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S.A.S. VISITS DIARY DATES FOR 1987

Sat	April 11th	Cobham. Details given below.
Sat	May 16th	Upnor Castle and Chatham Docks.
Wed	June 10th	Aldershot and Elstead.
Fri-Sun	July 24th-26th	Midhurst, details given below.
Sat	Aug 22nd	Berkshire Villages.
Sat	Sept 26th	Meon Valley.
Sat	Oct 17th	Dorking area.

S.A.S. VISIT TO COBHAM

Arranged by Mr D. G. Taylor and Miss J. Carter

Saturday, 11th April

10.00 a.m. Meet at the large free car park in Downside Bridge Road (TQ 107603) which joins Between Streets opposite Waitrose.

Walk through the Cobham Conservation Area looking at individual buildings. We will be guided by Mr Taylor, who will talk about the architecture and history of some of Cobham's oldest houses. There will be an opportunity to enter the gardens of some houses and to view the interiors of Pyports, Cobham House and Cobham Hill.

Lunch interval. There are several eating places nearby. During the middle of the day the Parish church will be open to visitors.

Afternoon. We have received an invitation from the American Community Schools to see Heywood, their early 19th century house on a manor dating back to 1206.

3.00 p.m.

Assembly at Heywood (TQ 116622). From Cobham take the A307 Portsmouth Road towards Esher. The sign for the school is on the left, past the Fairmile Hotel (also on the left) and Fairmile Lane (on the right). After turning left follow the winding road, over the A3, until arriving at the school gates. A Security Guard will direct you to the car park in front of the school gymnasium. We will be met by students from the National Honour Society, who will take us on a tour of the house lasting about an hour.

Afterwards the school is kindly providing us with American style refreshments before we stroll through the lovely gardens.

Tickets: 50p members, 80p non-members, students half price, accompanied children free, plus £2.25 costs to cover donations, etc. Please send cheques with s.a.e. to Mrs Jean West, 123 Ewell By Pass, Ewell, Epsom KT17 2PX (Tel: 01-393 8970) not later than 30th March to enable final arrangements to be completed. Numbers limited to 40.

Weekend Visit to Midhurst, 24/26th July, 1987

A weekend visit has been arranged by Alan Gillies and Jean West to stay at Dunford House, Midhurst. The weekend will include a visit to Shopwyke Hall, near Chichester, the headquarters of Phillimore's, the publishers.

Saturday will include a guided tour of Bosham church and a two hour cruise of Chichester harbour. On Sunday there will be a coach tour, led by Dr E. M. Yates, around some of the villages on the Sussex-Hampshire border. Dr Yates will be giving one of the evening lectures.

Transport will be arranged from Haslemere station: a surcharge will be made according to the number requiring it. Further details will be sent to all participants. Numbers limited to 40 persons. Single room accommodation available with a limited number of double twin-bedded rooms. H/C facilities in all rooms. The cost is expected to be about £60, inclusive of accommodation, coach Saturday and Sunday, boat cruise and all donations and gratuities. A deposit of £20 will be helpful in the first instance. Please send cheques with s.a.e. to Mrs Jean West, 123 Ewell By Pass, Ewell, Epsom KT17 2PX (Tel: 01-893 8970). Bookings not later than 5th July to enable final arrangements to be completed.

Jean West, Visits Hon Sec

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at the University of Surrey on Saturday, November 22nd with the President in the chair. The Viscountess Hanworth was re-elected President and the serving Honorary Vice-Presidents and Vice-Presidents were re-elected with the exception that Miss J. M. Harries, a serving Vice-President, was elected an Honorary Vice-President. In addition, Mrs Elizabeth Eames was elected an Honorary Vice-President and Mr L. E. Guillem and Mr F. E. Hastings were elected Vice-Presidents. Miss J. A. Cowie and Mr T. E. C. Walker were elected Honorary Members. Mr A. C. Sargent was elected Honorary Treasurer, and a vote of thanks was proposed to the retiring Honorary Treasurer, Mr Guillem. The remaining Honorary Officers were re-elected. The following were elected as Ordinary Members of Council to serve for the next four years: Mrs V. Ettlinger, Mr C. S. S. Lyon, Mrs P. C. Nicolaysen, Dr D. B. Robinson, Mr D. C. Taylor and Mr D. W. Williams. Roffe Swayne & Co were elected auditors and a vote of thanks was proposed to the retiring auditor, Mr Sargent.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Professor Crocker and the University of Surrey for their generous hospitality. The meeting was followed by a lecture on *The Roman Army in Britain* by Professor S. S. Frere, Honorary Vice-President of the Society.

Hon Secretaries

T. E. C. Walker, FSA

At the Annual General Meeting, following his unanimous election as an Honorary Member of the Society, Mr Walker was presented with a copy of *Aubrey's History and Antiquities of Surrey* to mark sixty years of membership of the Society. He was elected a member in February 1926, and has served as a member of Council many times since his first election in 1935. He was a member of the Library Committee from its formation in 1958 until 1976, serving twice as its chairman. The Committee over the years has greatly



appreciated his advice and is very grateful for his many donations to the Library. Mr Walker was elected a Vice-President of the Society in 1969. He has acted as Honorary Local Secretary for Cobham, and at times for a wider area, for the last 46 years, and he has represented the Society on the Surrey Local History Council for many years. The Society is most fortunate to have had his support for such a long time.

To celebrate Mr Walker's Diamond Jubilee, a lunch attended by his fellow Vice-Presidents, invited guests and Professor Frere and the Officers of the Society, was held at Clandon Park on November 22nd. This memorable event was greatly enjoyed by all.

Mr Walker wishes to express his very sincere thanks to the Society for the presentation and the lunch, and I feel that all members would like to congratulate our longest standing member, and wish him well.

Marian Gower

Council News

At the meeting of Council held on October 3rd 1986, a paper from the Museums Committee outlining recommendations for the formation of a Young Archaeologists Club, to be managed jointly by the Society and Guildford Museum, was presented by Julia Arthur. The aim of this club is to develop children's interest in archaeology and to aid their study for examinations. The proposal, which included the provision by the Society of part-time permanent staff and equipment for the club, was discussed and approved in principle. It was agreed that a small steering committee be set up to discuss matters such as insurance; the Society would be represented on this Committee by the Hon Secretary and the Hon Treasurer.

A paper setting out the Historic Farm Buildings Policy, proposed by the Conservation Committee after lengthy discussion, was presented by Mr D. J. Turner. The aim of this policy is to ensure the survival, in an appropriate form, of a fully representative sample of traditional agricultural buildings in the county. The policy advocates the continued agricultural use of such buildings, or where this is not possible, preservation through conversion to acceptable alternative uses, such as an agricultural historic monument or for country, craft or community use. Sympathetic residential conversions would only be supported if there was no alternative route to preservation. In order to implement this policy,

examples of the various building types would need to be identified and described, and their known distribution in the county established and published. The Society would need to initiate discussions with county and district authorities, and opportunities for initial funding would need to be explored. The President congratulated Mr Turner on his initiative, and after some further discussion, the policy was adopted.

The proposal by the Hon Secretaries to set up a Lectures and Symposia Committee to organise and publicise events hitherto organised by individuals on an ad hoc basis was approved.

The dates and venues of Council meetings in 1987 were agreed as follows: January 30th (London), April 24th (Guildford), June 19th (Guildford) and October 2nd (London).

Hon Secretaries

Recent Accessions to the Society's Library

GENERAL

Barker, Philip. *Understanding Archaeological Excavation*. (Batsford, 1986).

Boutell's *Heraldry*. Revised by C. W. Scott-Giles. (Warne, 1958). (Donation).

Dean, Ian. *Industrial Narrow Gauge Railways*. (Shire, 1985).

Edgington, David. *Old Stationary Engines*. (Shire, 1980).

Hall, J. & Merrifield, R. *Roman London*. (HMSO, 1986).

Hughes, Graham. *Barns of Rural Britain*. (Herbert Press, 1985).

Industry and the Camera. (HMSO, 1985).

Knowles, Clive H. *Landscape History*. (Historical Assn. 1983).

Lambrick, George (Ed.) *Archaeology and Nature Conservation*. (OUP, 1985).

Levine, Phillipa. *The Amateur and the Professional*. (CUP, 1986). (Donation, Review Copy).

Margary, Harry. *The Old Series OS Maps of England and Wales*. (1981).

Stead, I. M. & Bourke, J. B. *Lindow Man: the body in the bog*. (BMP, 1986).

Stirland, Ann. *Human bones in Archaeology*. (Shire, 1986).

Taylor, Lawrence. *Oral evidence and the Family Historian*. (Fed. Fam. Hist. Soc., 1984).

Toynbee, J. M. B. *The Roman Art Treasures from the Temple of Mithras*. Special Paper No. 7. (London & Middx. Arch. Soc., 1986).

Tradescant Trust. *Museum of Garden History*. (Donation).

Wilson, David. *Moated Sites*. (Shire, 1985).

LOCAL — SURREY

Adkins, Lesley & Roy. *Under the Sludge — Beddington Roman Villa*. (Beddington & Wallington Arch. Soc., 1986).

Bourne Society. *Local History Records*. Vol. XXVI. (Donation).

Bowley, Pam. *East & West Horsley in World War II*. Notes No. 5 (1986).

Brooks, P. D. *Farnham Castle — the forgotten years*. (Farnham & District Museum Society, 1985).

Cluett, Douglas and others. *Croydon Airport and the Battle for Britain 1939-1940*. (London Borough of Sutton, Libraries & Arts, 1984).

Crocker, Glenys. *The Gunpowder Industry*. (Shire, 1986). (Donation).

Everett, Harold W. *A History of the Hinchley Wood Residents Association*. (1985). (Donation).

Forge, J. W. Lindus & Collier, Mavis. *Painshill*. Paper No. 23. (Walton & Weybridge Local History Soc.). (Donation).

- Foster, E. N. (Compiler). *Growth of a Parish — St Johns, Shirley*. (1984). (Donation).
- Holman, Jean & Herridge, Marion (Compilers). *Index of Surrey Probate Inventories. 16th to 19th Centuries*. (DBRG, 1986).
- Rice-Oxley, Mary. *The Story of Hampton Cottage, Leatherhead*. (Leatherhead & Dist. Local Hist. Soc., 1986). (Donation).
- St Martin, East Horsley. *950th Church Magazine. 1036-1986*. (Donation).
- Stuttard, J. C. *History of Leatherhead*. (Friends of the Parish Church & Leatherhead & Dist. Local Hist. Soc., 1986).
- Tudsbury-Turner, Stephen. *The Cornwallis Monument*. (East Horsley PCC, 1986). (Donation).
- White, H. R. H. (Compiler). *Chiddingfold, the Village and history of the Parish Church of St Mary*. (1986).
- Extracts from the Court Rolls of the Manor of Wimbledon. Parts 1 & 2, Edward IV 1461 to AD 1864. 1866. (Donation).

LOCAL — EXCLUDING SURREY

- Battlebridge Basin — Kings Cross. (London Borough of Bromley, 1986).
- Beresford, Guy. *The Medieval Clay land village — excavation at Goltho and Barton Blount*. No. 6. (Soc. for Med. Arch., 1975).
- Bersu, G. & Wilson, D. M. *Three Viking Graves in the Isle of Man*. No. 1. (Soc. for Med. Arch., 1966).
- Briggs, Cook, Rowley (Eds.). *The Archaeology of the Oxford Region*. (OUP, 1986).
- Clarke, H. & Carter, A. *Excavations in Kings Lynn 1963-70*. (Soc. for Med. Arch., 1977).
- Coalposts in Bromley. London Borough of Bromley. (1986). (Leaflet).
- Cook, Jean & Rowley, Trevor (Eds.). *Dorchester through the Ages*. (OUP, 1985).
- Evans, Angela Care. *Sutton Hoo Ship Burial*. (BMP, 1986).
- Fussell, G. E. *Four centuries of Farming in Sussex. 1500-1900*. (Donation).
- Hurst, J. G. and others. *Wharram, a study of Settlement on the Yorkshire Wolds*. No. 8. (Soc. for Med. Arch., 1979).
- Legge, W. Heneage. *Sussex pottery — offprint The Reliquary and Illustrated Arch. Jan. 1903*. (Donation).
- Le Patourel, H. E. Jean. *The Moated sites of Yorkshire*. No. 5. (Soc. for Med. Arch., 1973).
- Mahaney, Christine. *Excavations in Stanford, Lincs. 1963-1969*. No. 9. (Soc. for Med. Arch., 1982).
- Mayer, P. & Scott, K. *Pottery Kilns at Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton*. No. 10. (Soc. for Med. Arch., 1984).
- Meaney A. & Hawkes, S. C. *Anglo-Saxon cemeteries at Wirral*. No. 4. (Soc. for Med. Arch., 1970).
- Palmer, Susann. *Excavation at the Roman site at Orpington 1971-78*. (London Borough of Bromley, 1984).
- Parker, Roland. *On the Road — The Papworth Story*. (Pendragon. 1977). (Donation).
- Rahtz, P. A. *Excavations at King John's Hunting Lodge, Writtle, Essex*. No. 3. (Soc. for Med. Arch., 1969).
- Stebbing, Nancy. *The Vale of the White Horse*. (Oxon. CC.). (Donation).
- Winbolt, S. G. & Herbert, George. *The Roman Villa at Bignor, Sussex*. (1957 reprint of 1930). (Donation).

EXCAVATION REPORTS

Recent finds of Saxon Burials, at Tadworth

During the course of building work in Headley Drive, Tadworth, for a partnership homes development by Reigate and Banstead Borough Council, a number of shallow inhumation burials were exposed. With permission from the contractors, Messrs. Hall and Hawse of South-ampton, the writer and Sean Khan of Bourne Hall Museum, Ewell were able to record over a period of three weeks in October a total of 42 shallow graves. The site lies on the side of a slight spur just above the 500' contour of this part of Banstead Downs. It has quite an open aspect to the west though this is now somewhat masked by the railway line from Tattenham Corner Station built in 1901. It is fairly certain that all remains in the area currently being developed have been recorded and excavated and the full extent of the cemetery on at least three sides is plotted.

The graves had been cut up to half a metre deep into the fractured upper level of the chalk (the grave diggers apparently stopping when the hard solid chalk was reached; only 6-9" of turf and topsoil covered the site). They were aligned roughly east-west and arranged in nine rows. The condition of the bones was very variable with some skeletons surviving in a near complete state but with others, sometimes in adjoining graves, almost completely eroded away. The reason for this differential preservation is uncertain.

Grave goods comprised mostly iron knives of typically Saxon form in about half the number of burials, together with two graves with simple bronze belt fittings; a small wheel-turned pot of biconical form, an amulet of rock crystal with bronze strapwork fittings and a decorated bone knife fitting were found in other graves. The dating would appear to be of very late 6th or 7th century and would equate with the presumed secondary settlements of south-east England.

Although not large compared with the other Saxon cemeteries in Surrey it will provide an opportunity for a full examination of the bones. All finds are in Bourne Hall Museum, Ewell. Grateful thanks must be given to those volunteers who helped over what was a very hectic couple of weeks and to Mr. Martin Reeves, the Area Coroner's Officer, who first recognised the significance of the human remains and secured the opportunity to record the graves.

Stephen Nelson
Nonsuch Antiquarian Society

Park Street, Guildford (SU 993494)

Delay in building operations enabled two small areas to be investigated on the development site bounded by Bridge Street/Park Street/the River and the new bridge.

In view of the strictly limited time available, the excavations were undertaken with the sole objective of trying to establish the earliest use of the land. The site lies on the west bank of the River Wey and on the north side of the town, and there is speculation to what extent this area was used in the past.

The first trench was a narrow strip 2m wide by 9m long, with a centre baulk, at right angles to the river, about 2.5m from the towpath. Extensive 19th century features were uncovered to a depth of c. 1.75m, but no evidence of foundations of buildings. The area appeared to be subject to considerable flooding. No earlier features were discerned, and only a very small number of fragmented sherds of medieval date were found in an undisturbed soil at a point furthest from the river, at a depth of c. 1.80m.

A respite in demolition of the remaining buildings on the site enabled a second small trench, 2m x 2.5m to be opened in the gardens at the rear of No. 7 Park Street. Again extensive 19th/20th century features were uncovered relating to the cottages fronting Park Street and a Victorian pit, covering most of the trench, was finally bottomed at 1.47m.

This pit however appeared to cut through layers producing material dating back to the 16th century and beneath this was an undisturbed layer of grey, very sticky clay, containing 13th and 14th century sherds, part of a crucible and a piece of waste copper.

At a depth of c. 1.85m, an area of consolidated flint and chalk rubble was encountered just cutting the corner of the trench which, unfortunately could not be further explored due not only to time and the very restricted area available, but also to the proximity of adjoining cellars.

Preliminary results would suggest (even allowing for the small area investigated) that the Park Street frontage has been in use continually since medieval times, while the river frontage was backland and subject to flooding.

Julia Arthur of Guildford Museum will be watching the site during construction.

We would like to mention the very helpful co-operation we received from the Contractors, Tarmac Construction, for which we were most grateful.

Barbara Blatchford, Graham Hayes and Audrey Monk
SAS Guildford Group

Trowelling Experience Not Required!

An advertisement which appeared in the Melbourne *Sun* in 1986.



**Qualified Volunteers
Wanted to Dig Dinosaurs**

A mine manager and underground shot-firer are needed to help excavate dinosaurs near Cape Otway for part or all Jan — Feb 1987. Must have credentials recognised by Victorian Government. Please contact Dr. Tom Rich, Museum of Victoria 669-9959.

MEETINGS AND SYMPOSIA

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 11th, 8.15 p.m.

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF BETCHWORTH. Lectures by Beryl Higgins and David Williams to Holmesdale N.H.C. at the Museum, 14 Croydon Road, Reigate.

Friday 13th, 8.00 p.m.

EXCAVATING IN THE CITY: THE ROMAN BASILICA UNEARTHED. Talk by John Maloney to Richmond A.S. at the Vestry Room, Paradise Road, Richmond.

Tuesday 17th, 7.45 p.m.

CROYDON CHURCHES. Talk by Rev. Aled Davis to Croydon N.H.S.S. at East Croydon U.R. Church Hall, Addiscombe Grove.

Thursday 19th, 7.45 p.m.

THE MANOR PARK ESTATE 1660-1860. Talk by Julia Stratton to Farnham & District M.S. at the U.R. Church Hall, South Street, Farnham.

Saturday 21st, 10.30-4.30

S.A.S. EXCAVATION SYMPOSIUM AT DORKING HALLS. Full details given on the back page of *Bulletin* 216.

Saturday 21st, 3.00 p.m.

THE HISTORY OF ADDLESTONE. Talk by Stan Eaves to Walton & Weybridge L.H.S. at Weybridge Library Hall.

Monday 23rd, 8.15 p.m.

GLASS AND GLASS MAKING IN BRITAIN TO 1500. Talk by Roy Adkins to St. Pauls L.S. at St. Pauls Lecture Hall, Shaws Corner, Redhill.

MARCH

Wednesday 4th, 8.00 p.m.

EXCAVATIONS AT BEDDINGTON. Talk by Lesley Adkins to Orpington A.S. at Orpington Priory Museum.

Wednesday 4th, 8.15 p.m.

FRANCIS FRITH — FAMOUS REIGATE PHOTOGRAPHER. Talk by Peter Finch to Holmesdale N.H.C. at the Museum, 14 Croydon Road, Reigate.

Thursday 5th, 7.45 p.m.

THE WANBOROUGH TEMPLE AND HOARD. Lecture by Dr. David Bird to Farnham D.M.S. at the U.R. Church Hall, South Street, Farnham.

Saturday 14th, 11.00-4.30 p.m.

PREACHERS, PRELATES AND PEOPLE: RELIGION AND SOCIETY IN POST-REFORMATION SUSSEX. Sussex Archaeological Society Historical Conference at the Inst. of Higher Education, Bognor Regis. Tickets (£3.50) and details available from Mrs. Hudson, 23 Glenwood Avenue, Bognor Regis PO22 8BT (s.a.e. please).

Early Notice

Saturday 4th July, 11.30-4.15

THE IRON INDUSTRY OF THE WEALD. Conference arranged by Sussex Archaeological Society and W.I.R.G. at Claire Hall, Haywards Heath. Tickets (£3.50) and details available from Mr. R. G. Houghton, 17 Woodland Close, Crawley Down, Crawley RH1 4JZ (s.a.e. please).

Bulletin Issues for 1987

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