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S.A.S. VISITS 1986

Wednesday, 30th April	Leatherhead — details given below
Saturday, 17th May	Roehampton and Wimbledon
Wednesday, 11th June	Waltham Abbey and Ware
Saturday, 19th July	Cranleigh
Thursday, 7th —	
Sunday, 10th August	Four day stay at Worcester — details given below
Saturday, 6th September	Ewelme and Wallingford
Saturday, 27th September	Harrow on Hill and Stanmore
Thursday, 16th October	Selborne and Chawton

VISIT TO LEATHERHEAD

Arranged by Mrs. Jean West with help from Mr. Laurie Smith,
Leatherhead & District History Museum

Wednesday, 30th April

- 9.45 a.m. Meet at the Leatherhead Museum, Church Street, (opposite the end of The Crescent).
10.00 a.m. Coffee and a look round the Museum.
10.30 a.m. Proceed to the Parish Church.
10.45 a.m. Look at the church, followed by a guided tour of the town including many buildings; The Mansion House, Thorncroft Manor, Sweech House.
12.45 p.m. Break for lunch. There are many pubs and cafes, or picnic by the river.
2.15 p.m. Reassemble at the multi-storey car park in Leret Way. Proceed to Rowhurst Farm, Oxshott Road.
2.30 p.m. Tour of the 16th century farmhouse, forge and gallery. (By courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Quinnell). Followed by tea. Please state if tea is not required when applying for tickets.
5.00 p.m. Disperse.
(approx.)

Tickets: 50p members, 60p non-members, students half price, accompanied children free. Cost: £2.00 to include coffee, afternoon tea and donations. Please send cheques to Mrs. Jean West, 123 Ewell By Pass, Ewell, Epsom, KT17 2PX. (Tel. 01-393 8970). Bookings not later than 15th April to enable final arrangements to be made. Numbers limited to 40.

FOUR DAY STAY AT WORCESTER

7th-10th August

Arrangements are being made for a four day stay at the Worcester College of Higher Education, Henwick Road, Worcester. The cost will be approximately £65-70 which will include all except lunches, although Sunday lunch is included. Car parties will meet at Redditch National Needle Museum, to be followed by a guided tour of Bordesley Abbey excavations before arrival at the College. Friday will be spent in Worcester visiting the Cathedral, the Guildhall, Greyfriars (N.T.) and the Tudor Museum if time permits. Saturday will start in Hereford at the Museum of Cider followed by a visit to the Old House Museum. In the afternoon to Eastnor Castle and Ledbury. Sunday will include Tewkesbury Old Baptist Chapel and the Bredon Tithe Barn (N.T.). Coach travel each day will be provided, including transport between station and college. Times to be confirmed. Lectures each evening. Literature pack to all participants.

Please contact Mrs. Jean West, 123 Ewell By Pass, Ewell, Epsom KT17 2PX. A £20 deposit would be helpful. Please state if O.A.P. and/or N.T. member (cards will have to be produced). Bookings not later than 24th July to enable final arrangements to be completed.

COACH OUTING TO RURAL OXFORDSHIRE

(Organised by Surrey Roman Villa Group)

Saturday, 19th April

The outing will include visits to North Leigh Roman Villa, Combe Beam Engine Mill, Woodstock County Museum, the Rollright Stones and Minster Lovell's 15th century manor house. The coach will start from Dorking Halls at 8.30 a.m. with a pick-up at Guildford Railway Station at 9.00 a.m. Cost, to include coach fare, admission charges and coach driver's gratuity: £6.75, senior citizens: £6.35, Heritage membership card holders, whether or not senior citizens: £5.50.

For further details and booking forms please contact Mr. Leslie Le Mottee, Little Rising, Ermyn Way, Leatherhead KT22 8TW. (Ashted 74107).

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at the University of Surrey at Guildford on Saturday, November 23rd with the President in the chair. The Viscountess Hanworth was re-elected President and the existing Honorary Vice-Presidents and Vice-Presidents were re-elected. In addition Mr. F. H. Thompson, FSA was elected an Honorary Vice-President and Mr. J. N. Hampton, FSA was elected a Vice-President. Miss G. M. Drew was elected Honorary Librarian and the remaining Honorary Officers were re-elected. The following were elected as members of Council for the next four years: Mr. R. G. M. Baker, Miss A. J. Monk, Miss E. M. Myatt-Price, Mr. C. R. Orton, Mr. J. W. Wakely and Mr. R. W. Williams. Mr. A. C. Sargent was re-elected auditor.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the President for conducting the meeting and to Professor Crocker and the University of Surrey for their generous hospitality. The meeting was followed by a lecture on 'The Decorations of the Inner Court of Nonsuch Palace' by Dr. Josephine Turquet.

Honorary Local Secretaries

The following appointments have recently been made:

Esher, the Dittons, East & West Molesey — Mr. R. J. Webber,
8 Kelvin Grove, Hook, Chessington KT9 1DP.

Walton & Weybridge — Mr. J. S. L. Pulford, 67 York Gardens,
Walton-on-Thames KT12 3EN.

Volume 76 of the Collections

All paid-up members should have received Volume 76 of the Society's Collections in November or December either by post or delivered by hand. Will any member who has not received their copy please inform Mrs. Susan Janaway at Castle Arch (Guildford 32454).

Once again the Council of the Society is most grateful to the many volunteers who hand delivered this publication to members within the county thereby saving postage and packing costs of over £700.

In order to make the hand delivery of Society publications as efficient as possible members are urged to inform Mrs. Janaway (in advance if possible) of any change of address or if they intend to resign their membership.

Any member who would like to help with the hand delivery, in any capacity, is asked to contact the Honorary Secretaries at Castle Arch.

Library Store: Hatchlands

The following back issues of journals have recently been removed from the Library to off-site store at Hatchlands:

Transactions of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society (to 1982).

Home Counties Magazine.

South Eastern Naturalist.

Transactions of the East Riding Antiquarian Society.

Archaeologia Aeliana. 4th series (to 1973).

British Archaeological Association. New series (1918–1951).

Transactions of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society.

No unbound journals will be removed from the Library, so recent copies of all these journals will still be found at Castle Arch.

It will be necessary to give notice if a member wishes to see any of the journals at Hatchlands, and messages may be left on the answerphone at Castle Arch. The Society does not have unrestricted access to Hatchlands, so it may not be possible to produce material in less than a week.

The Library Committee much regrets any inconvenience this may cause members. The staff at Castle Arch will do their best to comply with requests, and we very much hope that the problems of off-site storage can be kept to a minimum. We do ask for members' understanding that this is necessary to enable the Library to continue to grow. Any further removals will be notified in the *Bulletin*.

Gillian Drew,
Chairman, Library Committee

Recent Accessions to the Society's Library

1. GENERAL

Association of Archaeological Illustrators and Surveyors

Technical Paper 2. Computers in archaeological draughtsmanship.

Technical Paper 5. The archaeological illustrator and the law of copyright.

Technical Paper 7. Drawing for microfiche publication.

Barringer, C. (Editor) Aspects of East Anglian pre-history, 20 years after Rainbird Clarke. (Geo Books, 1984)

- Blagg, J. F. C. and King, A.C. (Editors) *Military and civilian in Roman Britain*. (BAR British Series 136, 1984).
- Branigan, K. (Editor) *Rome and the Brigantes: the impact of Rome on northern England*. (Univ. Sheffield, 1980).
- Childe, V. Gordon. *Piecing together the past*. (Routledge & K.P., 1956).
- Cleere, Henry and Crossley, David. *The iron industry of the Weald*. (Leicester U.P., 1985).
- Cookson, N. A. *Romano-British mosaics: a reassessment and critique*. (BAR British Series 135, 1984).
- Dimbleby, G. *The palynology of archaeological sites*. (Academic Press, 1985).
- Dorigo, W. *Late Roman paintings: a study of pictorial records*. (J. M. Dent, 1971).
- English Place Name Society. (O. J. Padel) Vol. LVI–LVII, *Cornish place name elements*. (1985).
- English Place Name Society. (K. Cameron) Vol. LVIII, *Place Names of Lincolnshire*. (1984).
- Foster, Sheppard. *British archives: a guide to archive resources in the U.K.* (Macmillan, 1984).
- Harvey, John. *English Medieval Architects: a bibliographical dictionary down to 1550*. Rev. ed. (Alan Sutton, 1984).
- Herbert, B. K. *A fieldwalkers guide and an introduction to the iron industries of the Weald*. (B. K. Herbert, 1985).
- Mackay, James. *Collecting local history*. (Longman, 1984).
- Midwinter, E. *Victorian social reform*. (Longman, 1968) (gift).
- Midwinter, E. *Nineteenth century education*. (Longman, 1970) (gift).
- Riden, Philip (Editor). *Probate records and the local community*. (Sutton, 1985).
- Rivet, A. L. F. (Editor). *The Roman villa in Britain*. (Routledge & K.P., 1969).
- Shennan, S. *Experiments in the collection and analysis of archaeological survey data*. (Univ. Sheffield, 1985).
- Smith, Terence Paul. *The medieval brickmaking industry in England*. (BAR British Series 138, 1985).
- Summers, P. (Editor). *Hatchments in Britain, No. 5. Kent, Surrey and Sussex*. (Phillimore, 1985).
- Sun Fire Insurance Policies. *Guildford 1714–1731. List of policy holders*.
- Thompson, F. H. (Editor). *Archaeology and coastal change*. (Soc. Antiquaries, 1980).

2. LOCAL — EXCLUDING SURREY

- Blockley, Kevin. *Marshfield: Ironmongers Piece excavations. 1982–83*. (BAR British Series 141, 1985).
- Cunningham, C. M. and Drury, P. J., *Post medieval sites and their pottery: Moulsham Street, Chelmsford*. Chelmsford Arch. Trust. Rep. 5 (CBA Res. Rep. 54).
- Fulford, Michael. *Silchester Defences. 1974–80*. (British Mono Series 5, 1984).
- Lambert, John and Pelly, Margaret. *Sir David Lambert, Lord Mayor of London, 1685–1750, a memoir*. (1985) (gift).
- Leach, Roger. *Early industrial housing: the Trinity area of Frome*. (H.M.S.O., 1981).
- Philp, Brian. *Excavations in the Darent Valley, Kent*. Kent Monograph Ser. 4th Rep. (Alan Sutton, 1984).

3. SURREY — GENERAL

Drewett, John. Shire county guide — Surrey. (Shire, 1985) (gift).
Moul, D. and Thompson, G. Picturesque Surrey. (Contour, 1985 edition).

4. SURREY — LOCAL

Adkins, Lesley and Roy. Mesolithic, Neolithic and Bronze Age flint and artefacts from Little Woodcote. (1985) (gift).
Briggs, D. J., and others. The chronology and environmental framework of early man in the upper Thames Valley. (1985).
Brook, Roy. The story of Eltham Palace. (Harrap, 1960).
Brown, Maisie. The market gardens of Barnes and Mortlake. (1985).
Brown, Michael. Richmond Park: the history of a royal deer park. (R. Hale, 1985).
Guildford Borough. Local plan, inspector's report. (G.B.C., 1985).
Haveron, Francis. A guide to the industrial archaeology of the Waverley area. (S.I.H.G., 1985).
Maddock, N. M., Christ Church, Sutton. 1857-1937, the first 50 years. (1985) (gift).
Mason, J. Cibba's Ham: the story of Chobham. (pamphlet) (gift).
Newberry, Celia. (Editor). A history of sports in Dorking. (1985) (gift).
Taylor, David C. People of Chobham: the Pyports connection. (Barracuda, 1985).
Thornhill, Lillian. The archaeology of Addington. (North Downs Press, 1985) (gift).

EXCAVATION REPORTS, ETC.

Rob Poulton, Archaeological Field Officer, reports on four excavations carried out for the Conservation and Archaeology Section of the Surrey County Council.

Moorhouse Sandpit, Limpsfield (centred TQ 416534)

The area over which Moorhouse Sandpit will expand in future years was tested by geophysical survey. A fluxgate gradiometer was used in its scanning mode to examine the area. No indication of features of archaeological interest was found. Some further work with a resistivity instrument also had negative results.

A small trench was excavated across the line of the Parish boundary between Limpsfield and Titsey. At the surface this was unmarked, but was found to follow the line of a small ditch, which had long since silted up. No dating evidence was found.

Thanks are due to the Titsey Estate Company for financing the work.

West Street, Ewell (centred TQ 219616)

Site watching, salvage recording, and excavation was carried out by Rob Poulton and Martin O'Connell in advance of redevelopment of numbers 2-16 West Street, Ewell. The work was financed by Epsom & Ewell Borough Council who are to be thanked for this and provision of access.

Evidence for a building earlier than those recently demolished was discovered. A chalk cellar and well aligned to West Street were found towards that end of the site, but could not unfortunately be dated. Towards the rear of the properties, a substantial quantity of Roman tile and pottery (principally of the 2nd century) was found associated with a cobbled surface, perhaps part of a yard.

Saxon burial site at the former Goblin Works, Leatherhead (TQ 182567)

An excavation directed by Rob Poulton has uncovered remains of at least 30 interments. Work took place between 23rd September and 29th October in advance of redevelopment of the former Goblin Works as a new headquarters for Esso Petroleum Co., which company generously bore the cost of the operation. The workforce, which was entirely voluntary, deserves particular thanks for its enthusiastic help.

Earlier discoveries close to the site include a pit, noted by Lowther in 1927, containing a number of human bones, and in 1974 a spearhead associated with a burial. The present area was stripped by machine after the discovery of at least three skeletons found during the recent installation of an electricity transformer. These were on one side of the site, on the other side a further burial was found when a borehole was being drilled.

The burials fall into two groups. Firstly there was a series of 17 burials, normally oriented east-west, with well-defined, if generally shallow, graves cut into solid chalk. They included men, women and children, all either supine or extended, or in a sleeping ('foetal') position. Almost all the adult burials contained grave goods, including 2 spear-heads, various knives, bronze buckles and clasps, a bone comb, a necklace of beads, and a cowrie shell (this far travelled item was, perhaps, an amulet). These are clearly pagan Saxon burials of the 6th-7th century A.D.

The second group of burials were distinct in a number of respects. They were varied in orientation, but tending towards a north-south axis, and in general were carelessly interred in very shallow graves which normally did not penetrate solid chalk. Some had their hands behind their backs (presumably tied), others were buried face down, while two were decapitated. All appeared to be adult males. All these facts indicate an execution site, chosen as such because of its pagan connotations after the conversion to Christianity. The possible date range is circa 700-1200 A.D. A large pit containing two small sherds of ?12th century pottery might represent the emplacement for the gallows tree.

No obvious limits to the burials were encountered and it may be that further discoveries will be made during redevelopment:

Excavations at Little Pickle, Bletchingley (centred TQ 335521)

The third season of excavations at Little Pickle, Bletchingley, took place between 26th August and 15th September under the direction of Rob Poulton. Thanks are due to British Industrial Sand for financing the work and to the workforce for their spirited efforts in the fine late summer weather.

It had been demonstrated in previous years that the small (70 metre sq.) bank and ditch earthwork known as Little Pickle had medieval origins, but was, perhaps, subsidiary to an important medieval and early post-medieval building complex in the field to its south. The main aim of this year's work was to define the extent and establish a little more about the nature of these buildings. Accordingly, considerable emphasis was placed upon survey work and a resistivity survey over some 1.2 ha (10,000 readings) undoubtedly detected features of archaeological interest, but computer processing of the results will be needed to obtain the maximum of information. A large hollow (about 90 metres x 10 metres) believed to be a fishpond, in woodland on the eastern edge of the site was carefully plotted, and at its southern end was seen to connect with a ditch curving west towards the field. Excavation showed that it had indeed formerly existed within the field, and, in all probability, represents a ditch (or moat) defining the limits of the building complex.

Two trenches showed that, in one small area, at least three phases of brick walls were present, all demolished in about 1600 A.D. The most interesting aspect of this was a cellar, nearly 2 metres deep, with greensand walls and a brick barrel vault ceiling. Excavation of the earthwork emphasised again its slightness. An interesting series of finds, including a rowel spur, came from the silting and infilling of the ditch in the 15th and 16th centuries.

In conclusion a few words should be said about the status of the site. The character of the finds and the scale of building encountered in the previous two seasons' work had led to the suggestion that this was the site of the manor house of Bletchingley. However, as Michael Russell has recently pointed out (*Bulletin* 206) there can be little doubt that nearby Place Farm has a just claim to that title. The solution, as Mary Saaler has suggested to me, may lie in the references in documents from at least the late 13th century onwards to 'two chief messuages' in Bletchingley. A site of major importance at Little Pickle will be destroyed by sand extraction in the next few years: the time for trial trenching has passed, and only work on a large scale will resolve the problems raised.

South Farm, Lightwater

The first season of exploratory excavation has produced evidence of extensive iron and bronze slag and bloom deposits with associated hearth lining fragments dating principally from late Iron Age to early Romano-British period. Other areas have revealed a large Iron Age ditch with silted fillings and upper levels of deliberate filling producing late Flavian pottery, a 3rd century timber-framed structure with 5.4 metres of timber sole-plate reduced to charcoal, various 3rd and late 4th century rubbish-filled ditches, and a palisade and plank formed timber building of post-late 4th century date.

Fragments of tesserae, roof tile, building stone, and combed flue tile tend to indicate the possibility of more substantial structures. The second season excavation will commence in August, 1986, details will be given in the *Bulletin*.

G. H. Cole,
Director, Surrey Heath Group

MEETINGS & SYMPOSIA

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 11th, 8.00 p.m.

THE RUNNYMEDE DIG. Talk by Dr. Stuart Needham to Egham-by-Runnymede H.S. at the Literary Institute, High Street, Egham.

Wednesday 12th, 8.15 p.m.

COINS IN HISTORY. Talk by Martin Roth to Holmesdale N.H.C. at The Museum, 14 Croydon Road, Reigate.

Thursday 13th, 7.45 p.m.

ENGLAND ON THE EVE OF THE CONQUEST. Talk by Kenneth Whitehorn to Croydon N.H.S.S. at East Croydon U.R. Church Hall, Addiscombe Grove.

Friday 14th, 7.30 p.m.

NOT THE MARY ROSE! The excavation of the Hasholme boat; talk by Dr. Martin Millett to Surrey Heath Group at the Archaeology Centre, 63 High Street, Bagshot.

Friday 14th, 7.45 p.m.

DOMESDAY AND LEATHERHEAD AND DISTRICT. Talk by Dr. P. Edwards to Leatherhead & District L.H.S. at Red Cross Hall, Oakes Close, Leatherhead.

Tuesday 18th, 8.00 p.m.

MAPS RELATING TO ARCHAEOLOGY AND LOCAL HISTORY. Talk by Miss G. Beech, to K.U.T.A.S. at Kingston Heritage Centre, Fairfield West.

Thursday 20th, 7.45 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, FRENTHAM, IN THE 18th AND 19th CENTURIES. Talk by Dr. Mary Hewett to Farnham & District M.S. at U.R. Church Hall, South Street, Farnham.

Saturday 22nd, 10.30-4.00

SAS EXCAVATION SYMPOSIUM at Dorking Halls. Full details given in *Bulletin* 207.

Saturday 22nd, 3.00 p.m.

RECENT EXCAVATIONS AT OATLANDS PALACE. Talk by Rob Poulton to Walton & Weybridge L.H.S. at Elmgrove Meeting Room, Walton.

MARCH

Wednesday 5th, 7.45 p.m.

THE CASTLES OF DOMESDAY. Talk by Dr. Derek Renn to Croydon N.H.S.S. at East Croydon U.R. Church Hall, Addiscombe Grove.

Wednesday 5th, 8.00 p.m.

A.G.M. followed by a talk on "Medieval buildings in Ewell" by Ian West to Nonsuch H.S. at St. Mary's Hall, Ewell.

Thursday 6th, 7.45 p.m.

RECENT EXCAVATIONS IN FARNHAM TOWN CENTRE. Talks by David Graham and Neil Riall to Farnham & District M.S. at U.R. Church Hall, South Street, Farnham.

Friday 7th, 8.00 p.m.

THE BUTSER ANCIENT FARM. Talk by Dr. Peter Reynolds to Richmond A.S. at The Vestry House, 21 Paradise Road, Richmond.

Friday 14th, 8.15 p.m.

STONE AGE MAN IN SURREY. Talk by David Field to Holmesdale N.H.C. at The Museum, 14 Croydon Road, Reigate.

STUDY TOUR TO NORTH CYPRUS: Wednesday, 26th March - 9th April

There are a few vacancies on this tour arranged by the University of Surrey and led by Rosamond Hanworth. The cost £495 includes insurance. Staying at first class hotels in Kyrenia and Famagusta with the use of a private coach and local guide.

Further details and bookings can be obtained from Helen Pawley on Guildford 571281 Ext. 3130. (As soon as possible please).

Bulletin issues for 1986

Copy for the April issue is required by the Editor by Saturday, 8th March.

For the remaining *Bulletins* in 1986 copy must reach the Editor by:

Saturday, 5th April for the May-June issue

Saturday, 7th June for the July-August issue

Saturday, 2nd August for the September issue

Saturday, 6th September for the October issue

Saturday, 4th October for the November issue

Saturday, 8th November for the December-January 1987 issue