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

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the incorporated Surrey Archaeological Society will be held on Saturday, 30th October, 1976 at 2.30 p.m. in Lecture Theatre L, Central Lecture Theatre Block, at the University of Surrey, Guildford. There is an adjacent car park. (No. 1 East).

G. P. MOSS  
Acting Secretary

**AGENDA**

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To read, and if appropriate, to sign as correct the minutes of the meeting of 1st November, 1975.
3. To receive and consider the Annual Report, the Statement of Accounts, and the Auditor's Report for the period 1st April, 1975 to 31st March, 1976, and, if approved, to adopt them. (These will be distributed to members with this Bulletin).
4. To elect the President for 1976-77.
5. To elect Honorary Vice-Presidents
6. To elect Vice-Presidents for 1976-77.
7. To elect Officers for 1976-77.
8. To elect six Ordinary Members of Council to retire in 1980 under Article 21a.

Nominations have already been received in respect of the following six candidates:

Dr G. J. Dawson, Mr J. N. Hampton, Mr F. E. Haveron, Dr D. B. Robinson, Miss C. Smith, Capt M. A. Wilson.

(Nominations for election under items 4-8 should be sent to the Secretary not less than seven days before the meeting. All nominations require a proposer and seconder who must be members of the incorporated Society and nominations must also be accompanied by a signed statement by the nominee of his or her willingness to stand for election. Institutional members are not eligible for election).

9. To appoint the Honorary Auditor for 1976-77.
10. Any other business.

After the Annual General Meeting Mr J. N. Hampton will give a talk on "Air Reconnaissance and Archaeology 1975 to 1976".

A small exhibition of some recent archaeometry studies by the Department of Physics will be mounted by Dr A. G. Crocker in that Department, where tea and biscuits will be available afterwards.

## EXCAVATION NOTICES

### EGHAM: PETTERS SPORTS FIELD (TQ 016715)

Director: Martin O'Connell

The excavation of Petters Sports Field has now been in progress for three weeks and has so far revealed a medieval ditch cut through a compact gravel surface which covers the site. A number of probable post holes and pits are cut through the gravel surface, and one large feature is now producing Iron Age pottery in some quantity. The area to be excavated is to be extended shortly and will include part of a Roman ditch system. Volunteers, trained or untrained, are urgently needed to work on the site. Please contact D. G. Bird at Castle Arch (Guildford 32454).

### MERTON PRIORY (TQ 265699)

Director: Scott McCracken

Excavation has begun at the site of Merton Priory, Station Road, Merton. It is expected to reveal the northern half of the Chapter-House in the near future, and later trenches will be placed across the Cloisters and Cellarer's Range. Volunteers are urgently required, both during the week and at week-ends. If interested, please contact Scott McCracken, Flat 3, 32 Creffield Road, Ealing W5 3RP. (01-992 1737).

## NOTES AND QUERIES

### New Members June/July 1976

Dr Michael Smith, 41 Manor Road North, Hinchley Wood, Esher.

F. D. Goodger, 18 Tormead Road, Guildford GU1 2JA.

Mrs L. Somers, 8 Grasmere Way, Byfleet.

D. Longley, Llwyn Onn, Pinewood Road, Ash.

C. E. S. Ridgers, CEng, FIERE, 71 Waltham Avenue, Guildford GU2 6QE.

The Hampshire County Museum Service, Chilcomb House, Chilcomb Lane, Bar End, Winchester, Hants. SO23 8RD.

Mrs A. Corner, Stapleton, Warwicks Bench Road, Guildford.

Miss P. Cruickshank, Penn, Upper Guilddown Road, Guildford, GU2 5EZ.

The Dorking and Leith Hill District Preservation Society, Mackies Hill, Peaslake, Guildford.

Mr and Mrs D. Coles, 44 Inkerman Road, Knaphill, Woking, GU21 2AG.

M. Hodgson, Tremaran, 2 Upper Manor Road, Milford, Godalming, GU8 5JU.

### Conservation Committee

The Conservation Committee continues to meet at 2-3 monthly intervals. A representative has been appointed in each District Council area to report on historic building matters. Some of the representatives are already Honorary Local Secretaries of the Society; the others will work in collaboration with them. A complete list will be published later—in the meantime, members are asked to report problems in connection with historic

buildings to the Secretary of the Conservation Committee (Mrs Katherine Kay, 1 Beech Lawn, Epsom Road, Guildford).

Among the cases dealt with has been that of Clarendon House, Dorking, which the County Council wish to demolish for road works. Representatives from the Conservation Committee and from several local societies appeared at a Public Inquiry to oppose the demolition. The result is still awaited. The Honorary Local Secretary for Dorking (Mr Lionel Green, Arundel House, North Holmwood, Dorking) will be pleased to give anyone further information.

Cases such as this highlight the complex issues involved and the need for expert professional advice. The Conservation Committee would be very grateful if any professional members of the Society who would be prepared to give occasional advice and assistance would register names and addresses with the Secretary.

In addition to its work on particular buildings, the Committee is considering the various documents produced by the Surrey County Council in its preparation of a Structure Plan, and it hopes eventually to produce its own papers on policy matters.

(Mrs K. Kay)

#### **Dorking: The Wheatsheaf (centred TQ 16504943): a correction**

The reduction of the original report on the excavations at the Wheatsheaf in Dorking, which appeared in **Bulletin 129** (August 1976), unfortunately led to confusion about the evidence relating to the Roman ditch. It should be made clear that the ditch contained only first century pottery and that it was the layer above that contained later Roman, medieval and post-medieval pottery.

(Martin O'Connell)

#### **Godalming Group Excavations**

##### **1. Rear of 77 High Street (SU 969438)**

An area of 9.5sq m was excavated in the northern part of the garden. Beneath dark topsoil and the rubble build-up of a tennis court, a layer of brown loam contained thirteenth to nineteenth century pottery. A flat bottomed trench 3.5m long, averaging 1.3m wide and 1.1m deep, was sealed beneath this layer. The trench cut a layer of orangy brown sandy loam which rested on the natural yellow sand and contained a rim sherd of thirteenth century pottery. A thin layer of dark silt in the bottom of the trench contained a few small sherds of pottery including a strap handle of stoneware; a heavily corroded key which may be sixteenth or seventeenth century in date, and a few iron nails. The backfill of orange sand, brown loam and pieces of ironstone and bargate stone contained only a few abraded sherds of medieval pottery. It is possible that the trench served as a cess pit.

When the contractors have finished renovating No 77 it is hoped to return to the site to investigate the south part of the garden, which is on the proposed route of the Godalming Relief Road.

##### **2. Garden at the rear of the "Rose and Crown", Mill Lane and fronting Mint Street (SU 968438)**

Approximately 16sq m was excavated in this garden which is close to the proposed route of the Relief Road. In this area of the town a site actually on the route is not at present available for excavation.

Excavation on the Mint Street frontage revealed evidence of the nineteenth century cottages which were demolished in 1934. These appeared to have been three tiny cottages of bargate stone and brick with a bargate stone cobbled yard to the rear. Excavation of the small area between these cottages and the "Rose and Crown" revealed a complex of pits, most of which were nineteenth century in date. A late eighteenth or early nineteenth century pit contained an interesting group of pottery, clay pipes and glass bottles. A trench shaped cess pit 2.95m long, averaging 1.05m wide and 0.95m deep contained a few sherds of seventeenth century pottery; a badly corroded coin which may be a groat of Charles I, and a single clay pipe bowl of about 1640-50. An eighteenth century pit containing pottery, including Delft, had been dug into the top fill of the cess pit. A thin layer of brown loam which rested on the natural gravelly sand was present throughout the site. It occurred in isolated patches where it had not been destroyed by the pits and foundation trenches. It contained medieval pottery and a number of struck flint flakes.

### 3. Rear of the old Jaeger Factory (SU 968437)

This site, close to the proposed route of the Relief Road, had been levelled in modern times. Only a thin layer of brown loam, which was probably plough soil, remained on the north side of the site and in it were found a few small sherds of medieval to nineteenth century pottery. The earlier sherds were much abraded.

### 4. The Mint (SU 967438)

Further investigations at the Mint (Bulletin 122) revealed an area of Bargate stone cobbles on the Mill Lane frontage. A pit sealed beneath these cobbles contained a solitary clay pipe of 1640-1660 type. In one area the cobbles had been disturbed, and in a layer of rubble dumped on them, two late seventeenth century pipes, seventeenth and eighteenth century potsherds and a seventeenth century trade token issued at Rochester, were found.

The large number of pins found on the sites excavated in Godalming, point to the town's connection with the weaving, hosiery and clothing industries. Many clay pipes have also been discovered—most of the marked specimens are by known Guildford pipemakers. However, it is interesting to record two complete bowls and eight spurs of a late eighteenth century type marked with the maker's initials WN. One was found at the Mint, three in the garden of the "Rose and Crown" and six in Angel Court. The maker has yet to be identified.

The Angel Court dig is still in progress at weekends only. Anyone interested in helping should contact me at 58 Coopers Rise, Godalming (Godalming 6441).  
(John Janaway)

### Neatham, Hants (approx SU 741412). Interim Summary of 1976 Excavations

A further season of excavations on the Romano-British small town at Neatham (Vindomi) has produced results which may be of interest to Surrey. The excavations were located in the centre of the settlement immediately South of the late second century defences, and on either side of the Silchester-Chichester road. Despite severe plough-damage over much of the area, a number of phases of building were identified. These buildings, which seem to represent five separate plots, faced on to both the Silchester-

Chichester road and a newly discovered East-West road which runs approximately along the line of the old A31 road. This road would seem to be the postulated Winchester-Neatham road which is presumed to continue to London via either Staines or Ewell. The Silchester-Chichester road is primary and was in use during the first century AD; the Winchester road is later, as the surface examined overlay the ditch of the other road, and the earliest adjacent structure is dated to the first half of the second century AD.

The structures facing on to these roads were of timber, and the sequence begins in the late first or early second century AD with beam slot buildings which were later replaced by substantial post-built structures separated by courtyards with wells. In the late third century AD much of the area examined was gravelled over and sill-beam structures placed on the surface. The occupation continued into the fifth century on the evidence of the coin list.

A hoard of 197 coins was found in a pit on the site. They were mainly of the period 364-378AD, although two coins of the period 388-402AD indicate that the hoard was probably deposited in the last decade of the fourth century AD. (Martin Millett)

### Corrections

The Editor apologises for the following errors in the September Bulletin:

The Number should have read 130.

The Bourne Society's Courses are being held at Coulsdon on Wednesdays, not Tuesdays.

The DBRG talk on the 9th October should have been shown as Saturday. (see re-printed notice at the end of this Bulletin).

### Recent Publications

Bussell, M. and Vickers, R. (1976) *Industrial Archaeology Review* 1972-6. Includes notes on Addington Well Waterworks, Croydon; and various sites in Southwark. *The London Archaeologist* 15, 384-387.

Dawson, G. (1976) *The Black Prince's Palace at Kennington, Surrey*. Final report on excavations. 213 pages, 20 illustrations. *British Archaeological Report* No. 26. £3.90 (postage included) from B. A. Reports, 122 Banbury Road, Oxford. *Southwark & Lambeth AS Newsletter* 39, 2.

Dawson, G. (1976) The Problems in quantifying kiln waste material. Text of lecture given at meeting on processing of kiln material. *Southwark & Lambeth AS Newsletter* 39, 7-10.

*Epsom Town, Downs and Common*. Local Guide No 3, Price 55p. From local retailers or from Living History Publications, 294 High Street, Croydon CR0 1NG (postage extra).

Gwetch, M. and Myres, J. N. L. (1975) Mitcham Grave 205 and the chronology of applied brooches with floriate cross decoration. *Antiq. J.* 1975, 55, 86-95.

Myres, J. N. L. See Gwetch, M.

Vickers, R. See Bussell, M.

West, I. (1976) "Woodgate", London Road, Ewell. Building Report No 2. *Nonsuch AS Newsletter* 3, 3.

Wealden Iron Research Group. Notes on visits to water-powered sites, including some in Surrey—Haslemere, Thursley, Dunsfold and Chiddingfold. *WIRG Bulletin* 9, 5.

## SYMPOSIA

**Saturday, 13th November**

### **ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE GRAVELS**

at Weybridge Library and Museum, 11.00-5.00 p.m.

See leaflet enclosed with this Bulletin

**Saturday, 27th November**

### **THE FUTURE OF SURREY'S INDUSTRIAL PAST**

**Symposium on Industrial Archaeology**

at The Martineau Hall, Dorking

Chairman: R. David Shepherd

10.30 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m.

**Morning programme:**

Mr Kenneth Major will speak on watermills.

A speaker from the Brooklands Society will discuss the future of the racetrack.

**Afternoon programme:**

A survey of Surrey's assets and problems.

Dr Alan Crocker will speak about the Blackburn Engineering site at Godalming.

Admission at door: 50p

## COURSES

### **POTTERY THROUGH THE AGES**

Course organisers: Alan Crocker, Felix Holling

A course of 10 fortnightly lectures will be held on Tuesday evenings at the University of Surrey, Lecture Theatre "F", 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. on:

- 12th October, 1976: Prehistoric Pottery:** Ian Longworth (Keeper of Prehistoric and Romano-British Antiquities, British Museum and Secretary, Society of Antiquaries).
- 26th October: Greek Pottery. Shapes and Subjects:** Ann Birchall (Department of Greek and Roman Antiquities, British Museum).
- 9th November: Roman Kilns and Pottery:** Harvey Sheldon (Museum of London and Director of Southwark Archaeological Excavations Unit)
- 23rd November: English Medieval Pottery:** John Hurst (Inspector of Ancient Monuments, Department of the Environment)
- 7th December: Decorated Medieval Tiles:** Elizabeth Eames (Department of Medieval Antiquities, British Museum).

- 18th January, 1977: Majolica:** John Mallet (Department of Ceramics, Victoria and Albert Museum).
- 1st February: English Post-Medieval Pottery:** John Hurst (Inspector of Ancient Monuments, Department of the Environment)
- 15th February: Lambeth Delft-ware:** Graham Dawson (Cuming Museum, Southwark)
- 1st March: English 18th Century Pottery:** R. J. Charleston (Formerly Keeper of Department of Ceramics, Victoria and Albert Museum).
- 15th March: Studio Pottery Techniques:** Members of the Surrey Crafts Association.
- Fee for course: £5.00 (Members of Surrey Archaeological Society and OAP's: £2.50)

### INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY

Ten fortnightly lectures on aspects of the history of local industrial activities, commencing on Tuesday, 5th October, 1976 and 11th January, 1977, 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. in Lecture Theatre "F", University of Surrey

Fee for course: £5.00 (SAS members and OAP's £2.50).

Course organiser: Francis Haveron.

The first three lectures in this Course are as follows:

**Tuesday, 5th October: Saving the Electric Palace:** Gordon Miller.

**Tuesday, 19th October: Building Materials for the Surrey Industrial Archaeologist:** Kenneth Gravett.

**Tuesday, 2nd November: From Hand Tool to Machine Tool:** Dr R. Earl.

Apply to Linda Thompson, Dept of Adult Education, University of Surrey, Guildford for both the above courses.

4th November - 7th November, 1976

#### ARCHAEOLOGY ON AN "ANCIENT" FARM.

Rogate Field Centre, and Butser Hill, Hampshire

Tutors: P. J. Fowler, P. J. Reynolds.

Fee: About £15. Arranged by the University of Bristol, Department of Extra-Mural Studies. For further details apply to: Secretary for Archaeology, Dept of Extra-Mural Studies, 32 Tyndall's Park Road, Bristol BS8 1HR.

### EXHIBITION

#### WOKING PALACE — BY THE WEY

Saturday, 13th November, 1976. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

in Christ Church Hall, near the new Town Square, Woking.

Admission — free

Exhibition and short illustrated talks on various aspects of the history and environment of Old Hall (Woking Palace).

Organised by the Mayford History Society

## MEETINGS

### OCTOBER

**Saturday 9th, 2.15 p.m.**

**POPULATION CHANGE IN VILLAGE AND TOWN IN MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN TIMES.** Talk by Dr E. M. Yates to the Domestic Buildings Research Group (Surrey) at the Brew House (behind the Library), North Street, Guildford.

**Thursday 14th, 7.30 p.m.**

**SHEPHERD'S LONDON, 1800-1860.** Talk by J. F. C. Phillips to Clapham AS in St Luke's Hall, Ramsden Road, SW12.

**Friday 15th, 8 p.m.**

**AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY & ARCHAEOLOGY.** Dallaway Lecture by John Hampton to Leatherhead & District LHS at the City of London Freemen's School, Ashtead.

### NOVEMBER

**Monday 1st, 8 p.m.**

**OUR HERITAGE—SOME PLANTS AND ANIMALS OF SURREY.** Talk by J. M. Sankey to Mayford HS in Mayford Village Hall, Saunders Lane, Mayford, Woking.

**Wednesday 3rd, 8 p.m.**

**ANTIQUITIES OF ANATOLIA.** Talk by Keith Pryor to Nonsuch AS in St Mary's Church Hall, Ewell.

**Thursday 11th, 7.30 p.m.**

**RICHARD WHITTINGTON.** Talk by Mrs C. Barron to Clapham AS in St Luke's Hall, Ramsden Road, SW12.

The next issue of the Bulletin will be in November. Copy is required by 5th October. There will be no Bulletin in December.

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