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**VISIT**

**Saturday, 22nd April**

**GREENWICH**

Arranged by Capt M. Wilson, RNR

10.30 a.m. Assemble at the Cutty Sark, Greenwich Pier. Train from Waterloo East leaves 9.58 a.m. arrives Greenwich 10.11 a.m. Car park in Barney Street.

Mr J. Watson and Mrs Ludlow of the Greenwich Local History Centre will lead the party along the 1½ mile Riverside Walk to see some of the famous buildings of Greenwich and ending at a modern Container Port, arriving back at 12 noon. (The return journey can be made by bus.)

Lunch There are several riverside pubs. Macdonalds Restaurant in King William Walk is recommended. Picnics can be taken in Greenwich Park.

2.15 p.m. Assemble at St Marys Gate in King William Walk. Members may choose between:

(a) A guided walk through Greenwich Park passing the Conduit House, the Ranger's House and the Royal Observatory, returning about 3.15 p.m.

or (b) A guided visit to the Chapel and the Painted Hall of the Royal Naval College.

It may be possible to view the Cutty Sark and the Queen's House during the lunch interval or after the afternoon walk.

Tickets (members 25p, visitors 35p, students half price and accompanied children free) from Mrs J. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton, KT7 0QL.

**NOTES AND QUERIES**

**South West London Team**

Members are asked to note that the Team no longer has use of the building at 74 Gorrings Park Avenue, and any letters, etc., should be sent to me at Flat 3, 32 Creffield Road, Ealing, W5 3RP. (Tel. No. 01-992 1737.)

(J. S. McCracken)

## **Committee to Review Local History**

From its formation in 1948, the Standing Conference for Local History has been the only national organisation concerned solely with encouraging the study of local history and the provision of the services needed by those engaging in the work. The stage has been reached in the development of local history, and in that of the Conference itself, when it has seemed timely to set up an independent Committee "to make an assessment of the pattern of interest, activity, and of study, in local history in England and Wales; and to make recommendations for meeting any needs revealed by amateur and professional local historians for support and services". Its Chairman is Lord Robert Blake, Provost of The Queen's College, Oxford University.

To enable it to conduct the enquiry, the Committee requires information and ideas from individuals, groups, organisations, and educational bodies and establishments, concerned with local history. An invitation is extended to those who wish to make a submission in accordance with the terms of reference cited above to send it by the 28th February, 1978, to Lord Blake, Committee to Review Local History, 26 Bedford Square, WC1B 3HU.

(Condensed from Notes circulated by SCLH)

## **Industrial Archaeology Record Cards**

The Industrial Archaeology Committee has acquired copies of the 78 IA Record Cards for the Administrative County of Surrey held by the National Monuments Record. Twenty-three of these (three contributors) are SPAB (Wind and Watermills Section) cards and describe 15 windmills, seven watermills and one windpump. The remaining 55 cards (eight contributors) are CBA(IA) cards. Of these 26 give the locations of coal tax posts in Epsom, Esher, Kingswood, Oxshott, Walton and Sunbury. Two are of Type A and 24 of Type E (see Ashdown et al. "Industrial Archaeology of Greater London, TBAOG, 1969). The other 29 cards cover a variety of remains including mills, water-works, pumps, a well, cranes, horse-wheels, workshops, factories, brickyards, cottages, almshouses, roads, milestones, boundary posts, a railway station, farmland and commons. In many cases the information which was recorded between 1963 and 1974 is very brief and duplicates material readily available in standard texts (e.g. Farries & Mason, Hillier, Nairn and Pevsner). At present the cards are being retained by the Committee but later they will be deposited at Castle Arch.

The Committee wishes to thank Members of SAS who completed and returned IA Record Cards following the appeal published in Bulletins 125 and 128 but hope that Members will submit additional cards for clearly much more can be done. Further copies of the cards can be obtained from Castle Arch.

(Bob Kilsby, for Industrial Archaeology Committee)

## **Subterranea Britannica: County Surveys of Man-made and Man-used Subterranean Sites: Sand Mines in Surrey**

Subterranea Britannica, a recently formed organisation to promote interdisciplinary research and comparative studies in connection with souterrains amenities—all man-made or man-used subterranean sites—proposes to draw up a summary survey of all such sites, class by class, and county by county.

In Surrey, the firestone and hearthstone mines have received, and continue to receive, considerable attention, well justified in view of their historical and practical importance. Research is very much less advanced in connection with the chalk mines, and hardly started in relation to the important nineteenth century mines (now largely collapsed, infilled or worked-out) for fullers earth around Nutfield, although potentially worthwhile liaison has been established with the management at the Nutfield works, and some background work on early fullers earth company histories completed at the Public Record Office.

Little systematic attention has hitherto been devoted to the several groups of "caves", mines and tunnels in sand in Surrey. Those in the Thanet Sand of Ewell, Beddington, Waddon, Coombe, Addington, and (in Kent) West Wickham have recently been reviewed in *Pelobates* (the magazine of the Croydon Caving Club). But no systematic study of the Folkestone Sand workings across the centre of the county appears to have been attempted since Harry Pearman's "Secret Tunnels in Surrey" (1963) and "More Secret Tunnels in Surrey" (1968). The sites and accounts given in these works, and in the standard county and local histories, are clearly very incomplete, and numerous mines and the like have come to notice that are hardly mentioned —most recently an extensive sand mine reached via an approx. 40 foot shaft at approx. TQ 255504. This mine, of which a preliminary survey has been made, evidently formerly had at least two drift entrances and two or three shafts, and appears to have been formed by the interconnection of two separate mines worked in different ways, giving the best part of 1,000 feet of galleries on two or three distinct (though not superimposed) levels. The mine is known to be at least 100 years old.

Such mines and tunnels, of various sizes, are known at Thursley, Puttenham, Albury, Shere, Dorking, Deepdene, Reigate and Godstone. It seems probable that more exist, especially at villages around Farnham, such as Seale, and at Compton, Chilworth, Gomshall, Westcott, Betchworth, Nutfield, Blechingley, Oxted and Limpsfield, where tunnelling would have presented few problems but from which such tunnels appear not to have been reported. Information and references relating to tunnelling in these villages would be much appreciated in connection with the proposed survey.

(Paul W. Sowan, SAS IA Committee)

### Chalk Mines for Freestone

The building accounts for the new St Paul's refer to "Guildford Stone", at 1s 4d per cubic foot, of which £303 1s 8d worth was used. This is assumed to have been hard chalk from the chalk mines at Rack's Close (SU 998492). Other chalk mines are known at Westhumble, in Mickleham parish (TQ 154522).

There seems a strong possibility that hard chalk for building was mined underground, rather than quarried opencast, at other places in Surrey. Thus Robert Hunt's *Mineral Statistics, Part II* for 1858 (published 1860 as a *Memoir of the Geological Survey*) contains a detailed annotated list of pits, mines and quarries in each county, albeit demonstrably inaccurate, and, inter alia, mention that Henry Drummond, MP, owned a quarry (which on geological grounds is more likely to have been subterranean than opencast) at Albury from which chalk was obtained for window sills and door frames, quoins and sills; perhaps any member familiar with the extent of Drum-

The above wording has been taken from Croydon NH&S Society's Circular No. 362, November. Further information may be obtained from the Secretary, Paul W. Sowan, 96A Brighton Road, South Croydon, CR2 6AD.

## MEETINGS

### MARCH

Thursday 9th, 8 p.m.

**THE LIBRARIES OF THE NATIONAL TRUST.** Talk by E. J. Miller to Oxted & District HS in the Lecture Room, Oxted Library, Gresham Road, Oxted.

Friday 10th, 7.45 p.m.

**CASTLE ARCHITECTURE.** Talk by Kenneth Clark to Farnham & District MS in the Council Chamber, Farnham Locality Office, South Street.

Thursday 16th, 8 p.m.

**LOCAL HISTORY—A PERSONAL VIEW.** Talk by E. Royston Pike to Esher District LHS at King George's Hall, Esher.

Thursday 16th, 7.30 p.m.

**WREN'S CHURCH SPIRES.** Talk by R. J. Ninnis to Clapham AS in St Luke's Hall, Ramsden Road, SW12.

Friday 17th, 7.45 p.m.

**SUTTON HOO SHIP BURIAL.** Talk by Kenneth Whitehorn to The Richmond Society, Richmond Adult College, Kew Road, Richmond.

Friday 17th, 8 p.m.

**LONDON BRIDGE.** Talk by Norman Black to Merton HS in the Lecture Room, Morden Library, Morden Road, Merton.

Friday 17th, 7.30 p.m.

**HISTORY AND ART IN BYZANTINE COINS.** Talk by P. D. Whitting to The Historical Association (SW London Branch) in Wimbledon Community Centre, 28 St George's Road, Wimbledon.

Wednesday 29th, 7.30 p.m.

**THE STORY OF BROOKLANDS.** Talk by D. Gahagan to Walton & Weybridge LHS at Weybridge Library Lecture Hall.

Thursday 30th, 7.45 p.m.

**THE HILL FORTS OF SURREY.** Talk by F. H. Thompson to Croydon NH&SS at East Croydon United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, East Croydon.

### APRIL

Tuesday 4th, 7 p.m.

**NINETEENTH CENTURY SOUTHWARK. PHOTOGRAPHS AND DRAWINGS FROM THE SOUTHWARK COLLECTION.** Talk by Mary Boast to Southwark & Lambeth AS at Harvard Library, Borough High Street.

Thursday 6th, 7.45 p.m.

**THE ROMAN PAINTED HOUSE AT DOVER.** Talk by Brian Philp to Croydon NH&SS at East Croydon United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, East Croydon.

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mond's estates may be able to suggest locations for this quarry, which was almost certainly somewhere close to the foot of the chalk escarpment. Hunt, again, indicates a further such quarry at Shalford, and informs us that "much of the harder and lower portions of chalk around Guildford is used for building". Suggestions for possible locations for such mines or quarries, again, will be received with interest.

A short paper on Chalk Mines in Surrey as a Source of Freestone, by the present writer, appeared in Proc. Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society 16(2), 82-87 [1977].

(Paul W. Sowan, SAS IA Committee)

#### **Ockham: Yarne (TQ087572)**

Re-landscaping the garden of this fifteenth-century house has revealed quantities of pottery sherds from all periods from early medieval, and a segment of Neidermendig quernstone of medieval or post-medieval date. Also a seal ended latten spoon, 6 in. long, with a fleur-de-lys maker's mark on the bowl, which has been dated circa 1600. This is in the possession of the owner of the house, Mr John Cooper.

(Ann Watson)

#### **Ockham: Blackmoor-Heath Farm (TQ 08955600)**

Several years ago after deep ploughing, the lower half of a bargate quernstone was found and has been dated circa second century BC. This stone is 1 ft. in diameter, 4 in. thick at the centre and 1½ in. thick at the outside edge.

It is in the possession of the finder, Mr John Maiklem, Pound Farm, Ockham.

(Ann Watson)

#### **Recent Publications**

**Bourne Society.** (1977). Local History Records Vol. XVII. (30p from 17 Manor Avenue, Caterham).

**Barker, D.** (1977). The Pipe House, Thorpe. Egham-by-Runnymede HS Newsletter 113, 3-4.

**Bird, C. F. M.** (1977). A Palaeolithic Implement from Putney (TQ 22477475) (Small bifacially flaked handaxe of cordiform type). *The Wandsworth Historian*, 17, 12-13.

**Clifton-Taylor, Alec and Ronald Brunskill.** English Brickwork. Illustrated with 150 black and white photographs and 60 diagrams. Published by Ward Lock. Available from the Weald & Downland Open Air Museum, West Dean, Singleton, Sussex. £6.95 plus 10% postage and packing.

**Dorking & Leith Hill District Preservation Society.** (1977). Dorking Town Trail No. 3 and No. 4. In one folded leaflet price 10p excluding postage, from R. V. Shepperd (Hon. Sec.), Dunheved, Pilgrims Way, Westhumble, Nr. Dorking.

**Farrant, N. M.** (1977). Felsham Road Excavation: Progress Report. Wandsworth HS News Sheet 133, October 1977.

**Farrant, N. M.** (1977). Excavation at 22 Bendemeer Road, Putney. Interim Report. *The Wandsworth Historian*, 17, 11-12.

**Guildford Group, SAS.** (1977). Discovering Guildford. Walk No. 3. Stoke-next-Guildford.

**Jowett, Miss E. M.** (1977). Morden Park, Morden. Six photographs and plan of the estate. 7th booklet in series produced by Merton HS, from Miss A. Honeyman, 32 Bruce Road, Mitcham (40p each including postage). *Merton HS Bulletin*, 49, 4.

- Merton Historical Society.** (1977). *Listed Buildings in the London Borough of Merton (Concluded)*. Merton HS Bulletin, 49, 3-4.
- Olsen, D. J.** (1976). *The Growth of Victorian London*. Batsford, £10.50 (384 pp.).
- Palmer, Katherine** (1977). *Drinking Fountains and Troughs*. (Notes on a survey made in the Esher district.) Esher LHS News-Sheet 38, 288-289.
- Pike, E. Royston** (1977). *Royal Elmbridge*. 38 pages, 16 plates. Published by Esher & District LHS. (Secretary: Richard Haynes, 24 The Woodland, Esher.) Available from local booksellers at 90p. Any profits made will be sent to the Queen's Silver Jubilee Fund.
- Robbins, M.** (1977). *The first London Railways*. Trans. London and Middx. AS 28, 292-304.
- Stonebanks, John A.** (1977). *The Star Brewery, Walton-on-Thames*. Walton & Weybridge LHS Dial Stone, 73, 4-5.
- Swenarton, M.** (1977). *St. George's Hill*. Monograph No. 26, Walton & Weybridge LHS.
- Warren, S. E.** (1977). *Excavations of a Neolithic site at Sefton Street, Putney*. Trans. London & Middx. AS 28, 1-13.
- Woodward-Smith, N. and Schofield, J.** (1977). *A late fifteenth century Account for a Wharf at Vauxhall*. Trans. London & Middx. AS 28, 278-291.

## SYMPOSIUM

### SYMPOSIUM ON RECENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION IN SURREY

The Excavations Committee is organising an all-day symposium on recent excavations in Surrey at the Dorking Halls on Saturday, 15th April, 1978. Full details of the programme will be published in the next Bulletin. It is hoped that all local Societies will exhibit details of their recent archaeological work. Forms for the reservation of display space will be sent to Societies in the near future, but further copies of the form and other details may be obtained from David Bird at Castle Arch or the Honorary Secretary.

Home-made teas will be available at 50p per head if ordered by 1st April from Miss C. Smith, Elyots, Minster Road, Godalming.

## COURSE

### PRACTICAL FIELD ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE PEAK PARK

31st March-2nd April, 1978

Organised by, and being held at

The Peak National Park Study Centre, Losehill Hall,  
Castleton, Derbyshire

Course Directors: Clive Hart (Assistant Director, North Derbyshire Archaeological Committee); Rosie Simpson (Lecturer, Losehill Hall).

Residential Course Fee: £25.00.

Further details from: The Principal, Losehill Hall (Tel. Hope Valley (STD 0433) 20373). Please enclose SAE.

## EXHIBITION

**The Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society Ltd.** "expect to mount an Exhibition in the Sun Lounge, Fairfield's Halls, Croydon, at Easter from 20th March to 1st April, 1978".