) *Clapham before 1700 AD*. London, 1904.
 Richmond—Bonner (G. W.) *Kidd's picturesque pocket-companion to Richmond*. London, 1833.
 Edwards (R.) *Ham House*. London, 1950.*
 Objects and advantages of the Cavalry College, Richmond. London, 1858.
 Piper (A. C.) *A history of the parish church of St Mary Magdalene, Richmond, Surrey*. Richmond, 1947.
 Southwark—Stevens (T. P.) *Winchester Palace in Southwark*. London, 1944.
 Mickleham—Hill (C.) *Juniper Hall*. London, 1905.
 Oxted—Home (G.) *Oxted, Limpsfield and Edenbridge with their surroundings*. London, 1904.
 Pirbright—Yool (H.) *The day before yesterday*. Pirbright, 1973. (Obtainable from the Vicarage, Pirbright, price 55p post free).
 Reigate—Palgrave (R. F. D.) *An illustrated handbook to Reigate, 1860*. reprinted Dorking 1973. (Obtainable from Messrs Kohler and Coombes, 141 High St, Dorking, RH4 1AQ, price £2.50, full calf binding £10).

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- Walton on the Hill—Stebbing (W. P. D.) The manor and manor house of Walton on the Hill. Offprint from SyAC, 1910.
- Weybridge—Tilley (H. M.) Recollections of Miss H. M. Tilley of Weybridge at the beginning of this century. Walton, 1969.
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- *indicates heavily annotated and interleaved copies bequeathed to the Society by the late A. W. G. Lowther. Further details of both the books and manuscript research material in this bequest will appear in the Society's annual report.

Beddington Tunnel (TQ 301648)

The writer is currently reviewing all extant accounts and information concerning this excavation into the Thanet Sand below Bandon Hill. The earliest documentary evidence appears to be the OS 25in Plans (Surrey 14 (9) and 14(3)) of 1868, closely followed by a brief reference in Alfred Smee's "My Garden" of 1872.

The only substantial detailed accounts previous to those in the post-war caving literature appears to be those of "Croydon to the North Downs" (Half Holiday Handbooks, 1881), various reports in the Proceedings of the Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society and the Geologists' Association, and a brief note by W. H. Yeoman (1933). The information in Bentham, and in SAC 7, XXVI-XXXVII, can probably be discounted.

The writer would be very glad to hear from any members able to provide any earlier references, or notes of any more detailed accounts than these. C. C. Fagg and Albany F. Major made a survey and read a paper to the Croydon NHSS in 1914, but neither the survey nor any draft of the paper appear to survive.

Most of the proposed destinations for the tunnels appear to be more or less incompatible with what is known of the geology and hydrology of the area, and it seems more than likely that these tunnels were no more than casual sand workings. The very long 'subterranean passage' heading southwards would appear to be inconsistent with such a conclusion, and it is with some hesitation (in view of the undoubted accuracy of the OS delineation of the entrance passages) that one casts doubts on its existence. However, the line as shown is difficult to reconcile with the geology shown (inaccurately) on the Geological Surey maps.

The writer has recently published a note on this subject in *Pelobates* (Croydon Caving Club Magazine) 24, pp 9-12, with a full bibliography.

(Paul W. Sowan)

Carshalton: Little Holland House, 40 Beeches Avenue

This house, with its contents has recently been purchased by the London Borough of Sutton, and has been restored. The house and contents are primarily the work of Frank Dickinson (1874-1961) and are of value and interest as a fine example of the Arts and Crafts Movement of the turn of the century. The house will be open from 12 noon to 6 p.m. on the Sunday and Monday of the Spring and Summer Bank Holidays and also on the first Sunday of each month from March to October inclusive. It is also possible to view by appointment which can be made by contacting the Reference Library, Wallington (01-647 4458).

(R. P. Smith)

Dunsfold, Effingham and Westcott: Three Internal-Jetty Hall Houses

Three medieval hall houses of unusual construction have been found by members of the Domestic Buildings Research Group (Surrey). Each one has the solar room jettied over into the open hall, effectively reducing the open roof space and making a smaller smoke funnel. This appears to be an early stage of a complete flooring over of half of the open hall.

Brook Farm at Westcott (TQ 143472) is a four-bay house with a two-bay open hall. Rookery Cottage at Effingham (TQ 118538) and Yonder Lye at Dunsfold (TQ 008360) are three-bay houses with one-bay open halls, queen post roofs, wind braces and clasped purlins. All show that internal jetties were constructed as an integral part of the building and were not added at the end of an existing jettied house. Full details of these houses are being published. The Group would be pleased to hear of others of similar construction.

(Joan M. Harding)

Egham: M25 Excavations

Construction of the M25 between Egham & Lyne crossing is expected to start in June or July.

Work has been completed at Vicarage Road allotments. A series of gullies, post-holes, a ditch dividing the site and several large pits were found. The area seems to have been occupied initially around the last quarter of the first century AD and finally abandoned towards the end of the third century AD. At Thorpe Lea nurseries two areas have been investigated. One shows signs of a prehistoric occupation in the form of ditches, gullies and pits. The other area has several pit-like features of late Iron Age/Early Roman date, and a large shallow depression in the fill of which Roman pot has been found.

(Bernard Johnson)

Haslemere: Diploma in Archaeology

The London University course in Field Archaeology being held in Haslemere will be completed this year. A number of the class are keen to carry on with their studies and do a Diploma in Archaeology. However, to do so they need about 15 people to take the examination, and feel they need help to augment their numbers from such centres as Guildford, Godalming and Farnham. If anyone is interested, would they get in touch with the writer at 17 Weysprings, Haslemere. The lectures would be at the Haslemere Museum at 7.15 p.m.

(Norma Frost)

Reigate: National Westminster Bank Excavations (TQ 252503)

Excavation in advance of construction has recently been carried out in the back garden of the National Westminster Bank, High Street, Reigate, by the Holmesdale Archaeological Group.

The remains of a wall of Reigate stone was found 70cm below ground, 50cm wide and lying east to west. It ended abruptly, at the western side, cut into by a brick culvert of later date. The culvert ran the length of the garden from south to north where it led into a brick superstructure built on top of a soakaway which was made of chalk blocks and closed by a large flagstone. In the soakaway there was 35cm of sediment. A small drain entered it from the north through the brick superstructure.

Eastwards the wall continued across the garden. Part of it was used as the fourth wall of a rectangular structure to the south measuring 1.50 x 1.20m and about 1.23m deep, with a brick drain in the south wall at the SW corner. The walls of this structure, but not the bottom, were lined with some kind of cement, making it into a lined pit of unknown use which had been filled in completely. Towards the bottom of the infill four bottles were found which can be dated to between 1700 and 1730. Also the neck of a glass container in dragged threading decoration, brown and pale blue, and a small Chinese cup; both dated to the end of the seventeenth or the beginning of the eighteenth century.

Beneath the debris of the two walls was a thin layer of yellow sand under which was a medieval occupation layer about 1m thick, above the natural greensand.

To the north another soakaway was found lined with chalk blocks; its diameter was approximately 1.63m and its depth 1.43m with 11 rows of chalk blocks still standing. A later land drain cut across it at a depth of 95cm.

In the few areas where the greensand was reached a number of holes, root holes, and impressed occupational marks were noted, also some flint flakes.

Finds from the site include many medieval and post-medieval potsherds including some large pieces of local slip ware, very similar to the piece found behind Woolworths at Dorking (SAS Bulletin No 64). A glass bottle seal was found inscribed with the initials AC and the date 168-, the last figure is missing. So far it has been attributed to Ann Cutt who has the right initials and lived at that period. Of the bones found the most interesting has been the complete skull of a horse, quite old according to its teeth, which lay upside down about 1m below ground in the builders' debris.

The finds are still being processed. When work on them is finished a final report will be made and deposited with SAS.

(Margaret Trier)

Charlwood

Those members who came to Charlwood on the SAS visit in 1973, may like to know that the SAC Vol 6 reports on the Annual Excursion of the SAS in 1873—it was to Charlwood. "The rendezvous was at Dorking Railway Station, from whence the party proceeded in carriages." They visited Newdigate Church on the way, and then Charlwood Church. "The Rev. Burningham entertained."

Changes, yes, but not too drastic apart from the transport. No doubt the SAS meeting in Charlwood in 2073 will visit the church, but one wonders

how they will get to Charlwood and what other changes will have taken place. (Jean Shelley)

Scientific Archaeology—Results of a Questionnaire

The course of ten evening lectures on Aspects of Scientific Archaeology held at the University of Surrey during the Spring Term was attended on average by about 70 people. Encouraged by the success of the course the organisers circulated a hastily prepared questionnaire during the last lecture in order to test the demand for future courses in the same field. The results are most illuminating and of some general interest. Of the 27 members of the class who returned the questionnaire 23 stated that they would like to attend a practical course in scientific archaeology next session. They voted for eight topics which covered the material presented in the course which they had attended and the order of priority was 1. Geophysical Surveying; 2. Dendrochronology; 3. Elementary Conservation; 4. Bones; 5. Microscopic Examination; 6. Environment; 7. Radioactive techniques; 8. Computing techniques. This result delighted Tony Clark, the principal organiser of the course and reflects realism amongst the class regarding feasible topics. However as half of the class indicated on a show of hands that they would like to attend a computing session the validity of the result may be questioned. Also realism was absent from the replies to a question on the organisation of a practical course. The vast majority of people wanted ten weekly evening classes rather than five half-days at week-ends or a whole week-end which would be much easier to arrange. However people attending evening courses presumably vote for evening courses!

In response to the question: "Would you like to attend a course of ten weekly evening lectures on 'Further Aspects of Scientific Archaeology' next session?" 22 people said "Yes". They gave the following order of priority to the seven topics suggested. 1. Ancient Astronomy, 2. Physical Methods of Analysis, 3. Shells, 4. Archaeonagratism (mis-spelling for Archacomagnetism), 5. Chemical Methods of Analysis, 6. Animal Bones, 7. Statistical Analysis. This result delighted members of the Physics Department at the University, particularly because the first two topics were clear winners. Other topics suggested by the class included geology for archaeologists. Finally when asked if they had made a mess of filling in the questionnaire, which was prepared in the form of a flow diagram for a computer program, seven of the respondents were undecided but the remainder said "No". Perhaps those who had spoiled their forms were too embarrassed to return them? However despite the inadequacies of this simple and no doubt biased questionnaire and of the small sample used it is clear that there is a real need for future lecture courses and practical classes in scientific archaeology. The Centre for Adult Education at the University is therefore proposing to arrange further courses next session but no definite plans have yet been made. Suggestions and comments from members of SAS would thus be most welcome and should be addressed to the writer at the Physics Department, University of Surrey, Guildford.

(Alan Crocker)

Putney: St Mary's Church

As a consequence of the fire which extensively damaged St Mary's Church, Putney, in June 1973, the Wandsworth HS Archaeological Committee, under the direction of Stan Warren, was invited to undertake an excavation of the inside of the building, which has now begun.

Despite many historical references to the church, the first in 1302 (see K. A. Bailey, in *News Sheet 2/1969*), there are hardly any records known to exist regarding the architecture and decoration of the buildings which previously occupied the site. Even the present structure rebuilt in 1836 is not adequately recorded, since the location of the architects notes and plans is unknown—even if they still exist.

Already, however, the foundations of three arcade column bases and part of a wall, all provisionally dated to the mid-fifteenth century, have been uncovered, together with a number of other features of later date. A piece of Roman roof tile has also been found, the first time that Roman building material has been found east of Putney High Street.

Since there is still some danger from the damaged roof and floor, access to the church is strictly limited to established members of the excavation team, and visitors regrettably cannot be invited to view the work which is being carried out.

Further information on the progress of the excavation will be published when available.

(J. Slade, Wandsworth HS *News Sheet* III)

The Wandle Group

A committee to co-ordinate activities of local societies which relate to the River Wandle was constituted on 13th September, 1973.

The Wandle Group functions as a co-ordinating committee of the local societies and acts on their behalf in so far as they share a common concern for the River Wandle. Its main work is co-ordinating research and disseminating information to students and other enquirers; keeping itself informed of local authority planning proposals affecting the River Wandle, bringing amenity and environmental aspects very much to the fore, maintaining an up-to-date list of local societies and their officers, to publish a news-sheet and to promote general interest in the Wandle by encouraging the setting up by authorities and/or societies of temporary or permanent public exhibitions.

The Group hopes very soon to publish a 'Wandle Guide' with contributions on the archaeological and geological features of the Wandle Valley, together with articles on the river as it is today, with the past, particularly the River's industrial past, appearing as supporting pieces.

The Wandle Group does not seek to attract membership from among the public but does wish to attract for membership all local societies having an interest in the Wandle. They therefore hope that any society whose objects include a concern for this ancient and historic river will join them.

The writer is the Honorary Secretary; his address is Felstead, Green Lane, Chessington, Surrey. Tel Home 397 4926; School 946 5452.

(Royston C. Twilley).

Weald & Downland Open Air Museum

Mr Christopher Zeuner, Keeper of the museum since 1972, has been appointed Director of the museum from April 1. He succeeds Mr John Lowe, who is remaining on the staff as Consultant, with special responsibility for public relations, fund raising and administration of the Friends association. There were 111,042 visitors at the museum in summer 1973.

Recent Publications

A LOOK INTO THE PAST. The Charlwood Society has compiled this, mainly for children, but they feel that adults will be interested too. It includes copies of documents. 60p including postage from Mrs Shelley, 4 Norwood Hill Road, Charlwood.

A CHARGE ON THE PARISH. Wandsworth HS have published their Occasional Paper No 1, with a sub-title The treatment of poverty in Putney, 1620-1834. (77pp 4 figs, 60p from K. A. Bailey, 32 Westhorpe Road, SW15 1QH). It is the product of group research by an Adult Education class. Any readers who have been engaged in similar work on the poor might find it of interest, and the writers in their turn would be glad to hear from them.

THE HISTORY OF EFFINGHAM. The Effingham Women's Institute have published this history, compiled by Monica M. O'Connor, with a foreword by Sir Arthur Bryant. 137pp, 58 illustrations, 4 maps, glossary and index, it is an outstanding publication. £1.25 plus 12p per copy postage, from Lady Wallis, White Hill House, Effingham, Surrey.

MEETINGS

JUNE

Saturday 8th, 2.15 p.m.

AGM OF SURREY LOCAL HISTORY COUNCIL at Bourne Hall, Ewell, followed by a talk on Ewell, a walk around the town and a visit to the Museum.

Saturday 15th

SAS VISIT TO CLAYDON HOUSE AND AYLESBURY, BUCKS.

Arranged by Mr. D. Booker

9.00 a.m. Coach departs Guildford rear of BR Station, Guildford Park Road, in which there is a free Car Park.

9.30 a.m. Dorking Post Office.

10.00 a.m. Esher BR Station.

The coach will stop at Aylesbury for lunch but a picnic meal is recommended, as it is hoped to arrange for a guided tour of this interesting old town.

2.30 p.m. Coach leaves.

3.00 p.m. Claydon House, NT. Admission 35p, the home of the Verney family, has associations with Florence Nightingale.

Tea at the House, 35p.

5.30 p.m. Coach departs.

Tickets (members 15p, visitors 20p, students half price, accompanied children under 16 free). Coach fare £1.65 from Mrs. J. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton, KT7 0QL.

Please say if tea is likely to be required in order that some indication of numbers can be given to the caterers.

Tuesday 18th, 8 p.m.

KINGSTON'S FAMOUS MUSICIANS. Talk by H. Timms to Kingston upon Thames AS at The Lecture Hall, Central Library, Fairfield West, Kingston.

JULY

Monday 1st, 8 p.m.

THE OPEN AIR MUSEUM, SINGLETON, IN 1974. Talk by Joan Harding to Mayford HS at the Village Hall, Saunders Lane, Mayford, Woking.

Tuesday 2nd, 7.30 p.m.

RECENT EXCAVATIONS IN AND AROUND GUILDFORD. Talks by John Janaway and others to Guildford members of the SAS at the Brew House, Guildford.

Saturday 13th

SAS VISIT TO CLEWS FARM, BISLEY AND THE CHOBHAM AREA

Arranged by Mrs S. Lewin

11.00 a.m. Visit Clews Farm, Bisley, by kind permission of Mrs Cooper. Approach by the A322 Guildford to Bagshot road. In the centre of Bisley take Clews Lane which has a telephone kiosk and a shop on the corner and proceed to the farm.

Details of the afternoon programme in the Chobham area will be published in the July Bulletin.

The party will probably be limited to 50.

Tickets (members 20p, visitors 25p, students half price, accompanied children under 16 free) from Mrs J. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton, KT7 0QL.

Tuesday 16th, 8 p.m.

RENAISSANCE BUILDINGS WEST OF LONDON. Talk by J. W. Lindus Forge to Kingston upon Thames AS at The Lecture Hall, Central Library, Fairfield West, Kingston.

APPOINTMENTS

SOUTHWARK ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION COMMITTEE

THREE ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROCESSING ASSISTANTS REQUIRED by Southwark Archaeological Excavation Committee to work on the vast mass of material from its earlier past excavations.

Initial contract to 31st March, 1975. The salary of each Assistant will be at a point within the range of the Committee's Grade for that post according to the individual's qualifications and experience.

SENIOR "PAST" PROCESSING ASSISTANT (range £1,644 to £2,235) will be responsible for some supervision over the work of the other "Past" Processing staff.

"PAST" PROCESSING ASSISTANT (range £1,353 to £1,644).

JUNIOR "PAST" PROCESSING ASSISTANT (range £780 to £884).

Each Assistant is expected, according to the level of his/her post, to work without close supervision, and to have some knowledge of Roman, Medieval and Post-Medieval pottery, and an ability to draw it and plans and sections for publication.

Further details from: M. R. Maitland Muller, Hon Secretary, SAEC, c/o The Cuming Museum, Newington District Library, Walworth Road, London SE17, who should receive applications, including curriculum vitae and names of referees.

COURSES

**FIELD STUDIES COUNCIL, Juniper Hill Field Centre, Dorking, Surrey
RH5 6DA. Tel. 3849**

Announce a series of courses to take place this summer—

BRICKS, TIMBER, IRON

1. INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE WEALD. A Field Course for all interested in this part of our heritage. 7th-11th August, 1974 (Wednesday-Sunday). Tutor John Sallnow, BA, Dip Russ (Centre Staff).

Iron, lime, glass, bricks, timber have all been produced in the Weald of SE England in the past and these natural resources have been the basis of several industries at different times. The course will outline their development and importance during historical periods and visit will be made to some of the sites of interest in the Weald.

First Meeting 2000 preceded by dinner at 1830 (Visitors are asked to arrive between 1500 and 1800). Disperse Sunday morning.

2. OLD FARMHOUSES. 11th-15th August, 1974 (Sunday-Thursday). Tutor Joan Harding, ALA, FSA.

The study of old buildings is as fascinating as it is difficult. The style, building materials as well as the internal architecture and any later modifications which may have been made require careful observation as well as knowledge and proper technique of recording. The course will be based on established recording methods.

Examples will be selected for study from the excellent range of old farmhouses found in Surrey. The course is open to all interested in the subject.

The course begins with the first meeting at 1930 on Sunday, 11th August preceded by high tea at 1800. Visitors are asked to arrive between 1530 and 1730. Disperse on Thursday morning.

3. THE IRON INDUSTRY OF THE WEALD. A Field Course for Everyone Interested. 15th-19th August, 1974 (Thursday-Monday). Tutor John Sallnow, BA, Dip Russ (Centre Staff).

From the late fifteenth century to the early eighteenth century the Weald was the 'black country' of England. The evidence for iron workings will be shown by visits to sites of former iron workings and the villages associated with the industry will be the basis of this course. Lectures will be given on the historical background to the iron industry.

First meeting 2000 preceded by dinner at 1830 on Thursday, 15th August (visitors are asked to arrive between 1500 and 1800). Disperse Monday morning.

Fee for each course: £15.60 (£14.80 for individual members of the Field Studies Council). For details of the Centre and a place on these and other courses please write to the Warden and Director of Studies.

To make for greater flexibility in the localities visited on special courses, it would be helpful if indenting participants coming by car would kindly indicate if they would be willing to transport those without cars.

4. ROMAN BRITAIN. A Course on the Life of the Atrebates. 28th August-4th September, 1974. (Wednesday-Wednesday). Tutor: Rosamond Hanworth, FSA.

At the time of the Roman Conquest, Britain was inhabited by a number of Celtic tribes, some of whom had been in occupation for a long time while others had arrived or expanded comparatively recently. The area which is now Surrey, Sussex, and parts of Hampshire was the land of the Atrebates. The course will examine their history, the archaeology of the area, and seek to assess the part played by the Atrebates in the civilisation of Roman Britain.

Visits to sites will be made and there will be lectures and discussions.

The course begins at 2000, preceded by dinner at 1830 (please arrive between 1500 and 1800) on 28th August. Disperse after breakfast 4th September.

Fee: £23.50 (£22 to individual members of the Field Studies Council). For details of the Centre and a place on the course please write to the Warden and Director of Studies.

To make for greater flexibility in the localities visited on special courses, it would be helpful if intending participants coming by car would kindly indicate if they would be willing to transport those without cars.

The Southern Industrial History Centre

HAS BEGUN WORK

1. Its first task is to prevent the destruction of important exhibits and research material;
2. Its second task is to find a site where this material can be displayed;
3. And its third task will be to establish permanent and temporary exhibitions.

Already a substantial amount of material has been collected: steam and gas engines, brick making equipment and craft tools. Possible sites are being actively investigated and the lawyers are constituting The Centre as a charitable Trust—all of which takes a good deal of time, dedication and money!

Have you any sympathy for the idea? Can you help with expertise, relics of local industry and innovation or—just plain, old-fashioned cash?

If so, a letter or contribution will be welcomed by The Treasurer of the Founders, Peter Longley, 4 Gordon Road, Horsham, Sussex.

University of Surrey

SCIENTIFIC ARCHAEOLOGY

The Department of Physics is offering a new MSc course in Radiation and Environmental Protection and considers that the course will provide valuable training for those interested in applying radiation physics to archaeological problems. Some aspects of archaeometry will be included in the formal lecture courses. In addition a major part of the course is devoted to a project which might for example be based on radio carbon dating, thermoluminescence dating, fission track dating, neutron activation analysis, dendrochronology.

The course duration is a minimum of one year full-time, two years part-time. It begins in October 1974.

Further details from Dr W. B. Gilboy, Physics Department, University of Surrey, Guildford, GU2 5XH.

A Public Lecture on

PHYSICS AND ARCHAEOLOGY

will be given by

Dr M. S. Tite

at the University of Surrey on Wednesday June 12th at 7.30 p.m. The lecture has been arranged as part of the Formal Opening Ceremonies of new laboratories in the Physics Department by Professor Sir Brian Flowers, President of the Institute of Physics. The Physics Department will be open to the public from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. and some of the demonstrations and displays will be concerned with aspects of scientific archaeology.

Further Details from the Administrative Officer, Department of Physics, University of Surrey, Guildford, GU2 5XH.

All welcome.

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