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OBITUARY

It is with regret that we have to record the death, on 23rd December 1981, of Mrs Beatrice Cecilia Bamber, at the age of 88. Mrs Bamber was the Society's senior member, having joined in 1918. She gave unfailing support to us over what is on any showing a very long period, and we are grateful for her membership. She was a daughter of Ralph Nevill, who gave such distinguished service to the Society, especially during the war.

E. Wood

EXCAVATION NOTICE

BEDDINGTON VILLA EXCAVATION 1982

Work will probably start in April on this site, continuing last year's excavation. New people welcome. Please contact Lesley and Roy Adkins, 25 Union Road, Croydon CR0 2XU or telephone: 01-679 7054 nearer the time, for further information.

SAS VISITS

TWO DAY VISIT TO OXFORD

Arranged by Mr F. E. Manning M. A. with the help of the Oxfordshire
Agricultural and Historical Society

MARCH/APRIL

March 31st to Friday April 2nd staying at Edmund Hall

Twenty members and friends have booked for this trip which is now confirmed. The detailed programme will be sent to them and any other member still thinking of coming. The cost will be members £33, non-members £35. The full amount should be sent by Saturday, March 20th to Capt M. A. Wilson, 16 The Woodlands, Esher. (Payable to the S.A.S.). The cost of transport will be calculated later and passengers' contributions can be made direct to the drivers.

S.A.S. VISIT TO SHERE AND GOMSHALL

Party limited to 50

Arranged by Miss Josephine Carter

MAY

Saturday 15th

- 10.30 a.m. Meet at Gomshall BR Station ((TQ 089479) Reading to Tonbridge Line).
London Country Bus Route 425.
We will await the train arriving at 10.34 a.m.. Good car parking in the station approach. Dividing into two parties we will visit historic houses in Gomshall.
- Lunch All the public houses in Shere and Gomshall supply Bar Snacks on Saturdays and Gomshall Mill serves lunches.
- 2.30 p.m. Visit St James Church, Shere (TQ 075473). Mr C. G. Holt will tell us the history of the Church and act as guide. Afterwards, there will be a tour of the old houses in Shere and Miss Joan Harding, F.S.A., of the Domestic Buildings Research Group, is coming along too! Mrs A. C. Davis of Hound House has kindly offered cups of tea.
- Tickets For this visit only, from Miss J. Carter, Woolpit Hatch, Ewhurst, Cranleigh, Surrey. Members 40p, Visitors 50p, Students half price and accompanied children free.

S.A.S. VISIT TO DEVIZES AND LACOCK

Arranged by Mr F. E. Manning

JUNE

Thursday 17th

- 8.15 a.m. Coach departs Reigate, car park rear of Woolworths.
- 8.30 a.m. Dorking Halls.
- 9.05 a.m. Esher BR Station.
- Members will arrive in Devizes on Market Day; Mr F. K. Annable will show the Wilts Archaeological and Literary Society's recently refurbished Museum, and during a town walk the Norman Churches of St John's and St Mary's will be visited.
- Lunch Will be taken in the town, picnickers may like to go down to The Wharf by the Avon and Kennet Canal.
After lunch time will be found to walk down the famous Caen Locks before going to the lovely village of Lacock, where tea can be taken after visiting Lacock Abbey and the Fox Talbot Photographic Museum (N.T.).
- Tickets Members 40p, Visitors 50p, Students half price and accompanied children free. Coach fare £6.20 from Mrs J. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton KT7 0QL.
Tickets will not be available between March 29th and May 13th.

NOTES AND QUERIES

OCKHAM COMMON (TQ 083588)—It has been noted for many years that there are numbers of parallel ridges scattered in groups across Ockham and Wisley Commons (and elsewhere in Surrey). Interest in them has recently revived partly because of the coming of the M25 motorway. Early in June the writers took the opportunity to section a suitable example within a ridge system. No dating evidence was recovered, but a three phase sequence was indicated by the section. First a trench was made and the spoil piled to either side; secondly, the resulting ditch was cut into by a number of linear features, perhaps caused by use as a cart track, probably over a number of years (or even possibly plough marks?), and thirdly the system was cut through by a sand pit.

It has been suggested in the past that the ridges were created in the course of iron ore extraction (although it must always have seemed unlikely that this would produce neat parallel ridges), but nothing in the section could be taken to support this theory. At present it seems most likely that the ridges were created for some, perhaps short-lived, agricultural activity. It is of interest in this respect that one system of ridges runs parallel with the Ockham parish boundary at a point where another system runs up to it at right angles.

Further work is now in progress, partly linked to construction of the M25.

Ann Watson and David Bird

STONE IMPLEMENT PETROLOGY SURVEY—Mr E. Harrison, Surrey Secretary of the CBA Stone Implement Petrology Survey. Since its inception, has recently passed responsibility for the Survey to the Lithic Tool Research Group.

To date over 100 neolithic and bronze age stone implements from Surrey have been sectioned and these will feature in an overall survey of stone axes currently in preparation for a CBA Research Report.

The survey consists of a series of record cards each noting details of form, provenance, circumstances of find etc., together with a drawing of the artifact, and a corresponding series of microscope slides containing ground thin sections. The latter are currently housed at the British Museum (Natural History) under the auspices of Dr Alan Woolley who continues to be responsible for the petrological aspects of the Survey. It is envisaged that copies of the record cards will be held with the Sites and Monument Records at Guildford Museum and County Hall, and with the writer.

Any member aware of the location of an unsliced stone axe whether previously recorded or a completely new find is invited to contact the writer at 95 Mount Road, Chessington, Surrey KT9 1JH. Petrological examination of other artifacts—whetstones etc. may also be arranged.

D. Field

ARCHAEOLOGY IN SURREY 1981—It is proposed to continue the series of notes in the *Collections* summarising archaeological work in the county, and preparation for the year 1981 must soon begin. As before, these will be based on printed sources, but the compilers would be grateful for any information from excavators and fieldworkers relating to work undertaken in 1981 which has not yet been the subject of a published note. In addition, it would be possible to publish important plans or photographs; these would

be selected on the basis that they made available useful information which would otherwise not appear for several years, or not at all, for example, plans from important excavations.

This system is not intended to replace regular 'notes' on items of interest. Information, plans and photographs, should be sent to the writer if concerned with the administrative county; to Scott McCracken if relating to the parts of the historic county now in Greater London, or to Professor Alan Crocker if of industrial archaeological interest. The way in which information is published can be seen in the previous two volumes of the Collections.

D. G. Bird

HELP WITH EARTHQUAKES!

"Dear Dr Moss

Re-Assessment of UK Seismicity Data

We are currently engaged on the above research project, which will involve the collection of all available historical data for a selected sample of British earthquakes. We are especially interested in letters, diaries, parish records etc which record personal details of the felt effects of earthquakes.

We are writing to you because historical and archaeological societies might have access to local sources of information which would otherwise have escaped our attention. Consequently, is it possible for notice of this project to be circulated amongst your members? The following quakes have been reported from your area:

6th April 1580—London
7th September 1692—S E England
19th March 1750—London
3rd September 1860—Maidstone

We would be most grateful for any assistance you or your members could give in bringing to our attention appropriate information relating to any of these events. Any expenses incurred in copying etc will be reimbursed.

We look forward to receiving any information you are able to provide us with.

Yours sincerely

for SOIL MECHANICS LIMITED (T. F. Morse, Esq)
Foundation House, Eastern Road, Bracknell RG12 2UZ"
Please reply direct.

THE MICROSCOPE—We are pleased to report that in response to the appeal in Bulletin No. 176 a suitable microscope has been offered to the Society on loan from Kingston Polytechnic to whom we are most grateful. It is now with Ann Watson and is available for use on application to her. Tel: Cobham 2983.

LITERARY SECTION

WEST SURREY WILLS—The West Surrey Family History Society has recently published an index to the wills proved in the Archdeaconry Court of Surrey 1752-1858. The wills are indexed by person, place and occupation of testator. It is hoped that this will be the first of a series of such indexes.

The volume is available from Mr Alan Bevins, Wykeham Lodge, St Catherines Road, Frimley Green, Camberley, Surrey. Price £1.80 + 25p postage and packing.

"MATHEMATICAL TILES"—notes of Ewell Symposium of 14th November 1981, chaired by Alec Clifton-Taylor. A copy has been added to the Society's Library collections, but copies may be obtained for £1.00 post free from M. Exwood, 64 The Green, Ewell, Epsom KT17 3JJ. Cheques payable to "V.A.G. Ewell Symposium".

"COBHAM BREWERY" by David Taylor—Ten pages including a map and four photos. Price 50p from D. Taylor, 49 Copse Road, Cobham, Surrey. Please send large stamped (12½p) addressed envelope. (Booklet is 6" x 8¼").

ORDNANCE SURVEY 6" QUARTER SHEET MAPS—50p each.

The following are still available from the Library at Castle Arch. Tel: Guildford 32454 (see Bulletin No. 171).

4 NE 1938 (3)	41 NE 1914 (4)
4 SE 1934	41 SW 1920
8 SW & SE 1920	42 NW 1914 (4)
1938	42 NE 1914 (4)
34 SW 1919	42 SW 1914 (2)
35 NW 1914	42 SE 1914 (4)
35 NE 1914	43 SW 1915
35 SE 1914	45 SE 1919
36 NW 1914 (2)	46 SW 1920 (3)
36 SW 1914	47 NW 1920
40 NW 1919	
40 NE 1919 (3)	
40 SW 1919	
40 SE & 47 NE 1919 (3)	

MEETINGS AND SYMPOSIA

MARCH

Saturday 13th

LITHIC TOOL RESEARCH GROUP. Annual General Meeting at St Philips School, Leatherhead Road, Chessington, commencing 2.00 p.m.

Thursday 18th

THE HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF GUILDFORD'S 13th CENTURY DOMINICAN FRIARY. Illustrated lecture by Mrs Mary Alexander, Assistant Curator of Guildford Museum to the Send History Society in Church Room, Send Road, at 8.00 p.m.

APRIL

Saturday 3rd

THE LONDON KILN STUDY GROUPS' EIGHTH SEMINAR AT MUSEUM OF LONDON. "Rural Kilns and Furnaces". Applications and information to the Secretary, LKSG, Cuming Museum, 155 Walworth Road, London SE17. Cost: £12.50 to non-members of the Group.

Tuesday 13th

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY IN ARCHAEOLOGY. Talk by C. Stanley to the Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society at the Literary Institute, High Street, Egham, at 8.00 p.m.

MAY

Tuesday 11th

COACHING AND COACHING INNS. Talk to the Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society by R. J. Webber, Brewers' Society, at the Literary Institute, High Street, Egham, at 8.00 p.m.

SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY EXCAVATIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

22nd May in the Martineau Hall, Dorking Halls, Dorking

Provisional programme:

- 10.30 Introduction. Chairman: Dr G. P. Moss.
David Williams: Excavations at 43A, High Street, Reigate.
- 11.00 John Gower: judging and presentation of the Margary Award.
- 11.20 County Archaeological Unit: recent work (including especially at Stanwell).
- 12.30 Lunch and opportunity to view exhibits.
- 2.00 Lesley and Roy Adkins: Beddington Roman Villa.
- 2.30 Vivien Ettlinger: recent excavations in Dorking.
- 3.00 Marion Hinton: Medieval Kingston: archaeology and topography.

Coffee and tea will be available at a small charge at the breaks, and afternoon teas may be ordered in advance (at a cost of 50p). Admittance will be £1.20 at the door, but tickets may be bought in advance for £1 including postage. Applications for tickets and afternoon teas should be made to Mrs K. Needham at Castle Arch, Guildford. Cheques should be made payable to Surrey Archaeological Society. There is ample car parking space adjacent to the Dorking Halls.

JUNE

Tuesday 8th

MINING IN PREHISTORIC TIMES. Talk by Dr R. Shepherd to the Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society at the Literary Institute, High Street, Egham, at 8.00 p.m.

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Following Bulletin: August, for which copy is required by Monday, 21st June, as the Bulletin Editor will be away during end June/July.