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**EXCAVATION NOTICES**

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

Director: **THE VISCOUNTESS HANWORTH.**

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

Access to the site is via Coneyhurst Lane:  $\frac{1}{2}$  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).

**WESTON WOOD, ALBURY: MESOLITHIC SETTLEMENT  
(N.G.R.: TQ 053485)**

Director: **MRS. K. L. MACHIN**

The Mesolithic horizon at Weston Wood will be examined throughout the weekend 6th/7th August. Please bring trowel, bucket and shovel if possible.

Enquiries to: Mrs. Machin, Amlets Hill, Cranleigh.

**WOODLANDS PARK, LEATHERHEAD:  
ROMAN BUILDING, POSSIBLE TEMPLE  
(N.G.R.: TQ 151587)**

Director: **F. A. HASTINGS**

Excavation will commence on this site immediately after the harvest. It is planned for the last two weeks in September (17th September to 2nd October) but may be delayed by a late harvest. Volunteers will be kept informed.

Access to the site is by Oakham Road which joins the A244 to the A245. It is mid way between Oxshott and Leatherhead on A244 or between Stoke d'Abernon and Leatherhead on A245. The site is in a field opposite "Dorincourt".

Enquiries to: Mr. F. A. Hastings, 47 Kingsmead Avenue, Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey.

(Telephone: Elmbridge 9774).

**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. Details were given in *Bulletin* No. 18 (June).

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

**SOUTHWARK AND LAMBETH**

**EXCAVATIONS ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHWARK ARCHAEOLOGICAL  
EXCAVATIONS COMMITTEE**

**NEWINGTON.** Work will take place daily, including Saturday and Sunday but excluding Wednesday, from Sunday, 7th August to Sunday, 14th August, inclusive, on a site at the Elephant and Castle next to the Metropolitan Tabernacle. The site is in the middle of the Medieval settlement of Newington.

Entrance to the site is from St. Gabriel Street, the cul-de-sac south of the site. The site is close to the Elephant and Castle Southern Region and L.T. Stations and is on numerous bus routes.

**KILN DUMP, LAMBETH.** Weekend excavation will take place on the presumed site of a dump from a 17th/18th century pottery kiln, from Sunday, 28th August until December, every Sunday from 10 a.m. to dusk.

The site is situated in Lambeth High Street, near Whitgift Street. Lambeth High Street runs between Lambeth Road and Black Prince Road. It is within walking distance of Vauxhall Station and is near bus routes 3 and 44. Facilities for obtaining food in the area on Sundays are likely to be scarce and volunteers are recommended to bring their own.

Enquiries to: Secretary, S.A.E.C., Cuming Museum, Walworth Road, S.E.17.

**BADSHOT LEA: SITE OF MOATED MANOR HOUSE  
(N.G.R.: SU 863486)**

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

As a result of the successful Whitsun excavation, work will be continued on this site on Sundays starting at 10 a.m.

**Directions:** From Farnham - Guildford road (A31) turn at traffic lights at Runfold railway bridge, on to A324. Bear right. Site is about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile on left behind high red brick wall. Entrance across cattle grid.

Car parking on site. All volunteers welcome.

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

or I. G. Dormor, Langton, Bridgefield, Farnham.  
(Telephone: Farnham 5491).

## GENERAL NOTES AND NOTICES

### Local Secretaries : Addition to list

Anthony J. Clark, F.S.A., has been appointed Hon. Local Secretary for Compton, Puttenham, Wanborough and Worplesdon.

### S.A.S. Library

Volume 2 of the *Oxford History of Technology* is missing from the Library. There is no record of it being on loan to a member. Will members please check whether this book is in their possession ?

Will new members and others using the Library for the first time please make themselves known to the Steward on duty in the Museum in order that they may be shown how to use the Library and the facilities available ?

### Bulletin

*Brief contributions to the Bulletin are invited on topics and discoveries of interest to members.*

*Space can be given in the Bulletin for the publication of queries regarding topics of local archaeological and historical interest and for replies to such queries. Queries, and replies, should be sent to Mr. B. F. J. Pardoe, Green Lane Lodge, Chertsey.*

*The Editors would also like to hear from Local Groups and Societies organising activities which S.A.S. members and others may attend.*

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## LOCAL NOTES

### Dorking: Pottery (TQ 164502)

Sherds of Romano-British and Medieval pottery were given to Guildford Museum in April by Mr. E. A. Boyle of Chalk Pit Piece, Yew Tree Road, Dorking. They were found in the donor's garden, but redistribution of the soil by the builders in terracing the site of houses in this vicinity makes it impossible to locate the original position of the finds, although it appears that this must have been within a comparatively short distance. The size of the R-B sherds indicates an occupation site and not merely a casual scatter.

(F. W. Holling).

### Dunsfold: Romano-British pits (TQ 023368)

The discovery of R-B rubbish pits at this site near High Billingshurst was reported in the *Bulletin* for April 1965. A further pit was located nearby in March this year while the field adjoining the ditch was being ploughed. This pit contained more first century pottery similar to the previous finds, and also many lumps of partly burnt material, a specimen of which has been examined by Mr. B. C. Worssam of the Geological Survey. In his opinion, this may be a shrave (a form of concretion found in some places on Weald clay which was smelted for its iron content at early iron-working sites). The material from the pit is in the Guildford Museum.

(F. W. Holling).

*Oatlands Palace*, by J. W. Lindus Forge. 24pp., 2 illustrations. (Walton and Weybridge Historical Society. Price 3/- from R. Hargrave, 16 Annett Road, Walton-on-Thames.)

The Introduction to this, Paper No. 1 of the Walton and Weybridge Historical Society, promises publication by the Society from time to time of transcripts and 'more scholarly papers' on the history and architecture of Oatlands. This is welcome news, for modern team-research into this second vanished hunting-lodge of the latter years of Henry VIII is long overdue. 'It is', writes Mr. Lindus Forge, 'humiliating to confess that we still are uncertain of exactly where the palace stood'.

The present pamphlet is intended to serve as an introduction to those which are to follow. It outlines in 'frankly popular' style the story of the building work and the history of the palace through Tudor and Stuart times to its destruction after the execution of Charles I. The author expects later research to modify some of the details of what he has written; but it is in many ways a pity that those responsible for its publication allowed so absorbing and (surely?) marketable a piece of work to be issued in duplicated type-script and with a number of lapses of spelling and punctuation. It was worth the dignity of print, even though a revised edition may later be needed.

J.D.

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## FUTURE MEETINGS

### AUGUST

Friday, 5th. 8.0 p.m. GLASS THROUGH THE AGES. Lecture by D. Philpott to the Archaeological Section of the Wandsworth Historical Society at Wandsworth Baths.

There will be no Surrey Archaeological Society meeting in August.

### SEPTEMBER

It is regretted that, at the time of going to press, no details of the proposed S.A.S. walk are available.

### NOVEMBER

Saturday, 5th. A joint symposium on Local History will be held with the SURREY LOCAL HISTORY COUNCIL at Dorking Halls. Details will appear nearer the date.

**Limpsfield: Flint axe**

A ground and polished flint axe, found about 1900 by the donor's brother, was given to Guildford Museum in April this year by Prof. K. W. Braid of Aberdeen. The location of the find is described as a hop field belonging to Boulthurst Farm.

(F. W. Holling).

**Limpsfield: Earthwork at Hell Shaw (TQ 39135499)**

An apparently unrecorded earthwork of Medieval or later date has been discovered at Hell Shaw, Limpsfield. It is rectangular and is clearly delineated by a single bank and external ditch. Four unglazed Medieval sherds have been recovered from the surface inside the enclosure.

The earthwork is to be published in a forthcoming edition of the *Collections*.

(M. Farley).

**Southwark: Madron Street (TQ 333784)**

Members of the London Natural History Society (Archaeological Section), directed by V. F. Bignell, recently attempted to carry out by augering a search for evidence for the course of Watling Street at a cleared site in Madron Street. Layers of bricks and concrete allowed only one boring to be completed and no satisfactory conclusions could be reached.

(D. J. Turner).

**Titsey: Earthwork at Kitchen Grove (TQ 39555675)**

An apparently unrecorded earthwork of Medieval or later date has been found to the north of Cheverells Farm, Titsey. It is, in effect, three embanked enclosures laid end to end, two having fairly clearly defined entrances. Thirteen unglazed sherds of Medieval pottery have been recovered from the surface, including a slashed jug handle of a type commonly associated with the Limpsfield kiln group ascribed to the thirteenth century.

The earthwork is to be published in a forthcoming edition of the *Collections*.

(M. Farley).

**Walton-on-the-Hill: Field system (TQ 241566)**

The archaeological field group has found what appears to be traces of an extensive field system and would like to know whether this has been noted previously.

(R. P. Belsey).

**Witley Common: Barrow (TQ 923399)**

A large and well preserved bowl barrow has been found on Witley Common. It is approximately 100 ft. in diameter and eight feet high. There is no trace of a surrounding ditch. It is approximately one quarter of a mile from the barrow opposite the Half Moon Inn, which is a scheduled ancient monument.

(R. P. Belsey).

(This barrow has been the subject of a resistivity survey and has been reported to the Ministry of Public Building and Works and to the Ordnance Survey — *Eds.*)

## REVIEWS

*The Case for a Regional Educational Museum in Croydon.* C.N.H.S.S. Price 3/- from P. W. Scowan, 1 Chaucer Cottages, Pilgrim's Way, Croham Road, South Croydon.)

This document was published early this year and summarises the history of attempts to obtain museum provision in Croydon from 1866 to date. Some account of the Grange Wood Museum and its unhappy fate is given, and brief notes on some sources of more or less available material suitable for various kinds of museum applications either held by the Society, or in the hands of individuals or other organisations.

It is argued that a Croydon Museum should — certainly in its display and amateur research departments — limit itself to the Croydon area. The scope of the museum should be wide enough, ultimately, to include some treatment of the natural history, geography, archaeology, history and present-day aspects of Croydon and its region. Emphasis should be put upon good display technique, the aim being to make the museum an active part of further education within the town.

In association with the regional museum, there should be a school museums service. The scope of this could be made a little wider than that of the museum itself.

The project has, as always, shewn up as the kind of thing which many people will hail as a good idea, but which few can find sufficient time to help towards success. The Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society's Officers and Council members have had far less time than they would have liked to devote to the matter.

Nevertheless, progress so far has been more striking than it was in some previous attempts. The Libraries Committee of the Borough Council has for consideration a proposal that a museum should be started in the Town Hall when new municipal offices are opened shortly. A decision cannot be expected until other plans for the building have been considered. The Local Education Authority is examining the museum service proposal very sympathetically. Expressions of support for the proposals have been received from all or most of the leading cultural and educational organisations within the Borough.

The next development, in the absence of any encouraging moves from the Borough Council, may be the development of a Council of Croydon Cultural and Educational Organizations to speak in concert for their members, who are, in total, a significant proportion of the population of Croydon.

P.W.S.

*Lewis Carroll and Guildford.* 4pp. plus 9 illustrations. (Guildford Corporation. Price 1/-).

Charles Dodgson first came to Guildford three years after the publication of *Alice*, searching for a home for his six sisters. This he found at The Chestnuts near the castle ruins. The family remained connected with Guildford for more than sixty years. Guildford Museum contains many records and relics of Lewis Carroll, mainly in the Dodgson Family Collection which was placed on permanent loan in Guildford Muniment Room in 1965. Other material had previously been acquired from time to time and a selection is kept on permanent display. This well produced pamphlet gives a brief but adequate introduction to this collection and is illustrated by reproductions of items from it.

D.J.T.