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SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING, ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING AND ANNUAL LECTURE

Notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting of the Incorporated Surrey Archaeological Society will be held at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, November 26th, 1983 in the Central Lecture Theatre Block at the University of Surrey, Guildford. There is an adjacent car park (No. 1 East). The Special General Meeting will be followed by the Annual General Meeting and a lecture given by Mr D. J. Turner.

J. L. Gower and Marian Gower  
(Honorary Secretaries)

**Agenda for Special General Meeting**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To consider and if thought fit to adopt the following motion:  
"That the Annual Subscription rates to the Surrey Archaeological Society shall be as follows:
 

Ordinary Member	£10.00
Associate Member	£1.00
Junior Member with Collections	£3.00
Institutional Member	£12.50

All these rates will be with effect from April 1st, 1984."

(See Note below)

**Agenda for Annual General Meeting**

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To read, and if appropriate, to sign as correct the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of November 27th, 1982.
3. To receive and consider the Annual Report, the Statement of Accounts, and the Auditor's report for the period April 1st, 1982 to March 31st, 1983, and, if approved, to adopt them.
4. To elect the President for 1983-4.
5. To elect Honorary Vice-Presidents for 1983-4.
6. To elect Vice-Presidents for 1983-4.
7. To elect Honorary Officers for 1983-4.
8. To elect six Ordinary Members of Council to retire in 1987 under Article 21a. (Nominations for election under items 4-8 should be sent to the Hon Secretaries not less than seven days before the meeting. All nominations require a proposer and seconder who must be members of the incorporated Society and nominations must be accompanied by a signed statement by the nominee of his or her willingness to stand for election. Institutional members are not eligible for election.)
9. To appoint the Honorary Auditor for 1983-4.
10. Any other business.

## LECTURE

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by a lecture entitled: "Medieval Settlement in South East Surrey" by Mr D. J. Turner, BSc, FSA, FSA Scot.

### Note: The proposed increase in Annual Subscriptions

The accounts to March 31st, 1983 show a net deficit of £14,315 on the year. After crediting other receipts at £21,508, mainly investment income, and providing for special expenditure there is a balance of £5,129 to transfer to the Capital and Margary Fund which will then stand at £261,647.

Members' subscriptions of £6,067 did not even cover the £9,569 expenditure on publications and were even less adequate to provide for the total expenditure of £21,681 incurred in running the Society. The members are not therefore paying for the cost of the services with which they are provided, and would not receive these services at their present subscription costs but for the income derived from the munificent bequest of the late Mr I. D. Margary.

At a Special General Meeting held on December 2nd, 1978, subscriptions were increased, with effect January 1st, 1979 to the rates set out below:

ORDINARY MEMBERS	£6.00
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	£0.50
JUNIOR MEMBERS (with Collections)	£2.00
JUNIOR MEMBERS (without Collections)	£0.50
INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS	£7.50

In the intervening period the movement in the retail price index has been:

September 1978	200.2
April 1983	332.5
Increase points	<u>132.3</u>
Increase percent	66.08

An increase in the Ordinary Member's subscription from £6 to £10 p.a. (66.7%) would therefore do no more than to compensate for the inflation in costs since September 1978 and would provide no cushion against the inflation which is almost bound to occur (but hopefully at a lower rate) over the next five or so years before action will probably be taken again to review subscriptions. A postponement of the decision to increase subscriptions now would necessitate a greater percentage increase if sought later which Council considered would be undesirable.

It is therefore proposed that a Special General Meeting be convened to precede the next Annual General Meeting. The proposed subscriptions are given above, and the Ordinary Member subscription of £10 will cover that of any Junior Member (without Collections) at the same address. If this Special Resolution is passed, it is intended that a part of the additional revenue will be applied in increasing the frequency of the issues of the Bulletin.

### The Finance Committee

#### HONORARY LOCAL SECRETARIES

The following members have been recently appointed as Honorary Local Secretaries:

Mrs P. F. Ashworth, 20 Orchard Close, Normandy, Guildford GU3 2EU (Ash, Pirbright, Normandy and Worplesdon).

Mrs S. Corke, Eversheds, Abinger Hammer, Dorking RH5 6QA (Abinger and Wotton).

Mr D. M. N. Hardy, Russett Wood, Tadworth Street, Tadworth KT20 5QZ (Chipstead, Kingswood and Walton).

Mr S. R. C. Poulter, Malham, Guildford Road, Bookham, Leatherhead KT23 4EY (Leatherhead, Ashted, Fetcham and the Bookhams).

Mr L. J. Simmons, Meadow Cottage, Lane End, Hambledon, Godalming GU8 4HD (Busbridge, Chiddingfold, Hambledon, Hascombe and Witley).

Mr J. R. Turner, Hunters Hill, Chase Lane, Haslemere GU27 3AG (Hindhead, Haslemere and Churt).

Vacancies still exist in the following areas: a) Albury and Shere; b) Capel, Holmwood, Newdigate and Ockley; c) Banstead and Woodmansterne. Would any member interested in filling one of the above vacancies please contact the Honorary Secretaries.

#### **Accommodation for the Society**

Several members have enquired the present position of the Society's long search for larger and more convenient premises, and it may be useful to set down briefly the sequence of events.

Various schemes have been considered by Guildford Corporation, over at least 20 years, for the enlargement of Castle Arch, or for inclusion of the Society in new municipal or county offices, but none of these has materialised.

Meanwhile, the Society's officers, and for a time a special Premises Committee, have investigated a number of buildings which came on the market. These included a site in Quarry Street; a house close to Castle Arch; a house with lecture hall in Farnham Road; an old people's hostel at Witley; two or three redundant schools; parts of a mill at Guildford, of Catteshall Mill, and of the Farnham Maltings; and several others in the county of greater or lesser potentiality. Much effort and activity, and some expenditure on architects' appraisals, was put into these leads.

It became apparent that a common thread ran through all these enquiries — even if planning consent could have been secured for what in some cases was a change of use, the initial cost of the building would in every case have needed to be increased by the cost of renovation, alteration and equipment, and to this would need to be added the running costs (which would have entailed the employment of staff), which could not be afforded out of the greatly reduced income of the Society.

As a result of this long and disappointing search and its implications, it has emerged as the best policy, at least for the foreseeable future, to rely for additional accommodation on the *ad hoc* hiring of rooms or premises in reasonable reach of Castle Arch.

As a corollary, the management of the Society's funds has been changed, over the last two or three years, from keeping a sum in reserve for use, at short notice, for the purchase, refurbishing and upkeep of separate premises, to skilful redeployment of holdings with the object of increasing the Society's capital in the long term, and also its income. Even with this change of financial policy the running expenses are now increasing at an uncomfortable rate, as the accounts which will be presented to the AGM in November will demonstrate.

Eric Wood, FSA  
President

## **NOTES AND QUERIES**

### **Off Half Moon Street, Bagshot (SU911634)**

The Sarsen Stone foundations of a building with a demolition layer of the 17th century, cut by 18th century brick constructed drain, has been recorded.

G. H. Cole

### **Nos. 48-54 High Street, Bagshot (SU912634)**

Following a trial excavation at Christmas 1982, the site was further examined in April 1983 with the object of sampling peat deposits and the possible medieval street frontage.

The peat deposit, from which a late 16th century shoe had previously been recovered, had been interpreted as an area of waste or meadow land bordering a timber revetted ditch, overlain with a levelling layer of gravel in the 17th century to

create a "firm based" yard for ancillary building structures.

The excavation failed to locate any medieval structures although the earliest levels exposed were of the medieval period comprising trampled waste ground cut by a boundary or drainage ditch.

In the 16th century a building had been constructed, partially cut into this medieval trampled layer, with external walls of tile creasing construction, subjected to one phase of alteration and finally demolished in the mid 17th century. The building had been used as a drinking house and this is evidence by material from the floor make-up levels comprising globular Rhine ware flagons (one bearing the date of 1599), fragments of glass bottles, fragments of bowls and approximately 30 complete stems of hollow cigar shaped and lion mask stems of wine glasses probably of the Mansell period.

Following mid 17th century demolition the site had been filled and levelled with gravel and a brick foundation timber-framed building erected. This was demolished in the late 18th century to make way for a brick building having three phases of alteration, latterly known as the Red Lion Public House.

The co-operation and help from the site owners, Messrs Courage (Central) Ltd, is gratefully recorded.

G. H. Cole

#### **Godalming: Oglethorpe Court**

Oglethorpe Court is a new residential development being made from a "Grade II listed bakehouse". The derelict building has been transformed by Waverley District Council "by mixing traditional construction with high technology detailing".

(Building Design July 15th)

#### **Two Wal-names in Kingston Fields**

Documentary research to locate Waleport and Walehull in Kingston will probably be published in the Collections.

Briefly, Waleport (presumably meaning "land on, or site overlooking, the British Town") was immediately north of Coombe Road (about TQ196698 and TQ197698). Taddewell, near Burghditche, was about TQ202718. Walehull Furlong was east of the land near the present railway bridge over Lower Ham Road. A trial excavation was undertaken in the area in 1980 by the Kingston Heritage Unit (reported in Bulletin 174).

J. E. Wakeford

#### **16 Bell Street, Reigate: Further Work (TQ255505)**

Between April and June the Holmesdale Archaeological Group carried out a further excavation to the rear of the Georgian house in advance of restoration and a proposed shopping redevelopment (see Collections 74: 47-89) for final report on the previous work).

To the east of the previous excavation a trench uncovered a further 5m or so of the building fronting Bell Street. Its medieval origin was proven and the suggested 16th century demolition date was confirmed by a penny of Henry VIII in the upper of three floor layers. Another medieval stone hearth and part of a possible partition wall were found. Brown loam containing 16th and 17th century pottery, a jeton, dog skeletons and horticultural pits overlay the building. Above this loam were scanty remains interpreted as the cobbled yard, soakaway and rear wall of a 17th century building fronting Bell Street. This house was demolished in the late 18th century and the area laid out as a garden.

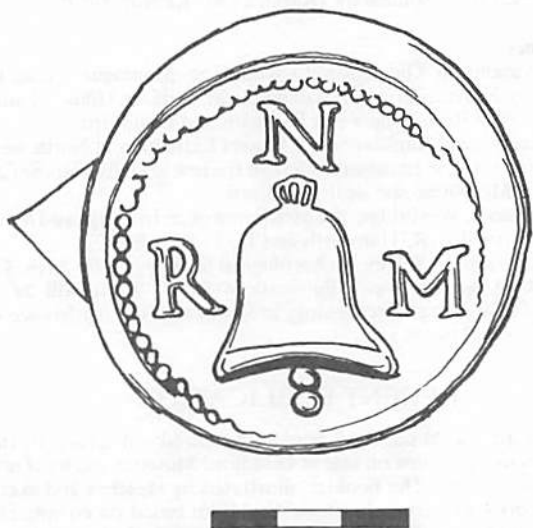
Beneath the medieval house, as noted in the previous report, a layer of brown/grey sandy loam continued to the natural sand. Overlying the sand, at a depth of 1.7m, was an undisturbed spread of large sherds of coarse, sandy ware cooking pots. At one

point these were more concentrated and many sherds joined. A 20kg sample was taken from around this deposit and sieving is yielding carbonised seeds and the bones of fish and other small fauna. A barrel padlock was also found. A short distance from this sherd concentration and at a slightly higher level lay a French billon denier, a coin minted in Angouleme in the 12th century. Although its deposition date is uncertain the coin nevertheless provides supporting evidence for a C12th date both for the pottery in this deposit and also for the group of similar pottery from Pit 1 in the previous excavation for which a date of C.1200-1250 was proposed.

A trench was also dug in the rear garden in the hope of locating other pits. In the event this proved disappointing. A further section of the robber trench was excavated however and a lead cloth seal was found elsewhere.

One find of local interest came from the main trench, from the layer overlying the medieval building — a glass bottle seal bearing the initials NRM surrounding a bell (see below). Jeremy Greenwood has almost certainly identified these initials as belonging to Robert and Mary Nicholson who are mentioned in a will of 1663 as being tenants of the Bell Inn. At that date the Bell was sited next door at No. 14 and the surviving timber-framed wing may well be part of that inn.

David W. Williams



#### **Change of Address**

Roy and Lesley Adkins are now living at: 157 Valley Road, Kenley CR2 5BZ. Tel: 01-660 6363.

## LITERARY SECTION

### SALE OF SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS

The Society at present holds a large stock of some of its publications, and in order to rationalise stock numbers the following items are being sold at **50p per volume** (plus postage and packing) to members only, for a limited period. Unless otherwise stated, these are stiff paper cover editions.

#### Surrey Archaeological Collections

Volumes 57, 58, 59, 60, 63, 64 (clothbound copies also available), 65 (clothbound copies also available), 66 (clothbound copies also available), 67 (clothbound copies also available), 68, 70.

#### Index Volumes

General Index vols 39-60 (clothbound copies also available).

General Index vols 61-70.

#### Research Papers

Volume 1 Roman Relief Patterned Flue Tiles (A. W. G. Lowther 1948).

Volume 2 A Mesolithic Survey of the West Surrey Greensand (W. F. Rankine 1949).

Volume 4 The Mesolithic of Southern England (W. F. Rankine 1956).

Volume 5 Excavations in Southwark (Kathleen M. Kenyon 1959).

#### Research Volumes

Volume 1 Excavations in Old Town Croydon/The Montague Close Delftware Factory/Excavation of a Glasshouse at Norfolk House, Lambeth/The River Wey Bridges between Farnham and Guildford.

Volume 3 Archaeological Implications of Gravel Extraction in North-west Surrey/Montague Close Excavations/Saxon Barrow at Gally Hills/St Catherine's Hill: a Mesolithic site near Guildford.

Volume 4 Brooklands, Weybridge: the excavation of an Iron Age and Medieval site 1964-5, 1970-1 (R. Hanworth and D. J. Tomalin).

Orders should be sent to Surrey Archaeological Society, Castle Arch, Guildford, GU1 3SX marking the envelope "Publications Sale". There will be a Society bookstall at the forthcoming "Archaeology in Surrey to 1500" conference where the above publications will be on sale.

## RECENT PUBLICATION

"Explore Guildford", a 20 page A5 booklet by Guildford Group of the Surrey Archaeological Society, is now on sale at Guildford Museum and local newsagents and bookshops (cost 60p). The booklet, illustrated by sketches and sketch maps, describes five short walks around historic Guildford based on completely revised walks described in their earlier "Discovering Guildford" leaflets. Publication was aided by a loan, sufficient to cover printing costs, from the Publications Committee of the SAS whose help is gratefully acknowledged.

## LIBRARY NEWS

The Library Committee at its last meeting agreed to continue the concession whereby the Society pays the outward charges on postal loans to members residing more than 20 miles from the library at Castle Arch. Charges incurred in returning these loans are still the responsibility of the borrower. Where only one article from a journal is required however, please give details of author, title and inclusive pages because, subject to copyright, a photocopy will be sent instead of the original.

It was also agreed to institute a Current Contents Service primarily for members who through distance find it difficult to keep up to date with the literature in journals. A copy of the contents pages of any journal currently received in the library will be sent to members requesting it and, subject to copyright, a photocopy of any article listed will also be supplied on request. For a trial period of one year this service is offered free of any charge to personal members residing more than 20 miles from Castle Arch, subject only to the limitation of six titles per year. Titles in excess of six will be charged at 10p a copy plus postage. Members within 20 miles of Castle Arch may also request the service but will have to meet all the costs. If you are interested in availing yourself of this service please contact the Librarian, Mrs Pat Ashworth, at Castle Arch, from whom a copy of the Short Title List of Journals currently received in the library can also be obtained.

Members are reminded that the Margary Room is open for the borrowing and return of books, and for study purposes, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Saturday. On Saturday afternoons and Bank Holidays application must be made to the Museum Steward for the key. Administration meetings are occasionally held there on a Saturday afternoon and members intending to visit the Margary Room then are advised to check beforehand that it will be free. All other library services are available only when the Librarian is on duty. She is normally in the library at the times listed below. Prior notice should always be given if material is required from closed access and especially where involved enquiries are concerned. An increasing amount of the library's material is now being stored at a distance. Prior notice also enables the Librarian to plan her work more effectively.

The Librarian's hours of duty: Tuesday: 9.30 a.m.-1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m.-5.00 p.m.; Wednesday: 9.30 a.m.-1.00 p.m.; Thursday before 1st and 3rd Saturdays in the month: not on duty; other Thursdays: 9.30 a.m.-1.00 p.m.; Friday: 9.30 a.m.-1.00 p.m.; Saturday 1st and 3rd in the month: 9.30 a.m.-1.00 p.m.

She can be contacted on the Society's telephone number: Guildford 32454.

## MEETINGS

### September

Friday 30th "Fulham Pottery." Talk by Chris Green to the Wandsworth Historical Society at Friends Meeting House, Wandsworth High Street, at 8.00 p.m.

### October

Wednesday 5th "Railways and Local History." Talk by Dennis McCann to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society at St Mary's Church Hall, Ewell, at 8.00 p.m. Admission 10p incl. refreshments.

## COURSES

### September

Tuesdays "The Archaeology of South East England." A 25-week course with two field trips by Roy Adkins, BA, at Stanley Park High School, Stanley Park Road, Carshalton from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. This course will cover a period from the earliest times to the end of the Saxon era.  
Enrol at Stanley Park High School between 6.30 and 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20th.



Wednesdays "An Outline of British Archaeology." A 10-week course by Lesley Adkins, BA, MPhil, at Ashburton Adult Education Centre, Ashburton High School, Shirley Road, Croydon from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m., starting September 28th. This course will examine the archaeology of Britain with special emphasis on South East England.  
Enrol on Saturday, September 17th at the above address or by post.

#### NOTE: UNIVERSITY COURSES

It has been agreed by the council that university courses will not be published in the Bulletin in order to save space. All libraries have details.

#### MEDIEVAL SURREY — A FURTHER CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 5th, 1983

9.30 to 5.30

Juniper Hall, Mickleham

A one-day conference on medieval Surrey will be held under the auspices of the Surrey Archaeological Society and the Juniper Hall Field Study Centre. It is expected that speakers will include Matthew Alexander (St Mary's Church, Guildford); David Bird (Medieval Site at Sutton Park, Woking); John Blair (Villages and Fields in North Surrey); Philip Brooks (13th C Assarts in Farnham Manor); Scott McCracken (The Excavation of St Mary's Church, Barnes); Shirley Corke (The Lost Place of Horton, Abinger); Alan Crocker (1972-75 Excavations of Guildford Park Manor); Rob Poulton (Medieval Chertsey); and Rosalind Ransford (Surrey Estates of Waltham Abbey).

The fee will be £8, including lunch and other refreshments, payable in advance. Bookings or enquiries for further information to Dennis Turner, 21 Evesham Road, Reigate, RH2 9DL (please enclose s.a.e).

#### CORRECTION

Please note the price of one day at "The Archaeology of Surrey" Conference on October 15th-16th is £4.50 as stated in the leaflet.

**Next Bulletin:** October/November, for which copy is required by September 6th.

**Following Bulletin:** December, for which copy is required by November 6th.