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VISITS

Wednesday, 30th August

WINDSOR AND ETON
Arranged by Mr D. Booker

11.00 a.m. Meet at the Guildhall, Windsor (a Wren building) for a guided tour and exhibition. Fee 15p. Nearest car park in River Street.

2.30 p.m. Eton College for a guided tour of 1½ hours. Fee £1.

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

Admission fees payable on day.

Tuesday, 19th September

MALMESBURY HOUSE, SALISBURY AND LONGFORD CASTLE
Arranged by Mr A. J. C. McIntosh

8.30 a.m. Coach departs Reigate, rear of Woolworths.

8.45 a.m. Dorking Halls.

9.15 a.m. Guildford, rear of B.R. Station in Guildford Park Road.

11.30 a.m. Visit Malmesbury House, Cathedral Close (Mr John H. Cordle).
Admission 40p with possible reduction for sizeable party.

Lunch Restaurants in Salisbury or picnic lunch in the Close.

2.00 p.m. Leave for Longford Castle (1578-1591) (Rt Hon the Earl of Radnor). Admission £1.

If time permits, Breamore Church may be visited.

It has not been possible to make arrangements for tea.

Tickets (members 25p, visitors 35p, students half price and accompanied children free. Coach £2.70) from Mrs J. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton, KT7 0QL.

Admission fees payable on day.

Saturday, 30th September

EAST GRINSTEAD

Arranged by Mr J. C. M. Blatch

- 10.30 a.m. St Swithun's Parish Church (a prominent building at the end of London Road approaching from north and a little under a mile from the railway station).
- 11.30 a.m. Town Trail under local experts. East Grinstead has a range of interesting buildings dating back to the fourteenth century some of which (e.g. Cromwell House built in 1599 and Dorset House dating from 1705) are notable.
- 12.45 p.m. Lunch, during which there will be an opportunity to visit the Town Museum.
- 2.00 p.m. Sackville College. Founded in 1608 as a home for poor people by the Earl of Dorset. East Grinstead's major feature architecturally will be shown to us by Mr and Mrs Wood. Admission 25p.
- 3.00 p.m. Standen. A National Trust house by Philip Webb dating from 1891-4. Admission 60p.
It may be possible to arrange for the local WI to provide tea, estimated cost 75p. Please say when booking if tea is required. It is hoped that parking in the church grounds will be possible; members might like to try there first. Cars will be needed for transport to Standen nearly two miles away.

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NOTES AND QUERIES

New Members from 1.4.78

- S. W. Carpenter, 47 Waterside Road, Slyfield Green, Guildford, GU1 1RF.
A. P. A. Goodall, 2 Beecholme, 23 Warwicks Bench, Guildford, GU1 3TF.
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M. Wilkinson, 17 Oakwood Avenue, Purley, Surrey, CR2 1AR.
D. Edwards, 46 Abbots Ride, Farnham, Surrey, GU9 6HZ.
J. W. Bardoe, Stoke Grange, Clandon Road, Guildford, GU1 2DR.
Mrs D. Grimm, Humewood, Grayswood Road, Haslemere, GU27 2BW.
Miss J. D. Spears, Ovingdean, Dunally Park, Shepperton, Middx.

New Members from 1.5.78

D. Cole, Esq., ARIBA, MRTPI, 41 St John's Hill Grove, London, SW11 2RF.

Mrs P. L. Henderson, 54 Holmbury Grove, Featherbed Lane, Croydon, CR0 9AP.

L. LeMottee, Little Rising, Ermyn Way, Leatherhead, KT22 8TW.

Mrs C. M. Coghlan, East Cottages, Ewhurst Road, Peaslake, GU5 9RW.

W. H. Banks, MBE, PhD, Hithor Southfield, Gray's Lane, Ashtead, KT21.

D. J. Field, 95 Mount Road, Chessington, KT9 1JH.

The Archaeology Branch, Ordnance Survey, Romsey Road, Maybush, Southampton, SO9 4DH.

Miss D. C. Vernon, Birch Farm, 4 High Street, Horsell, Woking, GU21 4XA.

Mr and Mrs R. C. M. Fowler, Clandon Park, West Clandon, Guildford, GU4 7RQ.

Miss F. M. Hughes, 5 Belmont Avenue, Guildford, GU2 6UE.

Mrs J. Cunningham, 93 Copthorne Road, Leatherhead, KT22 7EF.

Mrs P. A. Sandison, 22 Guildown Road, Guildford, GU2 5EN.

Miss D. C. Sharman, 19 Grove Heath North, Ripley, GU23 6EN.

Shere, Gomshall & Peaslake Local History Society, Driftway Cottage, Gomshall, Surrey.

Recording Workshop

A recording workshop was organised by the SAS on Saturday, 20th May at Sutton Library. The meeting was very informal, and was designed to discuss problems of recording on excavations, the subject having been inspired by the recent publication **Excavation Records: Techniques in use** by the Central Excavation Unit.

Members of a number of local societies, SAS and the two SAS professional units were present and the meeting was chaired by Lady Hanworth. Notice of the "workshop" was rather short and the turnout was not as high as might have been expected; this was also probably due to the fact that the meeting was held in May when many societies may have been involved in excavation or fieldwork projects. There was, however, an attendance of 18 people and it was generally felt that the meeting was useful.

In the morning members described and discussed their various methods of excavation recording; this included both the technicalities of site recording and the actual written recording of such information, with an emphasis on the latter. There was also some discussion of a possible standardisation of site codes within the county.

Scott McCracken described the method used by the SWLT which involves the use of a preprinted sheet originally devised for excavations in Chesterfield, Derbyshire. These sheets are used instead of the traditional site notebook, with an additional graph and lined notebook being used for special notes, sketch plans, etc. Each feature (synonymous for layer or context) is given an individual number and recorded on an individual sheet.

The merits and defects of the preprinted sheets were discussed and other similar systems were also briefly considered. There were criticisms of some of the terms used, the layout, some of the criteria chosen and more technical criticisms of the sheets themselves, i.e. whether these should be sheets or cards, bound or loose and used on clip boards. It was, however,

- Martin, J. W. (1978).** Elizabethan Familists and other Separatists in the Guildford Area. *Bull. Inst. Hist. Res.* L1 (1978), 90-93.
- Potter, J. F. (1977).** Eocene, lower Bracklesham Beds, iron workings in Surrey. *Proc. Geol. Ass.* 88 (4), 229-41.
- Stonebanks, J. A. (1978).** Mount Felix. Obtainable from Walton & Weybridge LHS, price 90p plus postage. Walton & Weybridge LHS Dial Stone 76, 1.

MEETINGS

JULY

Friday 28th, 8 p.m.

THE WANDLE MOUTH—ITS MILLS AND THE SURREY IRON RAILWAY. Talk by Don Pollock to Wandsworth HS at the Friends Meeting House, Wandsworth High Street.

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 20th, 7.45 p.m.

A GEOLOGICAL APPROACH TO OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE UPPER PALAEOZOIC ENVIRONMENT. Talk by John Keefe to Croydon NH&SS at the East Croydon United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, East Croydon.

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pointed out that although the sheets were pre-printed this did not mean that each category need be applicable and that the back of the sheets could be used for fuller descriptions.

It was generally agreed that this or a similar system should be used in Surrey. The reasons for having a single standardised system throughout the county were that:

1. it would facilitate local groups working together on an excavation;
2. it would facilitate professional and local groups working together on the same or adjacent sites;
3. it would enable archaeologists who were visiting other sites within the county to understand the records and notebooks;
4. it would act as a "checklist" for the recording of features (layers/ contexts);
5. it would make it easier for newcomers to learn how to record on site;
6. if, at some future date, a national system was adopted, it might make it easier for this to be adopted within the county;
7. it would lead to a general raising of standards.

It was agreed that, with these reasons in mind, the system of preprinted sheets used by the SWLT should be tried by those present for a trial period. It was also agreed that a recommendation on the matter should be sent to the two SAS Liaison Groups.

Finally, it was suggested that there should be further similar workshops to discuss the difficulties and merits of using this and other systems and also to discuss other practical problems encountered by groups or individuals, and that possibly such a meeting should take place in lieu of one of the Liaison Group meetings when both groups could combine to have a more general and practically orientated discussion. Before this goes into operation, however, it was felt that a similar "workshop" to discuss problems of processing material should be organised and a tentative date of 14th October 1978 was agreed upon. The whole subject is to be discussed at forthcoming meetings of the Excavation Committee and the two (Guildford and Sutton) Liaison Groups.

In the afternoon Mr John Schofield talked about excavation recording techniques and written systems used by the Department of Urban Archaeology. This led to some stimulating discussion and promoted further serious consideration of various recording systems.

(J. S. McCracken)

Offer of study grants to "those taking part in archaeological projects or concerned with the recording of local history"

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust was established as a living tribute to Sir Winston at the time of his death in 1965. It is unique in that it allows men and women who might otherwise never have the chance to visit countries overseas to acquire knowledge and experience which will enable them to be more effective in their work and in the community, and to gain a better insight into the lives and work of people in other countries.

Churchill Fellowships are available to all UK citizens. A Churchill Fellow can be any age and in any occupation. Everyone has an equal chance. No educational or professional qualifications are needed but candidates must be able to show that they can make effective use of the opportunity and of the information they gain.

Awards are offered in different categories each year. Applicants propose a study project related to their trade, profession or interests under an appropriate category, and if selected, they are expected to make their own plans and arrangements within the scope of the grant. The grants cover all Fellowship expenses for up to three months and are not normally given for academic studies. The final selection is made by interview in London in January 1979 and successful candidates are expected to start their travels during that year.

APPLICATION FORMS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST but they can then be obtained by sending your name and address only on a postcard to the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, 15 Queen's Gate Terrace, London SW7 5PR. You will receive an explanatory leaflet and a form to complete which must reach the Trust Office by 1st November 1978.

Recent Publications

- Bairstow, V. (1978).** Egham Parish Church Relics. Notes on stone, stained glass, etc., from the church demolished in 1817 now incorporated into various buildings in the vicinity. Egham-by-Runnymede HS Newsletter 116, 2-3.
- Blair, W. J. (1977).** A Military Holding in Twelfth Century Leatherhead. Proc. of Leatherhead & District LHS, 4, 1, 3-12.
- Blair, W. J. (1977).** The Early Manorial Records of Leatherhead Part V. Five Court Rolls of Pachenesham Magna. Proc. of Leatherhead & District LHS, 4, 1, 12-18.
- Blair, W. J. (1977).** A Survey of Churchyard Monuments in the Leatherhead area. Proc. of Leatherhead & District LHS, 4, 1, 19-24.
- Haynes, R. (1978).** General Sir Thomas William Brotherton, GCB. Monograph No. 4, Esher LHS.
- Jefferies, J. S. (1977).** Excavation Records. Techniques in use by the Central Excavation Unit. D. of E. Occasional Papers No. 1. Obtainable from Publications, Room 230, Dept. of the Environment, Fortress House, Savile Row, W1X 1AB.
- Lever, R. A. (1977).** Some Documentary Items on the Natural History of Ashted. Proc. of the Leatherhead & District LHS, 4, 1, 25-26.
- Milward, R. (1977).** A Short History of Wimbledon, 22 pages, map, 7 illustrations. Published by the John Evelyn Society. Price 35p plus 7p postage from 128 Mostyn Road, Merton Park, SW19 3LR.