

JULY

Tuesday, 5th. 8 p.m. MONASTRIES OF SURREY. Lecture by Mrs. P. Johnston, M.A. at Pitt House, Ewell. Arranged by the NONSUCH AND EWELL ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY. Members wishing to attend should contact M. Morris, 28 Seymour Avenue, Ewell.

Saturday, 9th. 2.30 p.m

S.A.S. VISIT TO GREAT BOOKHAM CHURCH

In conjunction with the LEATHERHEAD AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY. 2.30 p.m. Meet at Great Bookham Church which will be described by Mr. S. E. D. Fortescue.

Tuesday, 12th. 6.30 p.m. RECENT EXCAVATIONS. Talks on excavations at Kennington Palace, Hayes Common and Court Lodge Farm, Horley, 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, 23rd. 10.30 a.m.

S.A.S. GUILDFORD TOWN WALK

Organiser: MISS CARTER

10.30 a.m. Assemble at junction of the Mount with Woodland Avenue and Mount Pleasant. From the bottom of the High Street cross the river and continue straight ahead by the Mount to crossroads about 200 yards up the hill.

10.45 a.m. Guildford Wharf.

11.00 a.m. Town Bridge.

11.10 a.m. Millmead.

11.15 a.m. Yvonne Arnaud Theatre. (Exterior).

11.25 a.m. Rosemary Alley.

11.30 a.m. St. Mary's Church.

12.05 p.m. Savings Bank 14th century crypt (opposite Angel Hotel).

12.40 p.m. Guildford House.

12.55 p.m. Picnic lunches may be eaten in Guildford House courtyard. There are restaurants nearby.

2.00 p.m. Public Library — Guildford Room.

2.15 p.m. Quaker's Acre — Old burial ground.

2.35 p.m. Royal Grammar School, including chained library.

3.10 p.m. Abbot's Hospital — early 17th century almshouse.

3.50 p.m. Holy Trinity Church and Tower.

4.10 p.m. Tunsgate 19th century corn market.

4.20 p.m. Park grounds and The Chestnuts (home of Lewis Carroll).

4.40 p.m. The Castle Keep.

5.05 p.m. Tea at Castle Restaurant.

5.40 p.m. Dispersal.

Parking: Suggested car parks will be described in the July Bulletin. Parking is difficult, particularly on summer Saturdays, but special arrangements are being made.

Tickets: Members 2/6; Visitors 3/6; Tea 4/6.

Please apply for tickets to Mrs. Chiles, 38 Court Hill, Sanderstead, Surrey. Please notify Mrs. Chiles if tea is required, but do not send money for this.

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EXCAVATION NOTICES

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

Director: THE VISCOUNTESS HANWORTH.

Excavation will be continued at this site from 30th July to 14th August, 1966. All volunteers, including beginners, welcomed.

Access to the site is via Coneyhurst Lane: $\frac{1}{4}$ mile north 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).

KENNINGTON PALACE
(N.G.R.: TQ 312782)

Director: G. J. DAWSON, B.A.

Excavations arranged by the Southwark Archaeological Excavations Committee and the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society on an area that includes the medieval palace of Kennington, are continuing in June. Work is taking place every Saturday and Sunday from 9.30 a.m. until dusk.

The palace was built in the 14th century by the Black Prince on the site of an earlier manor. It was demolished by Henry VIII in 1531 and replaced by a Tudor manor house which lasted until the eighteenth century.

The entrance to the site is in Sancroft Street, off Kennington Road at Kennington Cross. Buses 3, 109 (Westminster), 155, 159, 163 and 172 pass the site. Kennington L.T. station is close and buses 133 and 95 pass near.

Further information may be obtained from Mr. G. J. Dawson, Cuming Museum, Walworth Road, S.E.17. (Telephone: RODney 3324, ext. 3).

COURT LODGE FARM, HORLEY: SITE OF MEDIEVAL
MANOR HOUSE
(N.G.R.: TQ 274432)

Excavation will continue at this site on the 3rd and 4th weekend of every month. The Holmesdale Archaeological group began work last year and have continued since Easter this year. The site has been under continuous occupation for some six hundred years, and the Group hope to find the position of the medieval manor house which was burnt down about 1840.

Enquiries to Mrs. J. Beale, 16 Vogan Close, Reigate. (Telephone: Reigate 43489).

GENERAL NOTES AND NOTICES

Local Secretaries; Correction to Annual Report

By a printer's error, two names have unfortunately been transposed. The Local Secretary for Coudon and Purley is J. C. Batley, and that for Cranleigh and District, H. R. Tadgell.

E. A. Baxter has been appointed Local Secretary for Banstead in succession to M. A. Hicks, Local Secretary for Banstead since 1961. Mr. Baxter has taken part in many of the Society's excavations and is a prominent member of the Nonsuch and Ewell Antiquarian Society.

Industrial Archaeology

It is regretted that Mr. S. Harker's full address was not given in last month's *Bulletin*. He is acting as informal co-ordinator for C.B.A. group 11A in this field. His address is Mr. S. Harker, 19 Cerne Road, Gravesend. (Telephone: Gravesend 67825).

British Sub-Aqua Club (Guildford)

This club has been affiliated to the Surrey Archaeological Society for two years and its members include a number of divers with experience of archaeological excavation and surveying. The club has plans to examine several sites in both the Wey and Thames. Their capabilities are also suited to the exploration of wells and their secretary (R. Kingsford-Curran, 1 Chestnut Avenue, Guildford) would like to hear of suitable sites for their activities.

Recent books and papers

Local History Records 1 (Bourne Society. Price 2/6, plus 6d. postage from 156 Croydon Road, Caterham) Published 1962, reprinted 1966. Includes articles on the history of the Bourne from 1437 and on local place names.

Local History Records 2 (Bourne Society. Price 2/6, plus 6d. postage, from 156 Croydon Road, Caterham) Published 1963, reprinted 1966. Includes articles on local windmills and on the Caterham and Godstone caves.

Index of Records. (Farnham Urban District Council. 30 pages of typescript. Not for sale, but a copy is at Guildford, Castle Arch). Published 1966. It shows the impressive extent of the available material in the episcopal manor of Farnham.

Oatlands Palace by J. W. Lindus Forge (Walton and Weybridge Historical Society. Price 2/6, plus 6d. postage from R. Hargrave, 16 Annett Road, Walton-on-Thames.) Published 1966. An introduction to the history and architecture of the Palace.

LOCAL NOTES AND QUERIES

Camberley : The Obelisk (SU 880168)

The Surrey County Council and the Frimley and Camberley U.D.C. have agreed to pay the cost of restoration and fencing of the John Norris Obelisk. The obelisk was built in the 18th century and originally stood 100 ft. high. At present its three-foot thick brick walls stand approximately forty feet high and the restoration proposed will consist mainly of repairing the brickwork and strengthening the structure. It is not intended to rebuild the tower to its original height. The original builder of the obelisk was John Norris, a local merchant and landowner who died in 1786.

(Miss H. F. Rendle).

Clandon : John Woolderidge, Poet

John Thomas Smith was born in a hackney coach in 1766, and died in 1833 as Keeper of Prints and Drawings at the British Museum. In 1797 he published *Remarks on Rural Scenery* illustrated by his own engravings. Among the tumbledown cottages there portrayed is one at Clandon, Surrey, described as "Formerly the residence of John Woolderidge, the Clandon Poet". In East Clandon Register Book No. 3 is recorded the marriage of John Woolderidge to Elizabeth Mellish of Merrow on 3rd October, 1757, both parties making their mark. On the 29th March, 1762 a John Woolderidge, was buried, perhaps a son of the marriage. On 18th May, 1781 another John Woolderidge was buried, perhaps the father. Elizabeth Woolderidge a pauper, followed to the grave on 9th June, 1786.

It may be that the poet memorised and recited his verses rather than wrote them or had them printed. Did anyone in Clandon copy them, and has a copy survived ?

(T. E. C. Walker).

(Manning & Bray, Vol. III App. cvii, list a portrait of Woolderidge by Russel and describe him as an eccentric of East Clandon. *Ed.*)

Leatherhead : Woodlands Park (TQ 151587)

An Iron Age/Romano-British site was first revealed in 1960 when a prominent hill was cleared of trees by explosives and ploughing.

J. W. Mead, of Dorincourt, perambulated the hilltop and collected numerous sherds of Iron age and Romano-British pottery, a celtic enamelled bronze roundel (dated to 1st century A.D.), Roman roofing tile and fragments of relief stamped flue tile (dated to 1st half of 2nd century A.D.).

The majority of the pottery has been examined by the British Museum and falls into the 4th century A.D., but includes sherds of 3rd century B.C. to 1st century A.D. Early Iron Age.

The finds were discussed by A. W. G. Lowther (Proc. Leatherhead and District Historical Society, Vol. 2, No. 7, 1963, 202-3, illustrated) who suggested the possibility of a Roman-Celtic Temple site.

Further ploughing, in March, 1966, has revealed a heavy scatter of sherds on the southerly slope of the hill and over 200 sherds have been retained.

Trial trenches by the society, under the direction of Mr. F. A. Hastings, in an area of scattered flints has revealed a floor or foundations of a wall of flint.

It is hoped to obtain aerial photographs of the site under crop in the summer which may produce further evidence prior to further excavations in the autumn.

(F. G. Aldsworth).

FUTURE MEETINGS

JUNE

Saturday, 4th. 10.30 a.m. S.A.S. VISIT TO GODALMING AREA. Details were given in the *May Bulletin*.

Tuesday, 7th. 8.0 p.m. ARCHAEOLOGICAL OBSERVING IN THE LONDON REGION. Lecture by John Ashdown at Pitt House, Ewell. Arranged by the NONSUCH AND EWELL ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY. Members wishing to attend should contact M. Morris, 28 Seymour Avenue, Ewell.