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EXCAVATION NOTICES

HOG'S BACK: ROUND BARROW

N.G.R.: SU 937484)

Director: A. J. CLARK.

This recently discovered barrow, on the north side of the A31 two hundred yards east of Puttenham Crossroads, is about to be destroyed by road widening. Excavation started on 16th April and will continue at weekends, starting at 10 a.m. As many volunteers as possible are required. Please, if possible, bring your own tools: trowels, spades, shovels and forks will be in short supply.

Preliminary work by Charterhouse School, under Mr. Harrison, has shown that the barrow is 105 feet in diameter and the ditch is ten feet wide. The primary burial has yet to be found and as much of the barrow as possible will be opened to ascertain its structure.

Enquiries to: Anthony Clark, 19 The Crossways, Onslow Village, Guildford. Telephone: Guildford 64566.

WESTON WOOD, ALBURY: LATE BRONZE AGE HOMESTEAD
AND MESOLITHIC HORIZON

(N.G.R.: TQ 053485)

Director: MISS JOAN M. HARDING.

Excavation will continue on the following dates: 30th April/1st May; 7th/8th May. Details were given in the March *Bulletin*.

There will be *pottery making and firing* experiments during the June to August recess if there is sufficient interest. Please send a post card to Miss Joan M. Harding, 57 The Green, Ewell, if you wish to help.

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).

BRADSHOTLEA: SITE OF MOATED MANOR HOUSE
(N.G.R.: SU 863486)

Directors: W. T. BULT and I. G. DORMOR.

Excavations on this site, which is about 2 miles N.E. of Farnham, will take place between 28th May and 5th June, starting at 10.0 a.m. each day. All volunteers welcome.

Directions: From Farnham - Guildford road (A31) turn at traffic lights at Runfold railway bridge, on to A324. Bear right. Site is about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on left behind high red brick wall. Entrance across cattle grid.

Enquiries to: W. T. Bult, 33 Sayes Court, Addlestone, Weybridge.
Telephone: Weybridge 42159.

GENERAL NOTES AND NOTICES

The Victorian Society

The Victorian Society was formed in 1958 to encourage the preservation and study of the best of Victorian and Edwardian architecture, design, crafts and decoration. It co-operates with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in the listing of Victorian and Edwardian buildings of architectural and historic value and gives evidence at Public Enquiries as well as making representations to local authorities.

The Society arranges walks, visits, conferences, exhibitions and soirées. Its regular income consists entirely of subscriptions from members and many more members are needed. Enquiries should be made to The Victorian Society, 55 Great Ormond Street, London, W.C.1.

The Reading, Guildford and Reigate Railway

To illustrate the forthcoming edition of the *Minutes of the Reading, Guildford and Reigate Railway* the Surrey Record Society seeks old prints, drawings, etc., of the line including stations at Shere and Betchworth. Will any member able to help with the loan of suitable material please write immediately to the Hon. Editor at the Surrey Record Office, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames.

C.B.A. Group 11A: Meeting of the Standing Committee

The committee met again on 5th April and discussed more matters of common interest to archaeologists in Kent and Surrey.

Appeals in both counties for details of individuals and groups carrying out research into Industrial Archaeology had met with a poor response. However Mr. S. Harkar, of Cerne Road, Gravesend, (Telephone: Gravesend 67825), had offered to act as informal co-ordinator for the Group in this field. All who are doing research into any aspect of Industrial Archaeology are urged to contact Mr. Harkar so that co-operation may be encouraged and duplication of effort avoided.

Arrangements for the Group's A.G.M. were put in hand. It is hoped that it will be held late in September or early in October and it is likely that Tunbridge Wells will be the venue. Mr. Money has kindly agreed to give a talk after the business meeting. His talk will deal with the important iron workings in the Weald and will be illustrated by reference to his own current excavations at Witham.

A conference on the theme "Science and Archaeology" is planned for later in the autumn. This will be a one day conference to be held, probably, in London. Speakers will be invited to talk on their speciality and there will be time for questions and discussion. The place of scientific techniques, etc., in relation to field archaeology will be stressed.

Membership of the Group is still not as great as it might be and local archaeological and history societies which are not members are urged to consider adding their support to this organ for co-operation. The subscription is 10/- per annum and the treasurer is J. K. Horne, 2 South Park Hill Road, South Croydon.

LOCAL NOTES

Ewell : Pitt Place (TQ 213604)

A preservation order was made on this building on 17th August, 1964. Since that date several applications for development have been rejected by Epsom Council. A considerable amount of damage has been done to the property and a quantity of lead has been removed from the roof, which damage has been roughly repaired with roofing felt. The Borough and County Councils are considering the matter and the Nonsuch and Ewell Antiquarian Society is to make further representations concerning the preservation of the building

(N. and E. A. S. *Annual Report*).

South Nutfield : Medieval site (TQ 312492)

Further sherds of pottery have been found at this site (mentioned in *Bulletin* No. 16) by Mr. R. Deacon. Mr. F. W. Holling has also visited the site and reports the discovery of lumps of bloomery slag in the stream bed close by. The Holmesdale Archaeological Group are exploring the possibility of investigating the site further.

(D. J. Turner).

Mitcham : 16th century dovecote at The Canons (TQ 279683)

The Merton Historical Society have made representations to the Merton Borough Council regarding the condition of this dovecote. The

church. Then drive by Somerset Bridge. Next turn left for Guildford by-pass.

Lunch can be had at the Kings Arms (approx. 12/6) or Elizabeth's Café where High Street joins Ockford Road (approx. 5/- or 6/-). It would be wise to book at either.

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

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

Tuesday, 14th. 6.30 p.m. Practical work on pottery from excavations in Southwark. The Archaeological Section of the LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY hold frequent meetings at the Cuming Museum, Walworth Road, S.E.17, to sort, mark and classify the pottery from the excavations carried out at 199 Borough High Street. Instruction is given. There is room for one or two members of the Surrey Archaeological Society to join with the Section in this work. Enquiries should be made to Peter Pickering, 5 Chesterfield Road, London, N.3.

THE NORMANS: England and Normandy: 29th July - 12th August

A study tour to examine the Norman achievement will be led by David Whitehouse, the medieval archaeologist. For full details apply for a brochure from the Association for Cultural Exchange, Haverhill, Suffolk. The cost will be £58 10s. (Air travel, food and accommodation).

Council replied stating that work was being put in hand to cut back certain overhanging trees, etc., and generally to make the building weatherproof and in order as far as practicable.

(Merton Historical Society Newsletter).

REVIEWS

Local History Records: Book V. 44pp., 11 illustrations. (Bourne Society. Price 2/6 or 3/-, post paid, from 267 Croydon Road, Caterham).

This further instalment of the *Local History Records* is, of course, a miscellany. The recent map, reviewed in *Bulletin* No. 12, is reproduced on a smaller scale. The first article seems intended to serve as an introduction to this and to the work of the Bourne Society. As such its allusions are rather tantalising. What is the newcomer to the district, or to the work of the Society, to make of the statement about medieval wall paintings that "an angel is soon to appear at St. Lawrence's"?

Mr. Dawe's interesting article on Marden Park and the Claytons bears evidence of careful research and is well worthy of any such publication. It is good enough to excuse the comment that Walpole Lloyd Greenwell (p.11) should not be described as a "tenant".

There is much suggestive and interesting material in the notes about Sanderstead. The Society is also rightly concerned to record for posterity the history of yesterday and when they do so authorities are quoted. Would that space permitted them to do the same for much earlier material.

A.S.G.

More Thames Ditton Tales and Scandals by T. S. Mercer. 56pp., 42 illustrations (published privately by the author at 15 Speer Road, Thames Ditton, Price 5/-.)

Mr. Mercer's first volume of *Tales and Scandals* (reviewed in *Bulletin* No. 12) was open to the criticism that he told us too little of the humbler residents of his parish. In this second volume this omission is made good and from it we learn much about the lesser clergy and ordinary inhabitants. It is probably symptomatic of the available source material that most of the episodes relate to crimes or eccentricities.

Mr. Mercer has eclectic taste which is no bad thing. However the Locked Door Murder seems hardly worth the space allotted to it: a sad sordid affair with little local flavour. We are presented, on the other hand, with a number of fascinating vignettes, the best of which is a perspicacious account of body snatching by respectable citizens and the derisory penalties they received when caught.

A further volume pushing the story of Thames Ditton further back into the past — this one is heavily weighted on the side of the nineteenth century — would be welcome from this lively pen.

D.J.T.

FUTURE MEETINGS

MAY

Thursday, 5th. 8 p.m. CANALS. Lecture by J. G. Davidge at Pitt House, Ewell. Arranged by the NONSUCH AND EWELL ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY. Members wishing to attend should contact M. Morris, 28 Seymour Road, Ewell.

Friday, 6th. 8 p.m. UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY. Lecture by Miss du Plat Taylor at the Wandsworth Baths. Arranged by the WANDSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Members wishing to attend should contact D. R. Pollock, 102 Disraeli Road, S.W.15.

Saturday, 7th S.A.S. VISIT TO ESSEX. Organiser: Mrs. Chiles.

8.00 a.m. Coach leaves Station Yard, Guildford.

8.30 a.m. Arrives at Esher Bus Station opposite Council Offices (Adequate car parking space nearby).

11.30 a.m. GREENSTEAD CHURCH.

12.0 app. BLACKMORE CHURCH. Talk by the Vicar.

Picnic lunch to be eaten on the coach.

2.00 p.m. Arrive BRADWELL LODGE. 16th century moated Manor House the home of Tom Driberg, Esq., M.P.

Time and weather permitting visit to St. PETER'S CHURCH. (Saxon church on sea wall within the Roman "Saxon-shore" fort.)

4.15 p.m. Arrive Malden. Tea arranged at Roamers Restaurant, High Street.

5.00 p.m. Visit PARISH CHURCH. Talk by the Vicar.

8.30 p.m. Arrive at Guildford.

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

Coach fare £1, ticket 3/-.

Please apply for tickets to Mrs. Chiles, 38 Court Hill, Sanderstead, Surrey. Members must bring their own picnic lunch.

Tuesday, 3rd; Wednesday, 5th; Monday, 9th; Wednesday, 11th;

Wednesday, 18th; Saturday, 21st.

Tours of the London Borough of Merton. Under the title "Know your Borough" the MERTON CIVIC SOCIETY have arranged a series of public evening coach tours, and a ramble, which will visit places of interest, including antiquities and historic buildings, in the Borough. The Borough includes the old villages of Wimbledon, Merton, Morden and Mitcham. Enquiries to Dr. A. P. Redman, 234 Seaforth Avenue, New Malden. (MALDEN 2195).

JUNE

Saturday, 4th. S.A.S. VISIT TO GODALMING AREA.

10.30 a.m. Arrive Godalming Car Parks, Crown Court and Queen Street (both turnings off High Street one to left one to right). Guide at entrance of each car park. Walk by footpath to Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul.

10.45 a.m. Talk at church on history of town and church.

12.00 p.m. Westbrook House (now Home for Epileptics) Formerly home of Gen. Oglethorpe, founder of Georgia.

Walk back by Old Mill. The party will then divide into two:

Party A Visit Museum.

Party B Lunch and look at houses in High Street.

Parties change over.

2.15 p.m. Leave Godalming by Charter House Road. Meet by Charterhouse playing fields to go to Upper Eashing Bridge (13th century).

Pepperharrow (Now an approved school) and the 12th century