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EXCAVATION NOTICES

WESTON WOOD, ALBURY: LATE BRONZE AGE HOMESTEAD  
AND MESOLITHIC HORIZON  
(N.G.R.: TQ 053485)

Director: MISS JOAN M. HARDING.

Helpers are needed to continue this rescue excavation before the quarry engulfs the site. The site is sheltered and dry. Diggers can be protected from rain.

Excavation will continue during the first two weekends of March, April and May, and during the Easter weekend Friday 8th to Monday, 11th April.

Entrance is from the A25 just opposite the Silent Pool, between Shere and Newlands Corner via the gate marked Albury Sand Pit. Bus Stop: Silent Pool. Cars may be left in the old brickyard. The excavation is above the sand quarry on the south side.

Enquiries to: Miss Joan M. Harding, 57 The Green, Ewell.  
(Telephone: MUSEum 3644, ext. 330).

KNIGHTONS, ALFOLD: GLASSHOUSE SITE  
(N.G.R.: TQ 016341)

Directors: E. S. WOOD, F.S.A., AND HOLLING.

Excavation of this mid-16th century glasshouse will be resumed on Saturday, 16th April, and continue for at least four weekends (except Saturday, 30th April, the Society's A.G.M.) Work will begin at 10 a.m. each day. Volunteers should be members of the S.A.S., and should bring their own trowels.

The site is reached by the road from Dunsfold to Sidney Wood. Enter the wood by the entrance just past Knightons Cottage. Park there. Turn left immediately through a gate and follow the track for 150 yards to the site.

RAPSLEY, EWHURST: ROMAN VILLA  
(N.G.R.: TQ 08044152)

Director: THE VISCOUNTESS HANWORTH.

Excavation will be continued at this site from 21st May to 5th June and also from 30th July to 14th August, 1966. All volunteers, including beginners, welcomed. During the digging in May there will be assistance

from twenty apprentices from the Royal Army Pay Corps, who will be holding a camp near the site, and it would be of great help if members who have experience of past seasons' work on the site could come to help train these volunteers.

Access to the site is via Coneyhurst Lane:  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north of Ewhurst turn west down Coneyhurst Lane. Rapsley is the last house along the lane. Cars may be parked outside the site.

Enquiries to: Viscountess Hanworth, Folly Hill, Ewhurst, Cranleigh.  
(Telephone: Ewhurst 420).

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## GENERAL NOTES AND NOTICES

### Kent Archæological Research Groups' Council Newsletter

Members may recall that the work of the K.A.R.G.C. was described by W. S. Penn in *Bulletin* No. 11. Their activities are noted in a quarterly *Newsletter* that has been produced hitherto by a duplicating process. Starting with the current issue this *Newsletter* is adopting a printed format and will be available to non-member subscribers and its contents are likely to be of considerable interest to members of the S.A.S. living near the Kent border. Subscriptions (8/- for four issues) should be sent to the Editor, K.A.R.G.C. *Newsletter*, 2 South Park Hill Road, South Croydon. Cheques or P.O.'s should be made payable to B. J. Philp, who is K.A.R.G.C. treasurer.

### Recent books and papers

The editors will be pleased to receive information about books, pamphlets or articles that contain material of interest to Surrey archaeologists and historians. Lists will be printed from time to time. The inclusion of a work in such a list will neither ensure nor preclude review in either the *Bulletin* or the *Collections*.

*Anglo-Saxon Architecture* by H.M. Taylor and J. Taylor (C.U.P. 10 gns.). Contains detailed descriptions of the following Surrey churches: Albury; Cheam; Compton; Fetcham; Godalming; Guildford, St. Mary's; Kingston; Stoke d'Abernon; Thursley and Witley. Published May 1965.

*More Thames Ditton Tales and Scandals* by T. S. Mercer. (Obtainable from the author at 15 Speer Road, Thames Ditton). Pub. Nov. 1965.

*Farnham Inheritance* by Nigel Temple. (Langham, Farnham, 21/-) 2nd edition pub. Dec. 1965.

*Transactions of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society* XXI pt. 2. (L.M.A.S. No price stated). Contains papers on the following archaeological sites within this Society's area of interest: the Roman boat at County Hall; the Roman boat at New Guy's House, Southwark; R-B burial at Wandsworth and various finds made on building sites in Southwark in 1962. Pub. Dec. 1965.

*Windmills of Surrey and Inner London* by Farries and Mason (Obtainable from the S.P.A.B. 65/-) Pub. Feb. 1966.

## LOCAL NOTES

### "Operation Gaspipe"

In June, 1965, the S.E.G.B. began laying a 35-mile gas main from Greenwich to Esher. A large 24-inch main was to be laid in a trench five feet deep passing through both suburban areas and wide tracts of open country.

As much of archaeological interest and importance might be revealed during the course of the work, members of the West Kent Border Archaeological Group undertook a watching brief. Some twenty members took part in the operation until five months later the trench reached Hooley on the Brighton Road. An almost daily watch enabled nearly every foot of the trench to be examined in detail on both sides of the county boundary.

Thirty-one sites which could technically be described as archaeological were recorded, but only seven of these produced dateable material. Of the four in Kent, three R-B and one Iron Age site were indicated by pits, gullies and ditches containing pottery, quern stones and animal bones. In Surrey two Medieval and one Iron Age site were recorded.

1. Farleigh. Medieval (TQ 53781.16027 - 53799.16036). A series of shallow gullies and a variety of ditches were found in a field east of Farleigh. Three of the ditches were 14-20 feet in width and all deeper than six feet. No trace of these was visible on the surface. Pottery was recovered from only one of the ditches and it is possible that the others do not relate.
2. Farleigh. Medieval (TQ 53735.16007). A single, shallow ditch six feet wide containing pottery was found just south-east of St. Mary's Church.
3. Whyteleafe. Iron Age (TQ 53426.15887). Three probable storage pits were sectioned by the trench on the north side of Whyteleafe Recreation Ground. All were chalk dug, flat bottomed and about 4-5 feet deep when originally dug and 5-6 feet wide. Iron Age A sherds were recovered from the primary fillings. The whole site had subsequently become buried by a layer of hillwash from the slope above to a depth of nearly three feet. This may have helped preserve other features and the site might repay planned excavation.

(B.J.Philp).

### Putney : Romano-British site (TQ 756239)

After nine months the Wandsworth Historical Society finished at Christmas its excavation in Bemish Road. Features on the site have been a large number of post holes (giving no particular pattern) and two shallow ditches, one of which had a sump. Finds of building materials have included a fair quantity of both burnt and unburnt daub and pieces of two flue tiles. Large amounts of slag were found which indicate iron smelting on the spot, while, by coincidence, a bed of iron ore (containing 7% metal) at a depth of three feet, has been discovered recently nearby on the edge of Barnes Common.

Prominent amongst the finds of pottery and coins from the first four centuries have been the greater part of a fine Upchurch ware pot (c. 100 A.D.), a late first century mortarium complete except for a hole in its base, the base of a black Saman bowl (form 33) with the potters mark (INDERCILLVS, FM from Lezoux; Trajanic/Hadrianic) and a barbarous radiate of Licinus in mint condition struck at Cyzicus (in the

able from Mrs. Chiles, 38 Court Hill, Sanderstead and NOT from the organiser or from Castle Arch, at the following prices:

Members (including members of affiliated Societies, also Kent and Sussex Archaeological Societies and their affiliated Societies)

4/-

Visitors .....

6/-

Tea .....

3/6

The reduction for members applies to advance booking only.

Wednesday, 30th. 8.15 p.m. RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS IN THE RECORDS OFFICE OF THE G. L. C. Lecture by Miss I. Darlington at Morden Library, Morden Road, S.W.19. Arranged by the MERTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Members wishing to attend should contact Miss E. M. Jowett, 12 Cranleigh Road, S.W.19. (CHERRYWOOD 1153).

Thursday, 31st. 8 p.m. CROYDON — OLD AND PRESENT. Lecture by W. A. Benians at Pitt House, Ewell. Arranged by the NONSUCH AND EWELL ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY. Members wishing to attend should contact M. Morris, 28 Seymour Road, Ewell.

Late March: THE WOOL TRADE IN WEST SURREY. Conference to be arranged by the FARNHAM MUSEUM SOCIETY LOCAL HISTORY GROUP. Enquiries from societies and individuals should be sent to Mrs. W. O. Manning, 18 Upper South View, Farnham.

#### APRIL

Saturday, 2nd. 3 p.m. WOAD MILLS. Lecture by Rex Wailes at the Darby and Joan Club, Cooper Crescent, Nightingale Lane, Carshalton. Arranged by the BEDDINGTON, CARSHALTON AND WALLINGTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY. A visitor's fee of one shilling is charged.

Tuesday, 5th. 6.30 p.m. ROMAN ENGINEERING. Lecture by V. F. Bignell, at the College of Preceptors, 2 Bloomsbury Square, W.C.1. Arranged by the L.N.H.S. (ARCHAEOLOGICAL SECTION). Members of the S.A.S. welcome.

Saturday, 16th. S.A.S. VISIT TO BRIGHTON in conjunction with the BRIGHTON AND HOVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY. Organiser: Capt. M. Wilson.

11.15 a.m. Assemble at HOLLINGBURY HILL FORT (TQ 321079). Details of access route will be given in April *Bulletin*.

12 noon. STANMER PARK, seat of Pelhams, Earls of Chichester; until 1947.

Car parks at Stanmer House and Church. Picnic lunch to be taken. Tea, etc., obtainable at Stanmer P.O.

2 p.m. BRIGHTON MUSEUM, Church Street, Brighton. Parking is allowed only at meters or official parks but ample free space is usually available in East Brighton.

3 p.m. "THE LANES". Mr. K. A. Goodchild and Miss L. A. Candlin of the Brighton and Hove Arch. Soc. will conduct the party. Coach leaves Station Yard, Guildford, at 8.30 a.m.

Dorking (opposite Dorking Halls) .....

9.10 a.m.

Reigate (Red Cross P.H.) .....

9.30 a.m.

Brighton .....

approx. 5 p.m.

Tickets: Members 4/-, Visitors 5/-.

By coach: fare 10/6, tickets 3/-.

Please apply for tickets to Mrs. Chiles, 38 Court Hill, Sanderstead.

Saturday, 30th. S.A.S. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Details will be circulated to members separately.

Dardanelles) 317-321. Some of the coarse ware seems to indicate that the Belgic influence contained until the close of the first century.

The incidence of iron working and of what, by its crudeness, appears to be local pottery, seems to suggest that the R-B settlement at Putney was fairly self sufficient in a number of ways. As yet no trace of a road has been found and it would therefore seem that the main mode of communication was by river. Beyond this it is difficult to reach further conclusions at the present stage.

(N. Farrant).

### Southwark : Excavations 1965

Excavations were carried out at two sites in the Borough during the year in addition to the site in Lant Street that was reported in *Bulletin* No. 3. Both excavations were sponsored by the Southwark Archaeological Excavations Committee on which the S. A. S. is represented.

One series of excavations were carried out on ground to be developed at New Guy's House, Guy's Hospital (TQ 329799), for four weeks and several additional evenings between July and September. During the first two weeks they were combined with the S. A. E. C. annual London Training School in Archaeological Excavation. Twenty-two students attended this which included morning lectures, held in the Cuming Museum through the kindness of the London Borough of Southwark.

The site lies in the area of the "Roman channel" and boat discovered and partially examined by P. R. Marsden in 1958-9 (*Trans. London and Middlesex Arch. Soc.* XXI pt 2 118-131). Two shafts were sunk.

It was possible to demonstrate that the boat found in 1958 was narrower, and therefore shorter, than had previously been estimated. It can now be presumed that it was approximately forty feet long. Another result of the excavations was to show that the channel bends to the north east further south than it had been previously assumed to do.

The second S. A. E. C. excavation took place at Potters Fields in Vine Lane off Tooley Street (TQ 334801). The area excavated covered three thousand square feet and the average depth of the trenches was six feet. Altogether a thousand bags (estimated at two tons weight) of pottery were excavated. Of this about 75% is from a 17th century tin glaze kiln dump which appears as a 6-8 inch thick layer over the whole of the area explored. The remainder is post medieval domestic pottery.

The important kiln waste material consists of unglazed "biscuit", glazed ware, and kiln material. The glazed material includes tiles as well as various pot forms.

No evidence of occupation before the late 16th century was found. Before that date the area appeared to be wet and marshy. The tin glazed earthenware or delftware so far examined appears to date from about 1620 to 1700 and, presumably, comes from one of the kilns which stood on the riverside between London and Tower Bridge. The pottery has strong affinities to Dutch pottery and a number of Dutch potters are known to have been working here at that period.

Much work has still to be done on the processing of the finds and more volunteers are needed at the centre in Southwark to help with this. Prospective helpers are asked to contact the Cuming Museum (RODney 3324, ext. 3) for more information.

Both these excavations will be the subject of preliminary reports in the S. A. S. *Annual Report for 1965*.

(S. A. E. C.)

## FUTURE MEETINGS

Owing to losses incurred over the past two years, the S.A.S. Visits Committee regret that the cost of tickets for S.A.S. outings will in future be 4/-, except for members travelling by coach, who will continue to pay 3/-.

### MARCH

Tuesday, 8th. 6.30 p.m. CHURCHES IN NEWINGTON AND SOUTHWARK. Lecture by G. L. Barnes at the Cuming Museum, Walworth Road, S.E.17. Arranged by the LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY (ARCHAEOLOGICAL SECTION). Members of the S.A.S. welcome.

Saturday, 12th. SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY LECTURES to be held at the Brew House, Guildford (near the Library).

11 a.m. ENGLISH COUNTRY HOUSES by Victor Smith.

2 p.m. THE LATE BRONZE AGE SETTLEMENT AT WESTON WOOD by Joan M. Harding.

Members 3/-, Visitors 4/-, Students 2/6.

Maximum capacity of the hall is 80, so please apply for tickets as early as possible to Mrs. R. K. Chiles, 38 Court Hill, Sanderstead. Important: Please approach the Brew House from North Street via the railed passage beside the Library. This will be clearly sign posted.

The use of the Brew House does not imply the use of the Library Car Park. In no circumstances may cars be left in this car park as it may be used only by Library members and Guildford House staff.

Saturday, 19th. 2.30 p.m. CHURCHES IN NEWINGTON AND SOUTHWARK. Visit to be led by G. L. Barnes, Assemble at St. Matthews Church, New Kent Road. Arranged by the L.N.H.S. (ARCHAEOLOGICAL SECTION). S.A.S. members welcome.

Saturday, 26th. S.A.S. SYMPOSIUM ON RECENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORK to be held at the Civic Hall, Guildford. Organiser: K. W. E. Gravett.

11 a.m.

MESOLITHIC SITE AT ORCHARD HILL, CARSHALTON D. J. Turner.

ROMAN VILLA AT ECCLES, 1962-5

A. P. Detsicas.

ROMANO-GAULISH CLAY FIGURES

F. Jenkins.

ROMANO-BRITISH IRONWORKS AT BARDOWN

H. Cleare.

Discussion.

12.45 p.m. approx. — 2.15 p.m. Break for lunch.

2.15 p.m.

ANGLO-SAXON CEMETERY AT ORPINGTON

P. J. Tester.

EXCAVATIONS IN SOUTHWARK

M. R. Maitland Muller.

ROYAL ABBEY OF FAVERSHAM

B. J. Philp.

ST. ANNE'S CHAPEL, CHERTSEY

W. J. Bult.

TWO LATE 17TH CENTURY VAULTS AT CHEAM

D. R. Cousins.

Discussion.

Vote of thanks to speakers

K. W. E. Gravett.

4.45 p.m. approx. Tea.

There will be no exhibition this year. A bookstall has been arranged for the sale of local history and archaeological publications.

*How to get there:* The Civic Hall is situated at the top of the town, off London Road. There is a car park at the Hall.

*Tickets:* There will be plenty of room for members and visitors. To simplify arrangements on the day, tickets will be on sale at the Hall at 6/- each (tea 3/6d.) Members are asked to purchase tickets in advance where possible, especially for tea. Tickets obtain-