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**EXCAVATION NOTICES**

**MERTON PRIORY (TQ 265699)**  
(Director: Scott McCracken)

Excavation of the Chapter House, South Transept and Cloister area by the SWLT is continuing on a seven day week basis, and volunteers are urgently required. For further details please contact J. S. McCracken, Flat 3, 32 Creffield Road, Ealing W5 3RP (01-992 1737).

**CHERTSEY TOWN CENTRE**

Arrangements are not yet finalised, but anyone interested should contact David Bird at Castle Arch (Guildford 32454) for up to date information.

**VISITS**

**Saturday, 10th September**

It is very much regretted that the proposed outing to London, East of the Tower, has had to be cancelled owing to the illness of the organiser, Mr J. C. M. Blatch.

**NOTES AND QUERIES**

**Department of the Environment, Inspectorate of Ancient Monuments:  
Advisory Note to Directors of Excavations: Excavation Summaries**

1. In view of the duplication which exists in the publication of summary reports of excavations in the national archaeological journals and in the official DOE Excavations annual, it has been decided to discontinue the latter ("Archaeological Excavations 197-" HMSO) and to arrange for the publication of all summaries in the journals.

2. It is, therefore, requested that all excavators submit a summary of their work direct to the appropriate journal. A copy of each summary must also be sent to the Inspectorate (Room 3/34) for record purposes. This is a condition for the financial support given to all excavations.

3. Summary reports of excavations should be sent to the journal covering the appropriate period.

4. Contributors are advised to follow any editorial instructions stated in the journals concerned. In brief the summary report should be prefixed by the name of the site, the county, grid reference and by the initials DOE (to signify source of funds). The name of the excavator and organisation responsible for the work should be given at the end in parenthesis.

5. The address list of the four period journals to whom relevant material must be sent is as follows:

**Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society**

Dr J. M. Coles  
Department of Archaeology  
Downing Street  
CAMBRIDGE CB2 3DZ

**Britannia (for Romano-British material)**

Professor S. S. Frere  
Netherfield House  
Marcham  
ABINGDON  
Oxon

**Medieval Archaeology**

Pre-Conquest: Mrs L. E. Webster  
Department of Medieval and Later Antiquities  
British Museum  
LONDON WC1B 3DG

Post-Conquest: J. Cherry, Esq.  
Department of Medieval and Later Antiquities  
British Museum  
LONDON WC1B 3DG

**Post-Medieval Archaeology**

J. Cherry, Esq.  
Department of Medieval and Later Antiquities  
British Museum  
LONDON WC1B 3DG

**BBC, Bristol**

The BBC recognises the interest there is amongst listeners, especially to Radio 4, for programmes about archaeology and on Sunday afternoons at 4.00 p.m. throughout July, August and September, archaeology will have its regular slot in the broadcasting output. These programmes will be produced from Bristol and to handle them a small unit has been set up which includes Peter Fowler, Reader in Archaeology and Pre-History at Bristol University, as consultant, and at least one graduate archaeologist.

There will be a number of magazine type programmes during the series which can "mop up" those important items of news and stories that so often get lost for want of publication space or an editor. There will be reports on conferences and exhibitions including "ad hoc" museums on excavation sites. There will be book reviews and personality interviews, and it is hoped that recent news of excavations can be reported wherever they occur at home and abroad. Clearly these magazines will only be successful and helpful to the archaeological world and its public if there is a continuous flow of information arriving at BBC Bristol that would be of interest to the general listeners. In addition to the magazines there will be full scale programmes on single subjects or themes that would aim to bring the most interesting and significant archaeology in the world to the British listener.

The point of contact is The Archaeology Unit, BBC Bristol, BS8 2LR, tel: Bristol (0272) 32211.

## Publications

It has come to the Editor's notice that a few copies of Research Volume No. 4, which was distributed to members with the May Bulletin, have been bound up incorrectly so that some pages are missing, others duplicated. Any member who has received one of these imperfect copies may return it to Castle Arch and apply for a replacement, which will be sent post free, so long as spare copies are available.

Research Volume No. 4: **Brooklands, Weybridge: excavation of an Iron Age and Medieval site 1964-65 and 1970-71**, by Rosamond Hanworth and D. J. Tomalin, may be purchased as a separate volume at £2.00, plus postage.

(Honorary Editor)

## Wandsworth: Althorpe Grove, Battersea (TQ 269769)

The SWLT carried out a second season of excavation on the northern half of the Althorpe Grove site from March through May 1977. The excavation had three major aims: to attempt to locate further Anglo-Saxon structures as revealed during the 1976 excavations (Bulletin 125); to excavate the out-buildings of the Battersea Manor House known to have been along the south side of Battersea Church Road; and to determine the nature of the geology of the site.

Unfortunately the northern half of the site was extensively built on since 1778 and although an area in excess of 350 sq m was excavated, very little of this area was free from recent disturbance. All trace of the Manor out-buildings had been removed during the building of the "Star and Garter" and three cottages in Battersea Church Road in 1778. The foundations of these buildings were located and recorded; only the cellar of the "Star and Garter" was completely cleared.

A total of five features containing Saxon pottery were discovered and each of these had been cut through by more recent disturbance. The Saxon features consisted of shallow pits filled with a light brown sand. Sherds of hard grey ware, possibly Ipswich, and coarse shell tempered ware were recovered, along with pieces of daub from two pits. There was no obvious pattern formed by the pits and no evidence of any foundation trenches as found in the 1976 excavations. However, the quantity of pottery recovered from the 1977 features and the overlying disturbed layers was greater per sq. metre than in any area excavated in 1976.

The geology of the site was of some interest. The northern half of the 1977 excavation was a gravel terrace rising towards the Thames. The remaining portion and all of the area excavated in 1976 consisted of a deep, wide-spread deposit of alluvium. Only two Saxon pits were found cut into the gravel and no Saxon pottery was recovered from any disturbed layer above it; the rest of the Saxon pits and all foundation trenches located in 1976 were cut into the alluvium. The gravel terrace has been very heavily disturbed by recent building and this may have removed Saxon features; however, this does not explain the concentration of pottery that begins on the alluvium. It does seem that the alluvium was favoured as the focus of settlement.

The high degree of disturbance makes further excavation unlikely. It is expected that a watching brief will be carried out when development begins on the site in late 1977.

The excavation was made possible by a generous grant from the Historic Buildings Division, GLC, and the co-operation of the Valuation & Estates Dept., GLC. Thanks are extended to all the volunteers from SAS and local societies who helped on the excavation.

(J. S. McCracken, Senior Field Officer)

#### **Woking: Brockhill, near Parley Bridge, Horsell (SU 983595)**

In *Bulletin* 126 there was a note on trial excavations undertaken by the Mayford History Society on a site at Brockhill, where flint artifacts had been collected in the 1920s and 30s by Sir Henry Lawson.

The writer has since had the opportunity of studying this collection. It contains a high proportion of blade tools, including backed blades, burins, end-scrapers, and combination tools. This is the first well-documented evidence of Late Glacial or earliest Postglacial settlement in the Horsell area, and is perhaps the largest collection of its kind from Surrey.

Further excavations were carried out on the site by the Mayford History Society (directed by the writer) in April/May 1977. The aims were to define more precisely the location and extent of the flint scatter, to obtain information about the stratigraphy, and to determine the degree of preservation and extent of modern disturbance on the site. The excavations served to establish, in broad terms, the extent of the site and its stratigraphic context; but no significant concentration of flints was found. It was clear that a large part of the site had already been destroyed by commercial earthmoving, while over the remaining area ploughing and tree-planting had seriously disturbed the upper palaeolithic occupation horizon. It is unlikely that further excavation would add any significant information.

A detailed report on the Lawson Collection and on the trial excavations in 1975/1977 is now in preparation. It is hoped that this will be ready for publication in 1978, in a SAS Research Volume.

The Surrey Archaeological Society and the British Museum provided funds and equipment for the excavation. The writer would also like to thank members of SAS and the Mayford History Society, without whose co-operation the excavation would not have taken place.

(Clive Bonsall, Dept. of Prehistoric and Romano-British Antiquities, British Museum)

#### **Rotherhithe: Restoration and Conversion**

The *Architects' Journal* for 11th May 1977 (873-875) carries an illustrated account of the restoration and conversion of a late eighteenth century granary and a wharf. Grices' Granary, a three-storey timber-framed building with a brick shell, is being converted into workshops, studio, exhibition space and photographic library, while Grices' Wharf, a four-storey building also of timber-framed construction within a brick shell, has already been converted into a flat and studios. Both buildings are in Rotherhithe Street adjacent to St Mary's Church within a Conservation Area.

(D. J. Turner)

#### **Recent Publications**

Gollin, G. J. *The Dame, the Prison, and the Pewterer. New light on the Manor of Little Ashtead 1671-1851.* Leatherhead & District LHS. Occasional Paper No. 2. Price 65p plus 15p packing/postage from Mr G. Hayward, Ypriana, Cobham Road, Fetcham, Leatherhead.

- Walker, T. E. C. (1977). Notes on the "Tudor Restaurant", 48 High Street, Cobham (listed building). Esher LHS News-sheet 36, 276.
- West, I. (1977). The Shrubbery, South Street, Epsom. Notes based on a detailed survey of the building made prior to and during demolition. Nonsuch AS Newsletter 2, 2.

## SYMPOSIUM

### RECENT WORK ON BRONZE AGE SETTLEMENT IN THE THAMES VALLEY

Oxford University Department for External Studies, Rewley House,  
3-7 Wellington Square, Oxford

Saturday/Sunday, 8th/9th October, 1977

This Symposium aims to bring together the various strands of evidence in order to produce a more coherent picture of Bronze Age settlement and economy in the Thames Valley, and it would lead to formulation of clearer strategies for future research.

So far the following people have agreed to contribute papers, although the titles have yet to be confirmed:

John Barrett	Later BA pottery from the Thames Valley.
Colin Burgess	External relations: Bronze imports.
Richard Bradley	General discussion of BA settlement patterns and a report on the Aldermaston site.
Tim Champion	Settlement sites in Kent and Surrey.
Ann Ellison	Thames Valley Deverel Rimbury.
Margaret Ehrenberg	"The Holy River?" An investigation into the occurrence of bronze implements in the Thames.
Joan Harding	Weston Wood, Surrey.
Bernard Johnson	BA settlements in Surrey.
David Longley	Runnymede Bridge, Surrey.
Stuart Needham	Some aspects of late BA metalwork in the Thames Valley.
Martin O'Connell	Settlement site at Petters' Sports Field, Surrey.
Julian Richards	Settlement sites in Berkshire.

Fees: Full residential—shared £11.50; single £14.

Non-residential—with meals £8.50; without meals £4.

Apply to Course Secretary, Oxford University Department for External Studies (address as above) not later than 30th September.

## COURSES

University of London

Department of Extra Mural Studies

Unfortunately the booklet giving details of Diploma, Certificate and other courses was not available at the time of going to press, but the University hope to have it available by the end of August. Copies can then be obtained from the Department's new address—University of London, Department of Extra Mural Studies, 26 Russell Square, WC1. (Telephone: 01-636 8000 Exn. 103.)

**Morley College**  
**61 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7HT**  
**(Telephone: 01-928 8501)**

Enrolment—during week beginning 12th September, but please note that this year enrolment priority is being given to students who either live or work in the Inner London area.

Anyone outside that area should enquire about special enrolment times.  
**Introduction to Archaeology**

The following are a few of the many courses available—details of others can be obtained direct from Morley College.

Tutor: Maryann Bowen

Tuesdays 6.30-8.30 p.m.

**DIPLOMA IN ARCHAEOLOGY**

1st year    **The Archaeology of Palaeolithic and Mesolithic Man**  
Tutor: Esmee Webb  
Wednesdays 6.30-8.30 p.m., beginning 23th September

2nd year    **Archaeology of Western Asia**  
Tutor: David Price Williams  
Wednesdays 6.30-8.30 p.m.

3rd year    **Prehistoric Europe**  
Tutor: R. T. Schadla-Hall  
Wednesdays 6.30-8.30 p.m.

4th year    **Roman Britain**  
Tutor: T. F. C. Blagg  
Wednesdays 6.30-8.30 p.m.

**London Local History**

Tutor: M. R. A. Harris

Tuesdays 1.30-3.30 p.m.

**Medieval History portrayed in Literature, Art and Buildings**

Tutor: R. T. Timson

Thursdays 6.30-8.30 p.m.

**Architecture in Britain—a wider view: 1600-1780**

Tutor: W. J. C. Allen

Tuesdays 6.30-8.30 p.m.

**English Country Houses—First Year**

Tutor: G. Lyle Langtree

Mondays 7.30-9 p.m.

**English Country Houses and their Arms—Second Year**

Tutor: G. Lyle Langtree

Tuesdays 6.30-8.30 p.m.

**THE MAKING OF THE SURREY LANDSCAPE**

University of Surrey DAE course of 20 sessions at the County School for Girls, Farnham Road, Guildford. Monday evenings at 7.30 p.m. from 26th September.

Tutor: D. J. Turner

## MEDIEVAL ARCHAEOLOGY

London University/WEA course of 24 sessions at Hothan School, Charlwood Road, Putney. Tuesday evenings at 7.15 p.m. from 20th September.

Tutor: D. J. Turner

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND ARCHAEOLOGY

Kingston Polytechnic, School of Geology

Organiser: J. S. W. Penn, BSc, PhD, FGS

Ten weeks: Tuesday evenings 6.30-9.30 p.m. Starting Tuesday, 7h November, 1977. Fee: £15.

A short course for archaeologists, either professional or amateur with some archaeological experience.

Requests for application forms should be addressed to: Academic Registrar, Department SC, Kingston Polytechnic, Penrhyn Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 2EE.

Enquiries by telephone: to The Short Course Secretary, 01-549 1366, Ext. 312; or J. S. W. Penn, 01-549 1366, Ext. 269; or D. John, Ext. 295.

## BOURNE SOCIETY AUTUMN COURSES

"Finding out about Local History"—a series of ten lectures to be given at 7.30 p.m. at:

Taunton Manor School, Coulsdon, on Tuesdays commencing on 27th September, 1977.

West Way Library, Caterham, on Wednesdays commencing on 12th October, 1977.

Fee: £4 per course, which includes the cost of photocopies of original documents.

Subject	Speaker
Genealogy and Family History	Alan Dell
The Middle Ages in Print and in Documents	R. E. Latham
Maps and Pictures	James Batley
Printed Sources and some Projects	Kay Percy
How to use a Record Office and some lesser known records	Elizabeth Stazicker
How to read and understand Deeds and Marriage Settlements	Elizabeth Stazicker
History on the Ground	D. J. Turner
The Parish Chest	Kay Percy
Population. How did your Village grow?	Kay Percy
Living Memory	James Batley

## WEEK-END CONFERENCES

Oxford University Department for External Studies, Rewley House, 3-7 Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JA

LOWLAND IRON AGE COMMUNITIES 28th/30th October, 1977

MEDIEVAL BUILDINGS—APPROACHES  
TO RECORDING TECHNIQUES 2nd/4th December, 1977  
(to be held at Missenden Abbey Adult Education College, Great Missenden, Bucks.)

**TECHNIQUES OF CHURCH  
ARCHAEOLOGY**

16th/18th December, 1977

Full details can be obtained from Rewley House at above address.

**EXHIBITIONS**

**WEALD AND DOWNLAND OPEN AIR MUSEUM**

1st-4th September, 1977

**The Guild of Sussex Craftsmen**

Crafts on display will include blacksmithing, pottery, weaving, furniture making, enamelling and jewellery.

**"KINGS, QUEENS AND CUMINGS"**

Cuming Museum (in Newington District Library), Walworth Road, SE17

Open until 31st December, 1977

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays	10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Thursdays	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturdays	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission: Free.

This Jubilee exhibition features objects relating to England's Kings and Queens collected by the Cuming family in the nineteenth century.

**CONFERENCE**

**LOCAL VILLAGE HISTORY—CHURT, CRONDALL,  
FRENHAM, DOCKENFIELD, etc.**

Organiser: David Graham

Saturday, 1st October, 1977

Methodist Church Hall, South Street, Farnham

10 a.m. Chairman's Introduction (Mr Gilbert Jackman).

Speakers will include Miss Joan Harding, Mrs Elfrida Manning, Mrs Butterfield, Bryan Day and P. D. Brooks.

Tickets: 50p from Farnham Museum, Willmer House, 38 West Street, Farnham. Tel. No. Farnham 5094.

**MEETINGS**

**SEPTEMBER**

Monday 5th, 8 p.m.

**BYFLEET.** Talk by Howard Cook to Mayford History Society in Mayford Village Hall, Saunders Lane, Mayford, Woking.

Thursday, 8th, 7.45 p.m.

**RECENT EXCAVATIONS IN ADDINGTON.** Talk by Richard Savage to Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society in East Croydon United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, East Croydon.

Next issue: September. Copy is required by the 5th August.

Following issue: October. Copy is required by the 5th September.