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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ANNUAL LECTURE

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, 28th November, in Lecture Theatre G in the Central Lecture Theatre Block at the University of Surrey, Guildford. The full agenda is given in the October *Bulletin*. Following the business meeting, Mr. K. W. E. Gravett will give a lecture entitled "An Introduction to Surrey Houses".

FORMATION OF THE LECTURES AND SYMPOSIA COMMITTEE

This committee is the result of a decision made at a meeting of Council held last year to formalise the organisation of events held in the name of the Society. This initiative came from the Joint Honorary Secretaries who in the past have been closely involved in the organisation of a number of very successful events on behalf of the Society. It was considered that the interests of the Society would be best served by the formation of this committee with the remit to act on behalf of the Society, either independently, or in association with other societies, museums or educational establishments, e.g. the University of Surrey.

The aim of this committee is to increase the number of events run by the Society, and thereby publicise its work and facilities. To this end, this committee's work will be supplementary to that of other Society committees and specialist groups.

It has been suggested that the Society should hold events in those parts of the historic County of Surrey not covered by local societies and the committee would welcome suggestions from members as to topic and venue. We would also be pleased to receive invitations from local societies to work with them in arranging joint events, whether lecture meetings or day symposia in their area. In the first instance please contact the committee's secretary, John Boulton, 25 Lawrence Avenue, New Malden, Surrey KT3 5LX, evening telephone number 01-337 6560.

The first event to be arranged will be a lecture series entitled 'Aspects of the Tudor Period' to be held in the spring of 1988. This will be a joint venture with the University of Surrey and will consist of about nine lectures and possibly a visit. Further details will appear in future issues of the *Bulletin*.

John Boulton

Changes in Despatch of Publications

As from 1st June, a new addressing system has been used for the posting of all Society literature and publications. The Society has changed from its manual envelope addressing machine to a computerised system, which has entailed re-typing names, addresses and subscription information for all members.

Would you please check that the name and address printed on the envelope containing this *Bulletin* is correct. If there are any changes which need to be made, please let me know immediately at Castle Arch.

Susan Janaway

New Members

We welcome the following members to the Society.

From June: Mrs. M. G. Buchholdt, Azor Place, Ash, Aldershot, Hants GU12 6LF; S. P. Dyer, 115 Raleigh Road, Feltham, Middx TW13 4LW; Miss R. J. Ensing, 103 Engadine Street, London SW18 5DU; Mrs. J. M. George, The Archway, Rotherfield Park, Alton, Hants GU36 3QL; Dr. & Mrs. R. A. Higgins, Hillside Cottage, Dunsfold, Godalming GU8 4PB; P. B. Horitz, 195 Portsmouth Road, Cobham KT11 1JR; Miss C. J. Maynard, 10 Queenhythe Road, Jacobs Well, Guildford GU4 7NY; Mrs. C. Musters, Lime House, 19 Church Street, Cobham KT11 3EG; Mrs. A. Stewart, 56 Combe Road, Farncombe, Godalming GU7 3SL; Miss S. M. Taylor, 10 Melfort Road, Thornton Heath CR4 7RL; A. G. Thorne, Ryding Hoe, Franks Field, Peaslake GU5 9SR

From August: Dr. G. L. Duncan, The Cottage, 3 Warren Road, Guildford GU1 2HA; Miss M. Luck, Rose Cottage, Portsmouth Road, Milford, Godalming GU8 5HZ; D. A. Packham, 103 Parkway, Dorking RH4 1ET; Mr. & Mrs. P. Smith, 30 Cheylesmore Drive, Frimley GU16 5BN; Dr. J. G. Smith, 31 Baden Road, Guildford GU2 6NZ; D. I. Stewart, 9 Dayspring, Stoughton, Guildford GU2 6QN.

Obituary — Mr. Rowland Baker

It is with particular regret that we have to report the sudden death of Rowland Baker on 18th August. He had been a valuable member of our Society since 1948, although not coming on the Council until 1985 and the Library Committee until 1986. He contributed an excellent account of the Thames bridges between Hampton Court and East Molesey to Vol. 58 of our *Collections*. He later amassed a large amount of information about fire insurance plaques on houses, and their corresponding records in the companies' books in London. Much of his knowledge was published in the news-sheets of the Esher District Local History Society, and he became even better known when his fascinating *Book of Molesey* went on sale in 1986.

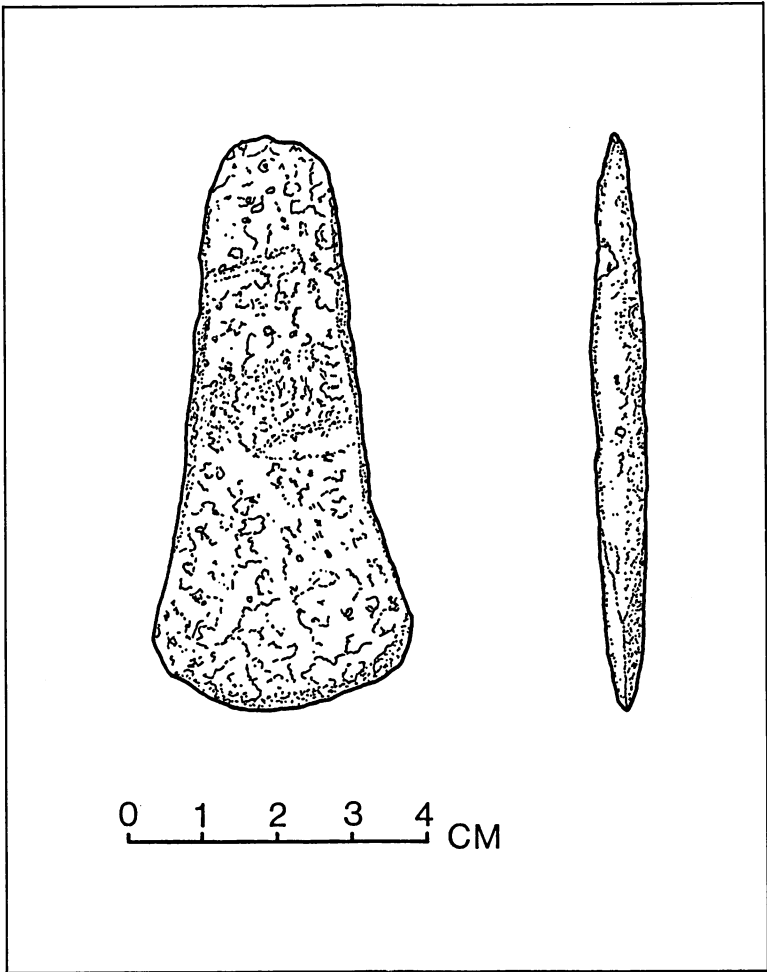
The S.A.S. was represented at his funeral in Molesey, where he had spent most of his life. He was a methodical researcher and a man of much charm and public spirit.

T.E.C.W.

Change of Address

Lesley and Roy Adkins, who lived in Kenley until recently, have moved to Longstone Lodge, Aller, Langport, Somerset TA10 3LU.

Lesley and Roy Adkins are known to many members of the Society. They have been very active in archaeology in the County, both professionally and with our Society. We wish them well in their new venture in Somerset.



Bronze Age Flat Axe, Green Lane Farm, Farnham (SU 857481)

An E.B. A. flat axe was found with a metal detector in October 1986, in a grassed field near the Farnham Sewage Works. The find was made at a depth of about 12cm and appeared to be isolated, as no associated material was noted with it. As the find site lies near to a road embankment however, it is possible that the axe had been displaced during the construction works and may thus not have been found in its original position.

The axe itself is 7.6cm long, 3.6cm wide at the blade and weighs 66g. It is in grey green and light green mottled bronze with a rough corroded surface. No such similar axe has previously been recorded from the Farnham district and is therefore an important find.

My thanks are due to the finder, Mr. T. Pickard, for the loan of the axe, which has now been returned to him.

David Graham

Next *Bulletin*

The next *Bulletin* will cover the months of December and January; copy must reach the *Bulletin* Editor by Saturday, 7th November. Material for the February, 1988 issue is required by Saturday, 2nd January — remember, there may be delays in the post over the holiday period.

Stop Press — Apology

The computer printing the address labels for the mailing of the October *Bulletin* was misbehaving and a number of labels were not up to the usual standard. We apologise to members who received a poorly addressed envelope.

Membership List

The list of members is no longer printed each year with the *Annual Report*. Members may obtain a computer print-out of the current list by writing to Mrs. Janaway at Castle Arch.

Excavations at Beddington

Excavation is expected to continue for just a few more weeks on the site of the prehistoric settlement and Roman villa at Beddington Sewage Works (see earlier report in *Bulletin* 212). Evidence for Late Bronze Age, Iron Age and Roman settlement continues to be recovered. Excavation of the Roman well has been completed, with the discovery of leather shoes, Roman pots and a horse's skull, indicating a possible ritual deposit. In addition, large deposits of environmental evidence were excavated, and the timber plank lining at the bottom of the well proved to be in such a good condition that saw and adze marks were still clearly visible on the surface of the planks. The timber is currently being conserved by the Museum of London.

Publication of the joint SyAS/LAMAS report on the 1981-83 excavations at Beddington has been delayed, but a book on the work entitled *Under the Sludge, Beddington Roman Villa* has now been published (see *Bulletin* 216 for details).

Lesley Adkins, Roy Adkins and Jeffrey Perry

Whittakers Cottages, Ashtead

Earlier this year a pair of these mid-19th century cottages were salvaged by the quick action of the Weald & Downland Open-Air Museum. The weather-boarded cottages, a type once common in the Epsom Area, were to be demolished to make way for modern flat development. Over a three week period in May the houses were surveyed, planned and dismantled by the museum staff. Eventually they will be re-erected at Singleton. Other Surrey buildings at the museum are the joiner's shop from Witley, Mr. Dale's carpenter's shop from Windlesham and the 17th century town house from Reigate which has the newly-conserved wall paintings.

New Publications

"The Archaeology of Surrey to 1540". This will be available any time now. *Members of the Society will receive a copy through their subscription*. The book will make a very suitable gift for anyone interested in archaeology. Members may obtain additional copies from Castle Arch at a special discount price of £10. Please add £2 for post orders.

The chapter headings are:

The Palaeolithic period in Surrey, by John Wymer

The Geographical and Environmental Background, by R. I. Macphail and R. G. Scaife

The Upper Palaeolithic and Mesolithic in Surrey, by Roger Ellaby

Neolithic Surrey: a survey of the evidence, by David Field and Jonathan Cotton

The Bronze Age, by Stuart Needham

The Iron Age in Surrey, by Rosamond Hanworth

The Romano-British period in Surrey, by David Bird

Saxon Surrey, by Rob Poulton

Archaeology of Surrey, 1066-1540, by Dennis Turner

Eric Wood has written the dedication to Mr. I. D. Margary. The book also contains a bibliography and a detailed index.

“A History of Whyteleafe”

A book of 132 pages with many illustrations. Price £4.00, including postage and packing. Available from the Bourne Society, 17 Manor Avenue, Caterham CR3 6AP.

MEETINGS

NOVEMBER

Thursday 12th, 7.45 p.m.

“ALICE HOLT — HISTORY OF A ROYAL FOREST”. Talk by D. H. Burdekin to Farnham & District Museum Society at the U.R. Church Hall, South Street, Farnham.

Friday 13th, 8.00 p.m.

“ROMAN RELIGION AND VILLAS IN SURREY”. Talk by John Gower to Leatherhead L.H.S. at the Leatherhead Institute.

Friday 13th, 8.00 p.m.

“SUTTON HOO 1937-1987”. Talk by Prof. P. A. Rahtz to Richmond A.S. at The Vestry Room, Paradise Road, Richmond.

Saturday 14th

“SURREY AT WAR”. Surrey Local History Council Symposium at the University of Surrey, Guildford. For details see leaflet enclosed with the September *Bulletin*.

Saturday 14th

“ASPECTS OF ROMAN LIFE IN BRITAIN”. Afternoon conference arranged by Council for Kentish Archaeology at Canterbury. For details see *Bulletin* 222.

Wednesday 18th, 8.00 p.m.

“HAMPTON COURT AFTER THE FIRE”. Talk by Mr. M. Fishlock to Esher & District L.H.S. at the Methodist Church Hall, Wolsey Road, Esher.

Saturday 21st, 3.00 p.m.

“A PLANNERS’ VIEW OF LOCAL HISTORY: THE INFLUENCE OF PLANNING ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELMBRIDGE”. Talk by Mr. A. Ball to Walton & Weybridge L.H.S. at Elmgrove Meeting Room, Walton.

Friday 27th, 8.00 p.m.

“ETHELRED’S NAVY”. Talk by Marion Shipley to Wandsworth H.S. at Friends Meeting House, Wandsworth High Street.

DECEMBER

Thursday 3rd, 7.45 p.m.

“MEDIEVAL GLASSMAKING IN THE WEALD”. Talk by Eric Wood to Farnham D.M.S at U.R. Church Hall, South Street, Farnham.

Friday 4th, 8.00 p.m.

“UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY — THE GIGLIO SHIP”. Talk by Richard Hill to Richmond A.S. at The Vestry Room, Paradise Road, Richmond.