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SAS VISITS

April 19th. Visit to Abinger and Effingham. Details of this and other meetings are given elsewhere in this Bulletin.

EXCAVATION NOTICE

GODALMING TOWN CENTRE (SU 967438)

Directors: J. Janaway and T. Maile

By kind permission of the owner, Mrs Mason, excavation in advance of redevelopment has started at 23 The Mint, Mill Lane, at week-ends, Saturday and Sunday, and will continue at least until mid March. Enquiries to T. Maile, Tel. Godalming 22862. Volunteers will be welcome.

HASCOMBE HILL FORT (TQ 005386)

(Director: Mr F. H. Thompson)

By kind permission of the owner, Mr Ian Anstruther, and with the co-operation of the agents, English Woodlands Ltd, and the sanction of the Department of the Environment, it is planned to excavate this summer at the Iron Age hill-fort of Hascombe, 4 miles south-east of Godalming. This will be the final year of the programme of investigation of the group of Greensand hill-forts, and it is hoped that the results will form a coherent story.

Applications for grants are being made and it may prove possible to pay volunteers' travelling expenses and arrange for mechanical filling-in. The period proposed is Saturday July 5th to Saturday August 2nd inclusive and offers of help, however short, will be most welcome. It is hoped to arrange a combined reunion at Holmbury with a preliminary visit to Hascombe for Saturday, March 22nd. 11.30 a.m. Rendezvous at lower car-park, Holmbury (TQ 099430).

Will those intending to dig in July and August notify the director at the Society of Antiquaries of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1V 0HS or come on March 22nd.

NOTES

New Members from 1.2.75

Mr P. J. Lane, South View Lodge, 9 Upper South View, Farnham.
Mrs S. M. Verey, BA, DipArch, BPhil, 9 Willow Road, Farncombe, Godalming, GU7 3SP.

Mrs D. M. Swayne, Green Edge, 3 Woodbine Cottages, Shalford.
Mrs D. C. H. Hobbs, 13 Elgin Road, Croydon CR0 6XD.
Mrs C. K. Green, Rosetree Cottage, Binscombe Lane, Godalming, GU7 3Q9
Mr and Mrs A. R. Harvey, 26 West Hill, Sanderstead, CR2 0SA.
Dr R. H. Hinton, BA, Windover, Manor House Lane, Little Bookham.
Mr J. M. Shroll, 43 Rowan Road, Streatham, London SW16.

SAS Symposium: European Architectural Heritage Year

As a contribution to European Architectural Heritage Year the Society, with the assistance of Surrey County Council and Surrey Amenity Council held a symposium with this title at Guildford University on February 1st, in a hall crammed to capacity.

The proceedings were opened by Mr Sibert, the County Planning Officer, who spoke of the part being played by the County Council in Heritage Year and by Lord Sandford who treated the subject in a wider, national context.

They were followed by our secretary, Dennis Turner, on 'Why Preserve?', by Peter Gray on the Listing of Buildings, with special reference to the DoE lists and 'Antiquities of Surrey' and by Joan Harding who explained the part the Domestic Buildings Research Group is playing in recording the vernacular architecture of the county.

After lunch Donald Insall illustrated his lecture, 'The Challenge of Conservation' with contrasting shots from all over the world shown on twin projectors, J. P. Thomson showed a truly encyclopaedic knowledge of every conceivable law and regulation relating to conservation and Michael Blower gave examples of conservation in practice as exemplified by the work of the Farnham Trust.

Mr McDowell was in the chair and our President, Mr Nevinson wound
(J. W. L. Forge)

Brooklands

The petition for the scheduling of the track and airfield as an ancient monument attracted approximately 9,200 names. In the meantime the Department of the Environment has scheduled the north-east sector, (where a large section of the track has been cleared by the devoted labours of Brooklands Society), the Club House and the first air booking office in England.

While welcoming the DoE's action, many feel that there is a clear case for scheduling the whole area as a major monument of Industrial Archaeology and one therefore views with considerable alarm its virtual destruction as an entity if one of the alternative routes for M25 is adopted.

May we urge members to lodge protests (before March 24th), against this threat to the earliest motor track in the world and the airfield which saw many of the earliest flights in British aviation.

(J. W. L. Forge)

Formation of the Haslemere Group

It has been decided to form an Archaeological Group in Haslemere and so far two well-attended meetings have been held in Haslemere Museum. The group is part of the Surrey Archaeological Society and is also affiliated to the Haslemere Museum. It has a number of objectives, the first being to investigate, record and preserve the history and archaeology of Haslemere and its surrounding districts. It also hopes to provide a work force

for excavations in the area and to arrange meetings, lectures, courses, outings and other activities to encourage the interest in archaeology of its members and the general public. The Group would welcome additional members who, for further information, should contact the writer at 17 Weysprings, Haslemere.
(Norma Frost)

Field Survey in Surrey: An intensive week-end symposium. April 26th-27th.

It is generally recognised that field survey, as distinct from excavation is an essential branch of archaeology. The need to have surveys completed long in advance of development planning was stressed time and again at the symposium of February 1st.

In the light of this, the newly-formed Haslemere Group of the Surrey Archaeological Society is making field survey of its area its first priority, and this course is intended primarily as a means of getting their project off the ground. But by its very nature it will be general in its approach, and the organisers feel that it may have a wider appeal, especially to people in the western half of the county. In order that the course may be planned on a realistic basis, anyone interested is invited to let the writers know, without commitment, within the next two weeks.

The provisional programme is as follows:

Saturday

1. Why Field Survey? — Miss Winifred Phillips, Assistant Secretary, RAI.
2. Geology, Soils and Vegetation of the Western Weald — Mr John Sankey, Warden, Juniper Hall Field Centre.
3. Waterways, Tracks and Transport — Mr Keith Bailey, Historical Geographer, Wandsworth HS.
4. Place Names — It is hoped that Mr John Dodgson or one of his assistants will speak on this subject.
5. Settlement Patterns South of the Hogs Back — Mr E. E. Harrison, Vice President, SAS.
6. The use of Historical Records in Archaeology — Miss M. Gollancz, formerly Country Archivist, Surrey.

Sunday

1. Recognition of Various Types of Earthwork — Mr F. Aldsworth, Archaeology Officer, West Sussex County Council.
2. Retrieval Recording — Miss J. Harding, Domestic Buildings Research Group (Surrey).
3. Field Walks — Planned to give practical demonstration of the subjects covered.

(D. G. Bird and Rosamond Hanworth)

M25 Archaeology

Construction of the Egham-Thorpe section of the M25 started early in September 1974; excavations along the line of the motorway continued until early October.

Since October, all construction workings have been watched and several more find-spots have been noted as a result. Iron Age pottery was found beside the Thames in a hearth-like feature (TQ 01957188). This find encouraged someone to report that "pottery, piles of bones and flints" had been found during the construction of the Runnymede Bridge in 1959-60

(TQ 01917193) and several pieces of the pottery which had been collected during the work were given to us. The pottery is Neolithic, and from descriptions of the area it seems the site was a fairly large Neolithic settlement.

A continuation of the Roman road already found in Petters' Sports Field was found in a drainage trench in the car park of the Coach and Horses public house, on the Glanty roundabout, Egham (TQ 01817171).

Several ditches and pits, all of which seem to relate to the Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age site found in Petters' Sports Field, have been found in other motorway trenches. More features containing Roman pottery were discovered in the Vicarage Road Allotments area when preparations were being made for the building of the motorway bridge over the railway at Pooley Green (TQ 01627131) and more prehistoric features have been discovered in the area around Muckhatch Farm.

Excavations are continuing, directed by David Barker for the Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society, on the edge of Petters' Sports Field (TQ 01627158) each weekend, in an area where a car park is in preparation. The preparation of reports on the Motorway excavations are now well under way and an interim publication is due out in April; the final reports will be published in 1976.

(Bernard Johnson)

Route of the M25

Three interesting buildings on the route of the M25 have been measured and recorded by the Domestic Buildings Research Group (Surrey) with the assistance of members of the Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society. A Georgian inn, The Coach and Horses in Egham (TQ 016717); its immediate neighbour, the decorative Regency 'Magna Carta' (TQ 017717); and Muckhatch Farm, a large seventeenth century farmhouse at Thorpe (TQ 016688). Muckhatch Farm had an upstairs room with impressive arched ceiling. Research by the Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society revealed the farm had once belonged to a prominent Catholic family. This room may have served as a meeting place in the isolated farm.

These three buildings were recently demolished, but the DBRG records remain and are being deposited with the Surrey Archaeological Society and the Surrey County Council.

(Joan M. Harding)

The Council for British Archaeology

As from 6th January, 1975 their new address will be: 7 Marylebone Road, London NW1. The telephone number will be the same as before: 01-486 1527, but until this has been connected at the exchange the operator will transfer calls to a temporary line.

Surrey History

The members of the Surrey Archaeological Society may purchase Issue No 2 at special rate of 34p per copy, including the new postage, from T. E. C. Walker, Esq, Spring Grove, Water Lane, Cobham.

Egham: A Polished Flint Axe from Bell Weir Lock (TQ 17721)

A polished flint axe 11.7 x 6cm and a maximum breadth of 3cm was found among material dredged from the Thames during the reconstruction of the Bell Weir Lock during the winter of 1973.

Made of fine grey flint with several large inclusions, the axe is ground overall but only the facet around the cutting edge has been polished. This axehead is an addition to the group of axes and other material already dredged from the river in the stretch between Magna Carta Island and the Bell Weir Bridge which seem to indicate a fairly large scale prehistoric occupation of the river banks.

A large amount of animal bone found at the same time will be the subject of a separate report which should appear in the forthcoming Motorway Research Report together with a report on other prehistoric material from the Bell Weir Bridge area.

The axe and bones have been presented to the museum by the finder, Mr Tolfree, and may now be seen in a small display of other material from the Thames loaned by the Thames Conservancy Board.

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Parliamentary History of Reigate

Some research has been carried out on the Parliamentary history of Reigate in the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries by Mr M. Lockett, Lacre, Church Lane, Hooley, Coulsdon. He has gathered considerable information on the members for Reigate during this period and on the voting patterns in the House of Commons.

(Joan Harries)

Recent Publications

- Anon (1974). Henry II Coin Found (TQ 326564). Bourne Society Bulletin 77, 2.
- Anon (1974) Epsom 'Spa' Period, New Evidence. Nonsuch AS Newsletter 1974/4, 4.
- Anon (1974) Pottery Colour Chart. Prepared by the Study Group for Romano-British Coarse Pottery. £1.50 post free from Rescue, 25a The Tything, Worcester.
- Anon (1974) Excavations at Malbrook Road, Gwendolen Avenue and St Mary's Church. Wandsworth HS News Sheet 116, 2.
- Anon (1974) Fire. (New fire-resistant material for use in building preservation). GLIAS Newsletter 35, 4.
- Anon (1975) Peabody Trust. GLIAS Newsletter 35, 6.
- Anon (1975) Taxi Cabmen's Shelters. GLIAS Newsletter 35, 7.
- Anon (1975) Sewer-Gas Lamp, Carting Lane. GLIAS Newsletter 35, 7.
- Anon (1975) "Anonymous" Pillar Boxes. GLIAS Newsletter 35, 7.
- Anon (1975) The Shrubbery, 53 South Street, Epsom. (Listed as Grade II building, in state of severe disrepair). Nonsuch AS Newsletter 1975/1, 3.
- Anon (1975) 4a, 6, 8, 10 West Street, Epsom. (Listed buildings in a state of severe disrepair). Nonsuch AS Newsletter 1975/1, 4.
- Anon (1975) History in Trees (survey of commemorative and other trees in Esher whose date of planting is known). Esher District LHS Newsletter 27, 193-5.
- Anon (1974) The River Wandle. Contributions by various well-known authors. Produced by the Wandle Group, published by the London Borough of Sutton, 30p.
- Anon (1974) Road Transport, preliminary notes. (Ewell) Nonsuch AS Newsletter 1973/3, 4-5.

- Anon (1974) Cromwell Lodge, 8 Church Street, Epsom (Listed building demolished. Includes a report on correspondence concerning several others). Nonsuch AS Newsletter 1974/3, 7.
- Anon (1974) 33 High Street, Ewell. (Listed Building consent refused but future still in doubt). Nonsuch AS Newsletter 1974/3, 8.
- Anon (1974) Church Street, Walton. (Proposal for a statutory conservation area). Walton & Weybridge LHS Dial Stone 58, 3.
- Anon (1974) New Roads in the Esher Area. (Routes of Esher By-pass and M25 on a sketch map). Esher District LHS Local History News 26, 183.
- Anon (1974) In and around the Weston Greens. Esher District LHS Local History News 26, 187-188.

EXHIBITIONS

THE CROYDON EXHIBITION 1975

An exhibition about the built and natural environment of Croydon to coincide with European Architectural Heritage Year. Jointly organised by the Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society Ltd, and the School of Art & Design, Croydon College of Design & Technology.

Tuesday, 25th March to Saturday, 19th April. A comprehensive pro-7.30. Full details from A. H. Shaw, Publicity Officer, 39 Wordsworth Drive, 7.30. Full details from A. H. Shaw, Publicity Officer, 39 Wordsworth Drive, Cheam, Sutton, SM3 8HD.

European Architectural Heritage Year

Effingham Women's Institute Exhibition of Buildings with historical details. Medieval costumes, market stall, and spinning—at King George V Hall, Saturday, 19th April, 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. Admission 10p. Refreshments.

COURSES

THE ROYAL PARK OF GUILDFORD

(6 meetings over 5 weeks—includes 1 field trip)

WEA, US, LEA Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. Starting 24th April, 1975

Lecture Theatre L, University of Surrey

Tutor: A. G. Crocker, PhD, DSc. Lecturers: Mark Sturley, George Underwood, Alan Crocker, Felix Holling, Joan Harding.

Guildford Park, which extended for about two square miles to the west of the River Wey and to the north of the Hogs Back, was the southern limit of Windsor Forest. This course will trace the development of the Park from the Early Medieval period to the present day. It will begin with a discussion of the role of Parks and Forests in medieval life with particular reference to the relationship between Guildford and its Park.

A detailed account will be given of documentary records about the Park and also of recent excavations at the Manor House, which was the home of the Keeper of the Park, and at the Friary which was situated in a corner of the Park.

The information deduced from pottery discovered during these excavations will be discussed in detail. Finally recent surveys of existing timber-

framed and other early buildings in the Park will be reported and possible structures for the destroyed Manor House discussed.

The field trip will consist of a tour by coach and on foot of various medieval and post-medieval features remaining in the Park.

MEETINGS

APRIL

Saturday 5th, 3 p.m.

THE HERITAGE OF SURREY IN WOOD, BRICK AND STONE. Talk by M. Blatch to Surrey Archaeological Society in The Brew House, Guildford. Full details in Bulletin 114.

Saturday 19th, 10.30 a.m.

SAS VISIT TO ABINGER AND EFFINGHAM

Arranged by Miss J. Carter and Mrs S. Lewin

10.30 a.m. Meet at Abinger Manor, Abinger Common by kind permission of Mr and Mrs R. A. Clarke. Motorists are advised to leave the A25 at the crossroads by Crossways Farm (TQ 109474) following signposts to Abinger Common. Turn first right after Abinger Church and then into second drive on right. Continue along to ample parking space beyond the house.

Visit the Mesolithic "Pit" Dwelling.

Motte and Bailey

St James' Church

11.45 a.m. Visit Crossways Farm and Barn by kind permission of Mr and Mrs C. T. Hughes.

1.00 to

2.30 p.m.

By kind permission of Miss O'Connor and the Effingham Women's Institute, the King George V Hall in the playing fields at Effingham will be open to members of the SAS to view the Local History Exhibition prior to admission of the public. Picnic lunch may be eaten in the hall if wished.

Afterwards it is hoped to visit the Church and one or two interesting houses and sites in the village. Tea will then be served in the Village Hall.

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

MAY

Wednesday 14th, 4.15 p.m.

AGM ROYAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE followed by **THE PRESENT STATE OF ANGLO-SAXON ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES.** Talk by H. M. Taylor in the Rooms of the Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London.

(Please note this date; this was erroneously stated in Bulletin 114 as April 14th).

The next issue of the Bulletin will be in April.

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