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Saturday, 15th October—Visit to Chipstead and Pirbright

**NOTICE OF FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND TWO
SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS
MEETING 1**

**THE FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE INCORPORATED SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL
SOCIETY**

Notice is hereby given that a General Meeting of the incorporated Surrey Archaeological Society will be held on Saturday, 21st September, 1974, at 3 p.m. at the Guildhall, Guildford, by kind permission of the Guildford Borough Council.

D. J. TURNER
Secretary

Agenda

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To receive and consider the President's oral report on the incorporation of the Society on the 13th February 1974.
3. To accept the resignation of the first officers and members of the First Council in accordance with Article 21b.
4. To consider and, if approved, adopt the following motion:
"That nominations for election be considered en bloc".
(If this motion is not carried, names will be considered individually)
5. To elect the President, Vice-Presidents & Officers for 1974-75.
6. To elect six Ordinary Members of the Council to retire in 1975 under Article 21a.
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9. To elect six Ordinary Members of the Council to retire in 1978 under Article 21a.
(Nominations for election under 5-9 should be sent to the Secretary not less than seven days before the meeting. All such nominations require a proposer and seconder who must be members of the incorporated Society and, to be valid, nominations must also be accompanied by a signed written statement by the nominee of his or her willingness to stand for election. Institutional members are not eligible for election).
10. To appoint the Honorary Auditor for 1974-75.
11. To elect Honorary Vice-Presidents.
12. To elect Honorary Members.

13. To consider and, if thought fit, adopt the following motion:
 "That Dame Kathleen Kenyon, DBE, be asked to continue as Patron of the Society."
14. To consider and, if thought fit, to adopt the following motion:
 "That the incorporated Society shall accept as binding the agreement negotiated between the unincorporated Society and the Guildford Borough Council on 9th May 1953."
15. Any Other Business.

MEETING 2

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting of the incorporated Surrey Archaeological Society will be held on Saturday, 21st September 1974 at the Guildhall, Guildford, following the completion of business of the Annual General Meeting of the incorporated Surrey Archaeological Society.

D. J. TURNER
Secretary

Agenda

1. To receive apologies for absence.
 2. To consider and, if thought fit, to adopt the following motion:
 "That the Company accepts responsibility for all liabilities and obligations of the Surrey Archaeological Society and for the expenditure of that Society as and from 1st January 1974."
 3. To consider and, if thought fit, to adopt the following motion:
 "That the Company accepts the transfer to it of all the assets, rights and advantages held or possessed by the Surrey Archaeological Society at 31st December 1973 and the right to receive from that date all income which the Surrey Archaeological Society would otherwise have received."
 4. To consider and, if thought fit, to adopt the following motion:
 "That subject to the consent of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the Articles of Association of the Society be altered in the manner following: By the deletion from Article 12 of the words "The Society's year shall be from 1st January to 31st December next ensuing" and the substitution therefor of the following words "The first accounts of the Society shall be made up to 31st March 1975 and thereafter to 31st March annually."
 5. To consider and, if thought fit, to adopt the following motion:
 "That the annual subscription rates to the Surrey Archaeological Society shall be as follows:

Ordinary Members	£4.00
Associate Members	£0.50
Junior Members	£0.50
Junior Members with Collections	£2.00
Institutional Members	£5.00."
- All these rates to be with effect from 1st January 1975.
6. To consider and, if thought fit, to adopt the following motion:
 "That the entrance fees to the Surrey Archaeological Society shall be as follows:

Ordinary Members	£1.00
Associate Members	£0.50
Junior Members	£0.25
Institutional Members	£1.00."

MEETING 3

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting of the unincorporated Surrey Archaeological Society will be held on Saturday, 21st September 1974 at the Guildhall, Guildford, after the completion of the business of the Special Meeting of the incorporated Society.

D. J. TURNER
Secretary

Agenda

1. The Hon. Secretary to read the notice convening the Meeting.
2. Apologies for Absence.
3. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16th June 1973.
4. Annual Report & Statement of Accounts for the year 1973.
5. Whereas the following resolutions were passed at a Special General Meeting of the Society held on 16th June 1973:

'That the Surrey Archaeological Society be wound up voluntarily on such date during 1973 as shall be nominated by the President of the Society.'

'That the Council of the Society immediately before the nominated date shall authorise the Trustees of the Society to realise so much of the assets as may be necessary to discharge the liabilities of the Society and shall transfer the remaining assets of the Society to Surrey Archaeological Society Limited which company has been formed to continue the objects of the Surrey Archaeological Society.'

and whereas the Incorporated Body known as the Surrey Archaeological Society was not incorporated until 13th February 1974, to consider the motion:

"That the Society be wound up and that the requirements of Rule 27 shall be satisfied by:

(i) The acceptance of responsibility for all liabilities and obligations of the Society and for expenditure as and from 1st January 1974 by the Incorporated Surrey Archaeological Society;

(ii) The transfer by the Society to the Incorporated Surrey Archaeological Society of all assets, rights and advantages held or possessed by the Society at 31st December 1973 and the right to receive from that date all income which the Society would otherwise have received;

(iii) That the Trustees of the Society be and they are hereby released from their responsibilities under Rule 23."

EXCAVATION NOTICES

MOTORWAY RESCUE GROUP—M.25 and M.23

Directors: Bernard Johnson and David Barker

The motorway is due to start at the beginning of August: so from now on the Directors cannot forecast with certainty which, if any, site will take priority, and of necessity excavations will have to be quick. The main need, then, will be for shovelling and trowelling, and may call for a lot of people for short periods. It would be helpful if anyone who would be available at short notice could let the Directors know of this in anticipation.

Contact Bernard Johnson at 01-928 5794 or David Barker at Egham 3873 (a note on the Archaeology of this area appears below).

NOTES AND QUERIES

New Members from 1.7.74

Mr and Mrs A. H. Norton, The Old House, Pyrford Road, Pyrford, Woking.
Mrs E. P. Jacyna, Kalyna, 30 Mason's Bridge Road, Earlswood, Redhill
RH1 5LL.

Mr W. D. Hislop, Attica, Windermere Road, Lightwater.

Mr S. T. Fisher, 53 Morrison Avenue, Montreal 305, Canada.

Dr B. E. Cracknell, 14 Harestone Hill, Caterham CR3 6SX.

Miss J. Westaway, 19 Station Road, Wraysbury, Staines, Middx.

Mr C. E. Richardson, 352a West Barnes Lane, Motspur Park, New Malden
KT3 6NB.

St. Peters and Merrow Grange School, Horseshoe Lane, Merrow, Guildford.

Mr A. R. F. Hills, Hurst Cottage, Chiddingfold, GU8 4UX.

Mr R. W. Dodd, DesRCA, MSIA, 5 Weymede, Parvis Road, Byfleet.

Mr G. J. A. Smith, 25 Vogan Close, Reigate.

Miss E. Webb, BA, 42 Wallace Crescent, Carshalton.

Guildford: Dominican Friary site

Excavation of the Friary Meux Brewery site in advance of redevelopment was undertaken for Guildford Museum and the Department of the Environment between April 1st and June 21st. Extremely generous financial support for the excavation was given by the developers of the site, MEPC Ltd.

A substantial part of the plan of the Friary was recovered, together with a partial plan of the Earl of Annandale's house of the seventeenth century and the nineteenth century barracks.

The Friary lay at the junction of the present Onslow Street and North Street. The church and domestic buildings surround a square cloister, whose garth walls were found on all four sides. Of the western range only the median wall was exposed in addition to the garth wall, the remainder of the range being sealed under the modern Onslow Street. To the north, east and south-east of the cloister, however, it was possible to strip the surviving footings.

The church lies on the south of the cloister, the great kitchen on the north, and the chapter-house in the middle of the east range. The chapter-house returns east from the median wall of the range instead of from the back wall—the latter plan being the more common in Dominican houses.

Only the choir of the church could be excavated, the nave and walking place being under the buildings still to be demolished when the excavations took place. Three structural phases were evident in the choir. To the north of the chancel a small chapel had been added which is probably the "proper chapel" (chantry) listed in the suppression inventory. The altar footing

survived in this chapel together with a small number of floor tiles in situ and tile impressions in the mortar of the floor. To the east of the chancel an extension had been butted on of equal size to the chancel itself. Its purpose is not apparent.

Within the chancel itself some floor tiles survived in situ and tile impressions in patches of mortar floor. A step divided the chancel from the sanctuary. Within the sanctuary a male burial was excavated to the north of the site of the High Altar, a female to the south.

In the layers between the choir stall footings and the choir walls a considerable number of bronze objects was found, including jettons, book studs, strap ends, pins and boot lace tags. One layer also yielded two silver coins. These finds are at present being conserved at the Pitt-Rivers Museum in Oxford.

Evidence of an oven and an internal drain or cistern was found in the Great Kitchen underlying the frater. The footing of the chimney stack for the oven projected from the south wall of the kitchen, and within the building layers of ash, charcoal and burnt clay were sealed by a tiled floor of the seventeenth century mansion. The layers contained quantities of potsherds and bone, together with two silver coins (undergoing conservation).

The mansion had been superimposed on the kitchen block and its wings extended down the east and west range of the Friary cloister. Notable features of the mansion were the area of intact tiled floor mentioned above, a substantial brick cellar cut into the north wall of the friary kitchen, and a wood-lined well just north of the kitchen which yielded a very large group of post-medieval pot. A further survival of the mansion was a small area of 22 re-used medieval tiles in a room to the north of the choir. Mrs Elizabeth Eames of the British Museum has identified these as thirteenth century tiles of the Westminster-Chertsey type. The principal motif is almost identical to that on the tiles in Westminster Abbey chapter-house. This floor was lifted and is now on display in Guildford Museum.

Some footings of the barracks survived in the area of the kitchen and east range of the friary, and a large brick sewer of the barracks ran along the back wall of the friary's east range. It cut through the walls of the chapter-house and had destroyed some of the walls and flooring of the kitchen block at its eastern end.

The earliest building on the site was found sealed under the south wall of the kitchen and the northern garth wall. It extended into the garth itself. A pit associated with this structure was sealed under the garth wall. This pit yielded a small quantity of very early Surrey ware. This ceramic evidence indicates that the structure antedates the Friary by not many years. It seems likely that it served either as temporary accommodation for the friars during the building of the Friary, or as the workshop of the masons employed on the building.

It is hoped that further excavation of the church will be possible when the buildings at present standing on it are demolished.

In the interim, the finds from the present season of excavations are being processed and drawn for publication, and initial work on the report has been commenced.

(Humphrey Woods)

Archaeological Work on the M25

Archaeological work prior to the construction of two and a half miles of the M25 between Egham and the M3 at Thorpe is now drawing to a close. All that remains to be done is observation of drainage works, topsoil removal and side fencing, and the quick excavation of sites found at this stage where this is possible and necessary.

The project has been useful, not only for the amount of historical information obtained, but also as a "trial trench" through the area, a part of the Thames Valley. The route lies on gravels which could be expected to yield a high density of sites, and this does seem to be the case on these gravels of North West Surrey.

The sites found in the pre-construction phase are as follows: a possible Roman Road with roadside settlement and later Saxon/Saxo-Norman occupation at Petters Sports Field. (Excavations are continuing here on Sundays under the direction of David Barker for the Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society). Iron Age ditches, pits and possible hut floors in Petters Sports Field. A Roman occupation site at Vicarage Road Allotments. A Medieval moated site at Thorpe Lea House. Neolithic/Bronze Age occupation at the North end of Thorpe Lea Nurseries, and Iron Age, Roman and Saxon occupation at the South end. A Bronze Age settlement at Muckhatch Farm and traces of further Bronze Age activity between Muckhatch Farm and Thorpe Green.

Of the two and a half miles, about one mile was investigated by means of trenches either specifically dug for archaeological purposes or dug by contractors for drainage ahead of Motorway construction. Most of this area was also surveyed with a fluxgate gradiometer or a resistivity meter, and another third of a mile was investigated by these methods. Access to the rest of the route could not be obtained for a variety of reasons—tree cover, roads and built-up areas, farmers continuing to use the land right up to the time of Motorway construction and so on. Thus it is obvious that the construction phase is going to be extremely important in terms of full-time observation in the search for sites.

The other important point to bear in mind is that if this number of sites came up in a section two and a half miles long by 70-100 metres wide, there is the possibility of the same density of archaeological sites over the rest of the gravels in North West Surrey, where a vast amount of gravel extraction is going to take place over the next few years.

(Bernard Johnson)

Domestic Buildings Research Group (Surrey)

The Domestic Buildings Research Group (Surrey) have now deposited records of over 100 farmhouses and cottages in Surrey with the Surrey Archaeological Society Index.

(Joan M. Harding)

Surrey Archaeological Society Prize in Archaeometry

The Council of the Society has agreed to award an annual book prize, for five years in the first instance, to the undergraduate physics student at the University of Surrey who performs the most valuable piece of work in scientific archaeology. The prize for 1974, "Methods of Physical Examination in Archaeology" by M. S. Tite, has been awarded to a final year student, R. E. Tout for a project on Thermoluminescent Dating of Pottery. A copy of the project report has been presented to the Society and is available at Castle Arch.

(Alan Crocker)

West Horsley: Church House (TQ 088527)

Church House is situated next to West Horsley church. Recently the house was described in the County newspaper* but no conclusions were reached concerning the probable purpose for which the house was built. New evidence has now come to light.

The original building survives complete: what remains is not, we submit, a fragment: there are some additions, mostly modern. It is a two bay structure with a crown post roof and no soot. It is jettied at both ends.

Until the seventeenth century stack was built at the end of the structure there was no provision for a fire. The arrangement of the ground floor is unusual, it is divided longitudinally into three by posts and braces with a central space down the house. One section of these dividing screens exists but mortice holes can be found for the rest.

The rear jetty is of greater projection than the front, also the carving on the bressumer more elaborate. It is of high quality work and a date of around 1530 is likely.

That the building served some specific and unusual purpose seemed certain—it was not built as a dwelling. It was submitted that it could well have been a gatehouse albeit there was passage-way only for pedestrians, but there appeared to be no large house in relation to it. However an estate map of about 1640 was seen at West Horsley Place during the recent SAS visit showing the church, the little building in question, and a large house which stood at the back. Was Church House indeed the gatehouse of a long forgotten mansion? If so it is like the famous one at Lower Brockhampton in Herefordshire, a National Trust property.

(John L. Baker and J. Oliver)

*Surrey Daily Advertiser, 26th April, 1974—Editor.

Smockfrocks in Surrey

The biography of Arthur J. Munby, *Man of Two Worlds* (1972) edited by Derek Hudson contains several interesting side-lights on Surrey life in the 1860s and 1870s. Notes of what he saw on his walks are related to recent changes, and often to a subject of special interest to him, the employment of women. After his secret marriage to Hannah, a domestic servant, he often spent week-ends in Surrey. At Easter 1873 he was staying with her at the King's Arms at Ockley, and on April 13th he writes:

"One thing to be noted in the Dorking country is the great number of smockfrocks. Sir F. Palgrave in 1837 spoke of the smockfrock as a thing all but extinct; yet in 1873 here in Ockley, men of all ages wear them, and lads, and little boys; brown or purple smocks, worn even on Sunday and at church, worn with corduroys and leggings."

(J. L. Nevinson)

CONFERENCES

Road Transport. Ninth Symposium on Local History organised by the Surrey Local History Council in collaboration with the Surrey Archaeological Society, Dorking Halls, Saturday 19th October. 10.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. Full details were circulated with Bulletin 110.

Fortifications in the South-east. CBA Group IIA Conference at St Dunstan's Hall, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, Saturday, 30th November, 11.15 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Full details have already been circulated.

MEETINGS

OCTOBER

Thursday 3rd, 8 p.m.

LOCAL HISTORY. Talks by F. R. Wright, N. Pease, R. H. G. Leveson-Gower and Miss H. Thompson to Oxted and District HS at the Lecture Room, Oxted Library, Gresham Road, Oxted.

Saturday 5th, 10.40 a.m.

SAS visit to Chipstead and Pirbright. Full details were given in Bulletin 109.

Saturday 5th, 5.15 p.m.

BENJAMIN OUTRAM—CIVIL ENGINEER. Talk by Dr R. B. Schofield to the Railway and Canal Historical Society in the lecture theatre, the

Science Museum, South Kensington, London SW7. Admission free and visitors welcome, but by ticket only, from Mr R. A. Roose, 4a Alandale Drive, Pinner, Middlesex HA5 3UT.

Tuesday 8th, 8 p.m.

EXCAVATIONS AT BRAY. Talk by C. Stanley to Egham-by-Runnymede HS in the Library, Strode's School, High Street, Egham. Visitors welcome, 12½p; Juniors 5p.

Saturday 12th, 2.45 p.m.

ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE TIMBER FRAMED BUILDING. Talk by D. J. Fowler to Domestic Buildings Research Group (Surrey), at The Brewhouse, Guildford.

Tuesday 15th, 8 p.m.

ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE PARISH CHURCH. Talk by D. J. Fowler to Kingston upon Thames AS at the Lecture Hall, Kingston Museum, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.

Thursday 17th, 7.30 p.m.

CLAPHAM SCHOOLS. Talk by Mrs. N. Byrnes to Clapham AS in St Luke's Hall, Ramsden Road, SW12.

Thursday 31st, 8 p.m.

SOME ASPECTS OF ROMAN BRITAIN. Talk by P. Allen to Oxted and District HS at the Lecture Room, Oxted Library, Gresham Road, Oxted.

NOVEMBER

Monday 4th, 8 p.m.

ANSTIEBURY. Talk by F. H. Thompson to Mayford HS at the Village Hall, Saunders Lane, Mayford, Woking.

Thursday 7th, 8 p.m.

THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY. Talk by D. Fowdrey and R. A. V. Coles to Oxted and District HS at the Lecture Room, Oxted Library, Gresham Road, Oxted.

Tuesday 12th, 8 p.m.

STAINES BRIDGE. Talk by F. Williams to Egham-by-Runnymede HS in the Library, Strode's School, High Street, Egham. Visitors welcome, 12½p; Juniors 5p.

Friday 15th, 8 p.m.

THE DALLAWAY LECTURE—EUROPEAN ARMOUR by Mr C. Blair at St John's School, Leatherhead, by kind permission of the Headmaster. Open to the public. Enquiries to Leatherhead & District LHS, 7 Fox Lane, Little Bookham, Surrey.

Tuesday 26th, 8 p.m.

THE SUTTON HOO SHIP BURIAL EXCAVATION OF 1939. Talk by C. W. Phillips to Kingston upon Thames AS at the Lecture Hall, Kingston Museum, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.

Thursday 28th, 8 p.m.

THE HISTORIAN AND HIS RESPONSIBILITIES. Talk by W. J. C. Gill to Oxted and District HS at the Lecture Room, Oxted Library, Gresham Road, Oxted.

The next issue of the Bulletin will be in October, there will be none in November. Copy is required by the 5th of the month previous to publication.
