

FEBRUARY MEETINGS
SOUTHWARK SYMPOSIUM

SATURDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, 1965 2.30 p.m.

For the last three years excavations have been carried out in the Borough of Southwark, under the auspices of the Southwark Archaeological Excavation Committee. Some ten sites have been excavated and six directors have been involved.

The Southwark Borough Council in conjunction with the London Natural History Society (Archaeological Section) have arranged a Symposium to be held at the Lecture Room in the Health Centre, Larcom Street, Walworth Road. Speakers will describe the various excavations that have taken place and there will be an exhibition of finds. The exhibition will be open at 2 p.m.

Admission will be free and tickets are not required.

EXCAVATIONS AT RAPSLEY

THURSDAY, 18th FEBRUARY, 1965 7.45 p.m.

The Oxted and District History Society invite members of the Surrey Archaeological Society to a lecture by The Viscountess Hanworth to be given at the County School, Bluchouse Lane, Oxted. Members of the S.A.S. who attend are asked to introduce themselves to the President of the Society, R. H. G. Leveson-Gower, Esq., or to the Secretary, Col. F. Richard Wright, O.B.E.

LECTURE BY G. C. DUNNING, F.S.A.

TUESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 1965 6.30 p.m.

G. C. Dunning, F.S.A., the leading authority on mediaeval pottery in England, will be lecturing the London Natural History Society. His subject will be *Mediaeval pottery and its use in tracing trade connections between England and the Continent*. The lecture will be given at the College of Preceptors, 2 Bloomsbury Square, W.1.

Members of the Surrey Archaeological Society are invited to attend as guests of the Chairman of the Archaeological Section of the L.N.H.S.

MARCH MEETINGS

SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

MEETING No. 1 SATURDAY, 20th MARCH, 1965

LECTURES AT GUILDFORD

To be held at the Brew House, Guildford (near the Library).

11 a.m. Lecture with slides by Dr. Edwin Course on *The Reading, Guildford and Reigate Railway*.

2 p.m. Lecture to be arranged by Mr. R. Robertson-Mackay. It is very much regretted that details of this lecture cannot be given in this *Bulletin* but they will be printed in the *March Bulletin*.

Tickets: Members 2/6 Visitors 3/6 Students 1/6

Maximum capacity of the hall is 80, so please apply for tickets as early as possible to:-

Mrs. R. K. Chiles,
38 Court Hill, Sanderstead.
and NOT to Castle Arch.

Please note that Mrs. Chiles is now the secretary of the Visits Committee and in future all communications must be sent to her private address and not to Castle Arch.

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C.B.A. GROUP 11A

It may be of interest to outline recent developments in the Council for British Archaeology which are likely to have considerable influence on the future of the Surrey Archaeological Society. A feature of the C.B.A. is the regional grouping, usually covering several counties, of county and local societies and museums for collaboration in matters of common concern. Group 11 covers Kent, Sussex and Surrey, but for various reasons has not been active.

During 1964 several ways of activating the Group, in the interests of local archaeology, have been considered. The solution finally adopted was to divide the Group into 11A, consisting of societies in Kent and Surrey, and 11B, those in Sussex. Since this decision was taken the Councils of the Kent and Surrey Archaeological Societies have agreed to go forward jointly in making the new Group 11A a success.

The first step will be a general meeting of the societies, museums etc., in Kent and Surrey who are either already members of the C.B.A. or are closely interested in its work. Arrangements for this meeting, which will be held at a centre convenient to most of the societies, are in hand and invitations will be sent out shortly. The object of this meeting will be to create a working machinery for the new Group, which can organise joint activities, foster relations with Sussex and with Group 10 across the Thames, and contribute to the annual report of the C.B.A.

A highly satisfactory feature of the negotiations of the past year have been the close relations, and the unanimity on all essential issues, of the Kent and Surrey Archaeological Societies. This provides a sound basis for the future co-operation and for the efficient working of the new Group. There is every reason to believe that the local societies will share this attitude and play a full part in the activities of the Group.

E. S. Wood.

Hon. Secretary.

EXCAVATION NOTICE

ORCHARD HILL, CARSHALTON: MESOLITHIC SITE
(N.G.R.: TQ 278643)

Directors: MR. AND MRS. D. J. TURNER AND MR. J. GILES.

The excavation of this important site, organised by the Beddington, Carshalton and Wallington Archaeological Society, is continuing at weekends. Building on the site is expected to start in the early summer and as much information and material as possible must be extracted from the site before it is built over. Volunteers are required both for digging and for the sorting of the mesolithic material. Offers of help with an analysis of the post mediaeval pottery (mainly 19th century) from the top soil would also be welcome.

Digging is carried out every weekend (weather permitting) and work starts on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and on Sundays at 2.0 p.m.

Access is from the track that runs westwards from the south end of Church Hill, Carshalton. The site is due south of The Greyhound P.H. and south-west of the parish church.

Enquiries to Mr. D. J. Turner, 14 Fairlawn Road, S.W.19.
(Telephone: CHERRYWOOD 3032).

LIBRARY NOTES

The Library Committee at its meeting on 6th October welcomed the publication of the monthly *Bulletin*.

The Society is indebted to Miss J. M. Harries, B.A., F.L.A., who has commenced work on an index for volumes 39 to 61 of the *Collections*. Thanks are extended to Mrs. Boisseau, Mrs. Cook, Miss Hills, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Seed and Mrs. Vinter for their invaluable assistance as library helpers.

The Hon. Librarian would be pleased to hear from any member willing to help with the sorting, mounting, classifying, indexing and filing of the Society's collection of newspaper cuttings.

At the Council meeting held on the 23rd October it was decided to purchase the Ordnance Survey National Grid Maps of Surrey, scale 25 inches to one mile, as they are published. The complete set for Surrey is expected to be published by about 1980 and will consist of seven to eight hundred sheets. Mrs. Grenside's kind gift to the Society of forty guineas will be used for the purchase of the maps in the first instance.

The Library Committee is grateful to all those members who have generously made gifts of books, pamphlets and other material of which details will appear in the Annual Report. The Hon. Librarian will be pleased to receive suggestions of books for addition to stock.

For sale: volumes 2 and 3 of Manning and Bray's *History of Surrey*. Offers in the region of £7 to Lt. Col. A. C. Locke, Tregarth, Kings Road, Alton, Hants.

Miss P.M.St. J. Brewer,
Hon. Librarian.

PROPOSAL FOR A MEMBERS' QUERIES SERVICE

All too often members pursue their researches into the county's history and archaeology in comparative isolation, with little opportunity to discuss problems or progress with others of like interest or greater experience. It has been suggested therefore that a queries service might be of interest and use to members and it is proposed to give space to publishing queries and answers in the *Bulletin* if demand is sufficiently great.

Those members having queries which they would like answered are invited to forward them to Mr. B. F. J. Pardoe, Green Lane Lodge, Chertsey. Mr. Pardoe has offered to help the editors in this connection.

Mr. Pardoe would also be particularly pleased to hear from members having specialised knowledge of any aspect of history or archaeology, local or national, as he hopes to compile a register of those to whom queries can on occasion be referred for an expert answer.

LOCAL NOTES

Byfleet: Grasmere (N.G.R.: TQ 068613)

Shortly to be demolished is Grasmere, Parvis Lane. The centre of the building is of eighteenth century date, but it had considerable additions about 1860 and later and is in very bad repair indeed.

(K. W. E. Gravett).

Carshalton: Orchard Hill (N.G.R.: TQ 278643)

This site (mentioned briefly in the January *Bulletin*) is proving more important than had been expected. The density of flint artefacts indicates a working area but only slight undisturbed remains of a working floor have as yet been found. The material is mainly waste flakes, cores and calcined flint, but microliths and scrapers have also been found. A small quantity of R-B pottery and a few mediaeval sherds have been recovered as well.

(D. J. Turner).

Cheam: Whitehall (N.G.R.: TQ 243638)

Sutton and Cheam Borough Council recently acquired Whitehall at Cheam. This very fine, continuous-jetty type, Hall-house, with crown post roof of c. 1500, retains one original chimney with oven openings. A porch and staircase were added about the middle of the sixteenth century, when the attics and dormer windows were inserted and the large southern chimney added. A mid-seventeenth century addition to the rear is reputed to have been built in connection with Cheam School. The house was carefully restored just before 1800, when the weatherboarding was added. It is largely in this state, only minor additions of kitchen and w.c. being made at the back, and is a particularly fine example of its period. Plans and detail drawings have been prepared.

Nonsuch Cottage next door has a chalk block wall through the centre and, as originally built, about 1600, this was an outside wall. Two separate additions to the south were made in the late eighteenth or early nineteenth century, giving a square plan. The short row of cottages to the north were built about the same time as the first additions to Nonsuch Cottage.

(K. W. E. Gravett).

Cranleigh: Local History Collection

Mr. W. Eager, a former resident of Ewhurst, has presented a collection of books on local history to Cranleigh Library: this is forming the nucleus of the collection in the new Local History Room.

(H. R. Tadgell).

Ewell: 31 High Street (N.G.R.: TQ 221624)

Barclay's Bank have applied for planning permission to rebuild their premises at this address. Beneath the altered Georgian frontage is the frame of a sixteenth century timber house. C. S. Willis in *Ewell and Nonsuch* identifies it as the shop of Holland the draper, a Parish Constable in the eighteenth century.

(K. W. E. Gravett).

Lambeth: St. Mary's Church (N.G.R.: TQ 306790)

In the *Transactions* of the Monumental Brass Society, Vol. X, part I, p. 36, a brass additional to those listed by Mill Stephenson (*Monumental Brasses in the British Isles*, 1926 reprinted 1964) is noted. The brass is in the nave of the church and bears the inscription: Georgiana, second daughter of Jonathan Tyers Barrett, 1815, Act 3.

(A. Gilbert).

Worplesdon: Frosbury Farm (N.G.R.: SU 970522)

The barn at Frosbury Farm, recently reduced to a shell by fire is to be demolished. This is of queen strut construction and probably dates from the middle of the sixteenth century.

(K. W. E. Gravett).