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EXCAVATION NOTICES

REIGATE: OLD VICARAGE SITE (TQ 25705036)

(Director: David Williams)

Before full-time work commences on the above site in September, excavation of this hall-house and crosswing demolished in 1847 will still continue on Sundays from 10.00 a.m. Various medieval walls and floors relating to the crosswing and an outshot structure have been uncovered, as well as two seventeenth century stone-lined pits. Hidden within the floor levels of the crosswing, two complete pots have been found. One, a bellarmine of about 1600, may have been used as a witch bottle, the other, a miniature glazed jug only 70 cm high and covered with sgraffito decoration, is probably a fourteenth century church cruet.

Further details from David Williams who can be contacted during the day on 01-223 3431.

SAS VISITS 1979

BLECHINGLEY: EXCAVATIONS AT BLECHINGLEY CASTLE
(TQ 323505)

On the invitation of the owners, Mr and Mrs Bertlin, limited excavation has been commenced at the site of Blechingley Castle. In 1978 a start was made in sectioning the rampart of the inner bailey. So far the section is incomplete but indicates that there was never any substantial masonry revetment or curtain to the inner ward. It is intended to complete the section in 1979 and to cut a trench within the so-called keep in order to investigate the extent to which medieval levels survived the nineteenth century disturbance.

Further details from D. J. Turner. Tel: Reigate 48158 (evenings).

Saturday, 1st September

BLECHINGLEY

Arranged by J. C. Mervin Blatch

- 10.30 a.m. Meet Blechingley church where Mr Uvedale Lambert will talk about St Mary's in particular and Blechingley in general.
- 11.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. approx. Perambulation of about 2½ miles to include Place Farm—1517 gateway of the Duke of Buckingham's Palace, Brewer Street house—c. 1430 timber frame, the Old Rectory—a medieval parsonage with eighteenth century front, across the fields to Pendell Court—1624 and back to Blechingley by Pendell House—1636 and Little Pendell (now called the Manor House) with eighteenth century front.

12.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. approx. Lunch. There are various suitable places (the Red Lion, King Charles cottage in the High Street opposite the White Hart, the Prince Albert and the Plough).

Afternoon To Mr Uvedale Lambert's house at South Park with 1650 chapel and where, if numbers not too many, tea and biscuits may be served.

We are greatly indebted to Mr Uvedale Lambert for making himself available and guiding us on this trip.

The charge for this trip is 30p to members, 40p to visitors, which includes admission to South Park. Applications to J. C. Mervin Blatch, Waystrode, Ridgway, Pyrford, GU22 8PW. Tel: Byfleet 43005.

Saturday, 13th October

EWHURST

Arranged by Miss J. Carter

10.30 a.m. Meet in the centre of the village at the Church of St Peter and St Paul (092405). Parking in The Glebe on the northern slope of the Mount.

After the Church we will see houses nearby and a seventeenth century barn in the grounds of the Old Rectory.

Lunch The following public houses supply snacks: Wheatsheaf (098358) at Ellen's Green on the main Cranleigh-Horsham Road. The Scarlett Arms (119302), Wallis Wood, Punchbowl Inn (134376), Oakwood Hill.

2.30 p.m. Meet at Bull's Head Green in the Village.

After seeing more interesting old houses we will return north through Ewhurst village to the Duke of Kent School (088429) at Woolpit which was built by Sir Henry Doulton.

The Headmaster, Mr W. P. Jones, has kindly invited us to tea. Here there will be an exhibition of old Ewhurst and of the work done in the village by the Domestic Buildings Research Group.

Tickets (members 30p, visitors 40p, students half price and accompanied children free) from Mrs J. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton, KT7 0QL.

New members from May 1979

C. J. Watkins, 58 Ringway, Southall, UB2 5ST.

Mrs H. M. Taylor, East Oakbank, New Way, Godalming, GU7 2JH.

Mrs B. M. Godfrey, 5 Manor Gardens, Farncombe, Godalming, GU7 3LL.

A. J. Russell, 41 Chaldon Common Road, Chaldon, Caterham, CR3 5DH.

M. J. G. Russell, 41 Chaldon Common Road, Chaldon, Caterham, CR3 5DH.

J. Drewett, Garden Cottage, Box Hill Road, Box Hill, Tadworth, KT20 7JN.

Miss M. N. Slade, 3 Echohurst, 17 Warwicks Bench Road, Guildford, GU1 3TQ.

G. D. Evans, 41 Kings Road, Cranleigh, GU6 7JG.

Mrs J. M. Pope, 10 Northfield, Witley, Godalming, GU8 5LN.

New members from June 1979

Mrs J. M. Furlong, 65 Nelson Road, Whitton, TW2 7AR.

Mrs J. D. Bass, 1920 Range Trail, Verona, Wisconsin 53593, USA.

Miss D. R. Lane, ARICS, Rowgarth, Shophouse Lane, Albury, Guildford, GU5 9EQ.

Mr and Mrs J. G. Turner, 2 Devonshire Road, Sutton, SM2 5HQ.

J. D. Johnston, Guards Depot, Pirbright Camp, Brookwood, Woking, GU24 0QQ.

J. Tatton-Winter, 37 Cambray Road, Balham, London, SW12 0DX.

NOTES AND QUERIES

Byfleet: Mesolithic axe

A 3½ in. long tranchet axe or adze of unpatinated medium grey flint with fawn inclusions was found on a market garden at Sanway Road, Byfleet (TQ 05906020). It was an unstratified find, and, according to the owner of the land, it could have come from the original soil on the site, or it could have been brought to the market garden with imported topsoil from the Wisley Sewage Works (TQ 060597). The axe is retained, for the moment, by the writer who thanks Mrs Ann Watson for passing the find to her.

(Nancy Cox)

Croydon: Industrial Archaeology in 1977-78

Members of the Greater London Industrial Archaeology Society (GLIAS) have prepared measured drawings of the original cast-iron cow stalls (Musgrave patent) at Cane Hill Hospital. The hospital was built in 1883-6 and was once largely self-sufficient with its own farm.

Members of GLIAS have also visited, preparatory to recording, the Borough's disinfecting station and the now derelict Factory Road site which was last used for producing "Tottenham Pudding" animal food.

A fine factory in South End, built c. 1868 for Cooper & Sons, boot and shoe manufacturers, has recently been statutorily listed as a building of historic interest or architectural importance, as has the distinctive airport control tower.

(London Archaeologist 3/9 (Winter 1978), 247)

Croydon: Hoard of Iron Age Potin Coins

A hoard of Potin coins, Class 2, has now reached a total of 20 since Mr Uffindill has recently found 11 more, of which six are complete, three incomplete and two fragmentary. Having had considerable experience of metal casting he made a model to show how a strip of six coins could be cast. The mould has been presented to the CNHSS museum.

(M. E. Shaw)

Lambeth: Finck Street (TQ 307781)

Medieval: Weekend excavation was carried out from January to May 1978 in ten trenches. These trenches were on a N-S axis and were intended to locate the line of the proposed westward continuation of Roman Watling Street from Southwark to a Westminster river crossing. The work demonstrated that no Roman road crossed the site. In the southern part of the site a wall foundation of robbing trenches indicated the position of a building probably of Tudor date. To the north a ditch and gullies of late

medieval to early post-medieval date were found. In addition evidence of the local topography was recorded which showed that the natural gravels surviving to +1.50 m. OD at the southern end of the site sloped down to the north and were covered by waterlaid clays.

(Robin Densem for Southwark & Lambeth Archaeological
Excavation Committee)

Lambeth: Lambeth Walk/Black Prince Road (TQ 30747865)

Post-medieval: Small-scale excavation was commenced in late 1978 and continued into 1979 on a redevelopment site located in an area where there is evidence that Tudor redwares and tin-glazed pottery were produced.

(E. McD. Dain for Southwark & Lambeth Archaeological
Excavation Committee)

Lambeth: 20 Lower Marsh (TQ 31087965)

Post-medieval: The remains of a nineteenth century bread oven were recorded. The premises can be shown to have been occupied by a baker at that time from entries in trade directories.

(Eric Ferretti and Robin Densem for Southwark & Lambeth
Archaeological Excavation Committee)

Lambeth: Morley Street (TQ 31317944)

Post-medieval: This site lies on or immediately to the south of the projected line of a Roman road from London Bridge to a river crossing to Westminster. A small hand-dug trench was opened in preparation for more extensive excavation to be carried out at some time in the future. In the small area examined, a ditch was found which cut into waterlaid clay overlying flood plain gravels and contained in its fill pottery dated, provisionally, to about AD 1670. In the primary fill of the ditch was found much kiln debris: broken unglazed delft pot (biscuit) and sagers. Presumably this material is derived from a nearby kiln site.

(Robin Densem for Southwark & Lambeth Archaeological
Excavation Committee)

Southwark: Arcadia Buildings (TQ 32527966)

Roman: Roman Watling Street runs SE-NW across the site with at least five phases of road metalling overlying a sandy cambered base. A wooden corduroy track under the road make up is either an earlier road, perhaps of a military nature, or a foundation for the road base. There are occupation layers on either side of the road which have yet to be fully excavated but signs of sleeper beams indicate a wooden building on the NE side and a wood-lined latrine in this area is of second century date. On the SW side of the road, floor layers, but as yet no walls, have been revealed.

Medieval: The Roman layers were overlain by a deposit of dark earth probably of medieval date. Medieval features excavated included post holes for a rectangular building, piercing the Roman floor layers on the SW side of the road, and two parallel gullies 9 m. apart with pairs of post holes along their edges. These gullies may belong to medieval cloth-stretching tenter frames for which there is documentary evidence in the area.

Post-medieval: Numerous post-medieval features were found cutting the dark earth and evidence was recovered of several local industries including: brush making, cloth fulling and clay pipe manufacture. Part of the seventeenth century clay pipe kiln complex found is undergoing conservation and is soon to be displayed in the Museum of London.

(Martin Dean for Southwark & Lambeth Archaeological
Excavation Committee)

Southwark: Bankside Power Station (TQ 320805)

Medieval: Excavations north of Bankside uncovered a succession of river shoreline deposits of about fourteenth to sixteenth century date beneath later dumped levels. Late fifteenth or early sixteenth century wooden structures possibly represented boat-building or docking facilities but it is uncertain whether they were below water permanently or only at high tide. They were associated with quantities of waste leather probably deriving from the nearby leathermarket.

(Michael Hammerson for Southwark & Lambeth Archaeological
Excavation Committee)

Southwark: Hendre Road (TQ 33367865)

Roman and post-medieval: Trial excavation revealed post-medieval garden soil over natural clay. Cut into the clay was a Roman ditch which ran at a right angle to the nearby Old Kent Road which is the presumed route of Roman Watling Street.

(George Dennis for Southwark & Lambeth Archaeological
Excavation Committee)

Southwark: Willson's Wharf (TQ 33188028)

Contractor's excavations on the site were observed during February and March 1978. Over the flood plain gravels were waterlaid clays which survived up to +2.66 m. OD. Dumped post-medieval deposits sealed the clays. Within the sequence of the clays was an organic clay about 20 cm. thick whose surface was found between ca. +.25 and +.50 m. OC. This layer, indicating a drop in river level and growth of vegetation *in situ*, is undated. Samples were taken for radiocarbon dating. During the medieval period deposits in the northern part of the site were cut out by river erosion and there was subsequent silting up. Similar evidence of medieval river erosion was found in excavations at Toppings and Sun Wharves.¹

1. H. Sheldon: "Excavations at Toppings and Sun Wharves, Southwark, 1970-2"; *Trans. London and Middlesex Archaeol. Soc.*; Vol. 25 (1974); 1-116.

(Brian Yule for Southwark & Lambeth Archaeological
Excavation Committee)

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Lt. General Sir Alfred Horsford Bingley, KCIE (1865-1944)

Sir Alfred was President of our Society during the final year of his life, at which date his address was "The Causey", Cranleigh. I am collecting biographical material upon him which will appear in the second volume of "Bingley: an English Family Notebook", a series of publications upon the genealogy of various branches of his family (he was descended from Bingley

of Blyth, Notts, a cadet line of the fifteenth century house Bingley of Broughton, Flints). Much of his official life is well recorded, while the National Army Museum preserves further of his documents, his orders, decorations and medals. Should any member, however, have more personal memories of him that might give a "roundness" to this biographical chapter, I should be most pleased to receive a letter. Naturally, I would be delighted to hear of anyone who was close to him in his archaeological activity, or any of his other favourite pursuits such as gardening.

William Cobbett

It now seems likely that the familiar engraving called "The Birth Place of William Cobbett, Farnham, Surrey", which was produced for Dugdale's "England and Wales Delimited", 1845, is not a picture of the former "Jolly Farmer" (now the "William Cobbett" Public House) at Farnham. The same building is also depicted in an engraving carried in Robert Huish's "Memoirs of the Late William Cobbett, Esq.", which appeared on Cobbett's death in 1835. This time the identification is given as Barn Elms Farm, Barnes, Surrey. If readers do not have access to the two original engravings, they can be found reproduced quite adequately on the cover of Volume I of Dent's edition (1957) of "Rural Rides", and in "Vanished Houses of Barnes, Mortlake and East Sheen", New Edition 1978, published by the Barnes and Mortlake History Society.

To aid sorting out the problem of a true identification—can any Member direct me to the whereabouts of any other views of the Barn Elms Farm-house (which was submerged under the West Middlesex Water Company's reservoir in 1897) or to written descriptive sources or estate maps of the Barn Elms site. It seems unlikely that both engravings were wrongly titled, so Barn Elms seems the only candidate at this stage.

(R. Bingley, 102 Heath Road, Orsett Heath, Grays, Essex)

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

The Batsford Guide to the Industrial Archaeology of South-East England: by A. J. Haselfoot. Available from local booksellers or direct from B. T. Batsford Ltd., 4 Baker's Mews, London W1. Price £3.95 hardback plus 50p postage and packing if ordered.

Victorian Croydon Illustrated: Edited by John B. Gent for the Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society Ltd. Available from the Society's office, 96a Brighton Road, South Croydon, CR4 6AD, price £1.50 p/p 24p, or shortly from main central Croydon bookshops.

Rapsley Roman villa

The report on the excavation of the Roman villa at Rapsley, Cranleigh, by Rosamond Hanworth, which appeared in the **Collections**, Volume 65 (1968), has been re-issued on microfiche, following demand for the offprint, which is no longer available. Copies of the microfiche may be obtained from Castle Arch, price 25p, plus postage and packing 10p.

(Hon. Editor)

COURSES

Animal Bones

Several members involved in the study of animal bones will meet on Tuesday, 18th September from 7.30 p.m. at The Stepping Stones Inn, Box Hill (on the road leading from the A24 to Box Hill Station and Polesdon Lacey). Anybody interested in bones in and around Surrey is invited to join the meeting for an informal exchange of news and views, problems and, perhaps, solutions. Information from Mrs G. Done, 3 The Oaks, West Byfleet, Weybridge. Tel: Byfleet 46331.

Analysis of Human Remains and Palaeobotany

The above two post-diploma courses will be held at London University during the coming winter season. Diploma and certificate holders are normally given priority but applications from genuine active field archaeologists would certainly be considered. Full details in the Extra-Mural Classes brochure, not yet received, but enquiries may be addressed to A. J. Legge, Department of Extra-Mural Studies, London University.

Beginners' Heraldry

NESCOT will be running another short day-time course on the above subject during the autumn term, 1979. Lectures will take place on Monday mornings from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. The course will include lectures on the origins, science and language of heraldry and it is hoped to include visits to the Lumley Chapel in Cheam, and the churches of Gatton, Albury, Stoke D'Abernon and Westminster Abbey.

Course tutor: Stephen Turner. Tel: 01-394 1731 ext. 232.

Roman Civilisation

At the Friends' Centre, Brighton. Wednesdays 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. Starting approx. 1st October. Sponsored by the University of Sussex Centre for Continuing Education. Sessional, 20 meetings. Lecturer: Rosamund Hanworth.

Introduction to Field Archaeology

At Forest Boys' School, Horsham on Wednesdays from 8.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., 20 meetings starting 26th September. Sponsored by Horsham W.E.A. and University of Sussex for Continuing Education. Lecturer: Rosamund Hanworth.

Life in Roman Britain

At Cranleigh Arts Centre, Cranleigh on Thursdays from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m., 10 meetings starting 10th January, 1980. Sponsors: SCC Waverley Adult Education Institute and University of Surrey. Lecturer: Rosamund Hanworth.

Surrey in the Middle Ages

At Reigate Sixth Form College, Church Street. Tuesdays 7.30-9.30 p.m. starting 16th October. Tutor: D. J. Turner sponsored by Reigate and Banstead Adult Education Institute.

Contact: Principal, Miss A. Wright, 53 High Street, Horley RH6 7BN

Surrey in the Middle Ages

At Tillingbourne Middle School Chilworth. Mondays 7.30-9.30 p.m. starting 15th October. Tutor: D. J. Turner sponsored by Guildford W.E.A. Contact: Secretary, Mrs. C. Lester, New House, Old Kiln Close, Churt, Farnham. Tel: Headley Down 712060.

MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 11th

THE HISTORY OF BEER AND BREWING. Talk by R. J. Webber of the Brewers Society for the Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society at Egham Literary Institute at 8.00 p.m.

OCTOBER

Saturday 6th

KINGSTON UPON THAMES ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY SYMPOSIUM. To be held at the Surbiton Library Annexe, Ewell Road, Surbiton from 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Subject: Aspects of Kingston's Past. Admission 40p for tickets bought in advance from the Hon Secretary, KUTAS, 295 West Barns Lane, New Malden, Surrey or 50p at the door.

Tuesday 9th

AN INTRODUCTION TO LOCAL HISTORY. Talk by R. Davis for the Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society at the Egham Literary Institute at 8.00 p.m.

Next **Bulletin** September, for which copy is required by 6th August. Following **Bulletin** October, for which copy is required by 6th September.