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OBITUARY: MR. J. W. LINDUS FORGE

We record with great regret the death of one of the Society's longest standing members, Mr. J. W. Lindus Forge, who died in January following a road accident.

Jim Lindus Forge joined the Society in 1933. When the Society's Conservation Committee was set up in 1970, he was an obvious choice as a founder member, since he was a professional architect who worked in a practice which specialised in the preservation of historic buildings. In 1971 he became the Chairman of the Committee, a post he held till 1975. Even after his retirement as Chairman, the Committee continued to benefit from his experience and skill in the conservation field, since he continued to serve as local representative in the Elmbridge District, advising on many cases involving Listed Buildings and appearing at Public Inquiries. He also advised on specialist matters elsewhere in the County, including making a record of the historic Baynards House during its demolition, and served as the Society's representative on the Surrey Historic Buildings Trust.

His wisdom and humour will be greatly missed by all those who worked with him over the years.

S.A.S. VISIT TO ROCHESTER AND DISTRICT

arranged by Miss E. C. Clark

Saturday, 20th July

- 8.20 a.m. Coach departs from Guildford, rear of B.R. station in Guildford Park Road.
- 8.50 a.m. Dorking Halls.
- 9.05 a.m. Reigate, opposite Red Cross public house.
- 10.30 a.m. Arrive Rochester. Coffee.
- 10.50 a.m. Guided tour with City Guide, to include Watts Charity, founded in 1579 for a "nights lodging for six poor travellers", and 17th century Guildhall Council Chamber. The morning will end with a quick guided tour of the Romanesque Cathedral.
- 1.00 p.m. Lunch break, a variety of pubs, etc. available, or picnic in Castle grounds (with a kiosk selling drinks). Time will be allowed to explore the Castle which dominates the Watling Street crossing of the Medway, or visit the Dickens Centre, etc.

- 3.00 p.m. Leave from a pick-up point near the Cathedral for Cobham to visit the church with the Cobham family brasses, described by Pevsner as "a fabulous collection", the largest and most coherent group in the country, and the college (of Lingfield) founded in 1362 adapted in 1598 into 20 almshouses and still used as such.
Tea at The Leather Bottle. (Price £1.00 payable on the day, please state if tea is *not* required when booking.)
Continue to Cooling, the marshes and churchyard of Great Expectations, and to Cliffe also overlooking the North Kent marshes and with a magnificent church.
- 5.30 p.m. Arrive at Gad's Hill, where we shall be shown round the (approx.) 18th century house where Dickens lived.
- 6.00 p.m. Leave for Surrey, arriving back between 7.30 and 8.00 p.m.

Tickets: Members 50p, Visitors 60p, Students half price, accompanied children free. Coach fare including guided tours and entrance to the Cathedral, £5.50, Children £4.75. Please send cheques to Mrs. Jean West, 123 Ewell By Pass, Ewell, Epsom, KT17 2PX. Applications not later than 10th July. Please indicate picking-up point. If a substantial number book a refund may be made, but if insufficient bookings within 10 days of departure then the coach will have to be cancelled. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

In the event of a postal strike please contact Mrs. West by 'phone (01-393 8970).

S.A.S. VISIT TO BAGSHOT AND WINDLESHAM

has now been arranged for Saturday, 19th October. Full details will be announced in a later *Bulletin*.

S.A.S. Excavations Committee Annual Symposium

The Symposium was held on 30th March 1985 at Dorking Halls and was extremely well attended. The day provided the audience with a balanced view of recent professional and amateur work, both within and just out of the County. The programme commenced with Judie English's account of the Roman 'Posting Station' and accompanying settlement at Alfoldean and of her work in recording the section exposed in a road ditch that has been cut through the site. This has revealed that the extra mural settlement was much larger than previously suspected and lay along Stane Street to the south of the 'Station' itself. This was followed by Jeremy Hodgkinson's review of the multifarious activities of the Wealden Iron Research Group. The Group's fieldwork has added considerably to the number of known sites, especially of the earlier bloomery type and has had the added bonus of finding a number of artefacts, such as the steel tipped cannon borer now on display in Lewes. Anna Mercer then described the extremely important Rankine Collection, which has been acquired recently by Farnham Museum. The Collection consists of material of all periods, though perhaps with greatest emphasis on the Mesolithic. In the main the finds come from the Farnham area, though no doubt references to a pot from Dorking will not have escaped local ears! Lesley Adkins concluded the morning session by describing her reassessment of the material from the ditched enclosure on the Queen Mary's Hospital site at Carshalton. This enclosure is now considered to be late Bronze Age in date and to have gone out of use around 700 BC. Many questions remain unanswered and an excavation will be essential if the site is ever threatened with development.

David Field started the afternoon off by describing his continuing excavation work on the newly discovered Felday enclosure at Holmbury St. Mary. This earthwork covers an area twice as large as the nearby and better known Holmbury Hillfort, and is dated to the period 50BC – 70AD. Its discovery shows that in all probability many other earthworks remain undetected in the wood and heathland areas of the County. Stuart Needham then brought us up to date on the research excavations at Runnymede Bridge. These have shown that the Bronze Age occupation levels extend to the west of the areas examined during the earlier rescue excavations. Deep trenching has revealed Neolithic material on the site and intriguingly also evidence for the presence of beavers in the Thames at this period. The lectures ended with Robin Densem's description of recent archaeological excavations in Southwark. These have taken place on a number of development sites and have produced evidence of multi period occupation of the area. Perhaps the Roman period produced the most spectacular results with its large masonry buildings, inscription, an amphora complete with mackerel heads, burials and much more.

The programme was completed with the presentation of the 1985 Margary Award to John Chapman for his work on the dog bones from a Roman Ritual Shaft at Staines. The Excavations Committee very much hope that John's example will encourage others to enter for the Competition in future years.

John Gower proposed a vote of thanks to Eric Wood for acting as Chairman and for the way in which he quietly but firmly kept the proceedings to schedule. The Symposium then closed allowing a further chance to view the exhibits and bookstalls, which were as usual, of a very high standard.

The Committee would like to thank the speakers and the exhibitors for their contributions, Susan Janaway and Roger Ellaby for their administrative work, Jenny Moss for her excellent teas and indeed all those whose hard work in the background helped to make the day go smoothly. Finally a thank you to the many people who came along and whose presence as an audience made the day so worthwhile.

You might like to note that the next Symposium will be held on 22nd February, 1986.

David Graham

Excavations on the site of the Dominican Friary at Guildford

This lecture, given by Rob Poulton, and arranged jointly with the Department of Educational Studies, University of Surrey, was held at the University on March 7th and attracted an audience of 130. Rob is to be congratulated on his excellent presentation, and the Society is most grateful to MEPC Ltd., the owners of the Friary Centre, for providing the refreshments before the lecture.

Equipment for Excavations

The Society has some excavation equipment which may be borrowed by members or Groups. In addition to trowels, buckets, wheelbarrows, the equipment available includes: fencing (electric and chestnut paling), plastic sheeting, flotation sieves, Elsan + chemicals, Calor gas cooker and surveying equipment. A complete list is available from Mrs. Ann Watson, Well Cottage, Hatchford End, Cobham KT11 1NA (Tel. Cobham 62983).

In some cases delivery of small items of equipment can be arranged.

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Members are reminded that most books may be borrowed by post. For members residing more than 20 miles from Guildford, the Society will bear the outward cost of postage but in all other instances, members are responsible for refunding postage and paying to return the books.

Issues of periodicals are also available for loan as above, or a photocopy of a single article can be supplied subject to copyright. A short-title list of the periodicals and newsletters currently received at the library is available on application to the Librarian at Castle Arch — please supply a s.a.e. if you wish it to be sent to you.

MEETINGS

MAY

Tuesday 7th, 8.00 p.m.

TOMBS, CHANTRIES AND CHURCHES AS RELIQUARIES. Lecture in The Gothic Centuries course by Richard Pestell. Lecture Theatre E, University of Surrey, Guildford.

Saturday 11th

SAS VISIT TO SALISBURY AND OLD SARUM. Details given in *Bulletin* 199.

Tuesday 14th, 8.00 p.m.

THE WORLD BENEATH THEIR FEET. Lecture in The Gothic Centuries course by Elizabeth Eames. Details as above.

Tuesday 14th, 7.30 p.m.

BEDDINGTON ROMAN VILLA EXCAVATIONS. Talk by Roy Adkins to Southwark & Lambeth A.S. at John Harvard Library, Borough High Street.

Tuesday 14th, 8.00 p.m.

SARA TRIMMER AND THE FREE SCHOOLS. Talk by Mrs. D. Yarde to Egham-by-Runnymede H.S. at the Literary Institute, Egham.

Wednesday 15th, 7.45 p.m.

PAINSHILL PARK. Talk by Lesley Howes to Croydon NHSS at East Croydon UR Church Hall, Addiscombe Grove.

Tuesday 21st, 8.00 p.m.

THE RUNNING OF A LARGE CATHEDRAL. Lecture in The Gothic Centuries course by Dr. John Lowerson. Details as above.

Tuesday 28th, 8.00 p.m.

A STITCH IN TIME: COSTUME AND EMBROIDERY. Final lecture in The Gothic Centuries course by Mary Alexander. Details as above.

Friday 31st, 8.00 p.m.

BOW PORCELAIN. Talk by Patricia Wilkinson to Wandsworth HS at the Friends Meeting House, Wandsworth High Street.

JUNE

Saturday 1st

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Surrey Local History Council at Beddington.

Wednesday 5th, 8.00 p.m.

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES FIRE BRIGADES. Talk by Brian Wright to Nonsuch AS at St. Mary's Church Hall, Ewell.

Tuesday 11th, 7.45 p.m.

LANDSLIPS IN SOUTHERN BRITAIN AND THEIR IMPACT ON PEOPLE. Lecture by Dr. E. Bromhead to Croydon NHSS at East Croydon UR Church Hall, Addiscombe Grove.

Saturday 15th

SAS VISIT TO SOUTHAMPTON AND LYNDHURST AREA. See *Bulletin* 200 for details.

Saturday 29th June, 10.00 a.m.

FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP. Central Library, St. Nicholas Way, Sutton. Arranged by Sutton Library in collaboration with East Surrey Family History Society. Speakers will be Michael Gandy, Stella Colwell, Cecil Humphrey-Smith and Lord Teviot.

Tickets £10 (including buffet lunch and refreshments) available from any library in the Borough of Sutton (01-661 5050).

Early Notice

COUNCIL FOR KENTISH ARCHAEOLOGY: AUTUMN CONFERENCE.

Recent Archaeological Discoveries in Roman Towns

on Saturday 9th November, 1985 (2.15 to 5.30 p.m.)

at Christ Church College, North Holmes Road, Canterbury. Illustrated talks on recent archaeological discoveries and excavations in three Roman towns in the South East.

Chichester	Alec Down
Canterbury	Timothy Tatton-Brown
Dover	Brian Philp

Tickets: Price £1 (payable Council for Kentish Archaeology), from C.K.A., 5 Harvest Bank Road, West Wickham, Kent.

Next Bulletin

The next *Bulletin* covers June–July; copy must reach the Editor by Saturday 11th May.

Other *Bulletin* issues planned for the rest of 1985:

August—copy required by 6th July

September—copy required by 3rd August

October—copy required by 7th September

November—copy required by 5th October

December 1985/

January 1986—copy required by 10th November

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