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S.A.S. VISIT TO THE ROYAL ARMOURIES, H.M. TOWER OF LONDON

Wednesday, 1st June

We have received an invitation to visit the Royal Armouries at the Tower of London. This visit will be associated with the series of lectures on *The Tudor Age* beginning on Tuesday, 26th April, at the University of Surrey. (See the announcement on the back page of this Bulletin).

- 10.30 a.m. Meet on the Wharf near the picnic area by the East Gate. There is shelter here under the arch formed by the Tower Bridge northern approach.
- 10.45 a.m. Illustrated talk by Mr. P. T. Hammond, Education Officer, on the Tower and the Tudors, followed by the handling of 16th century armour.
- 12.00 Escorted visits to: Bell Tower (Sir Thomas More's cell)
Beauchamp Tower
Byward Tower
Tudor Armoury

Pass-out tickets will be available for people wishing to leave the Tower at lunch time and return the same day. In the afternoon, members may like to see more of the Tower by joining one of the parties guided by a Yeoman Warder

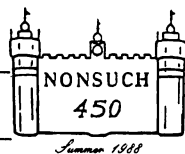
as this will include the Royal Chapel of St. Peter ad Vincula. (These tours are in fine weather only.)

As there are so many places of interest nearby, special arrangements are not being made for the afternoon.

Tickets: Members £5.50, non-members £5.60, pensioners (members) £4.00, (non-members) £4.10. Members of English Heritage £1.00 (S.A.S. members) or £1.10 (non-members). The cost includes entrance to the Tower, administration and donations. The party is limited to 36. Bookings and cheques (payable to J. M. Carter) to Miss J. M. Carter, 20 Chaucer Court, Lawn Road, Guildford GU2 5DB (Tel. Guildford (0483) 505502).

Nonsuch Celebrations 1988

S.A.S. VISIT TO NONSUCH PARK AND EWELL



arranged by Jean West, with help from Maurice Exwood and the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society

Sunday, 5th June

10.00 a.m. Meet at the Nonsuch Park car park, London Road, Ewell on the A24 (TQ 226635) just north of the Ewell By Pass Organ Inn roundabout.

Steve Nelson (Chairman of the N.A.S.) will conduct a walk, taking in the Palace site and its gardens before proceeding to the Banqueting House where some of the Tudor brickwork is still visible.

Retracing steps to the Mansion House (TQ 235637). The walk is on level ground including footpaths which may be muddy, a total distance of a little over a mile. Those who prefer can go direct to the Mansion House across the Park, or proceed by car to the Cheam Road car park which is nearer to the Mansion House. Map supplied.

11.30 a.m. Coffee in the Mansion House.

12.00 a.m. Gerald Smith will lead a guided tour of the Mansion House which is early C19th Neo-Gothic by Jeffrey Wyatt, later to become Sir Jeffrey Wyattville following his work on Windsor Castle.

Some pictorial comparisons will be shown with Windsor Castle.

1.00 p.m. Lunch break.

It is suggested a picnic lunch be brought which can be had in the park or by the Hogsmill River. If wet arrangements have been made to have it in St. Mary's Church Hall (opposite St. Mary's Church).

Please repark cars by St. Mary's Church Hall, London Road by returning back along the A24. Cross the Ewell By Pass and continue towards the village; the church is on the left hand side.

2.00 p.m. Meet at entrance to church for a short guided walk in the village which has many interesting examples of mathematical tiles.

Finishing at Bourne Hall.

This will be led by Ian West.

- 3.00 p.m. View the Nonsuch Exhibition which, in cooperation with the Museum of London, will include a selection of "finds" of the 1959/60 excavations (directed by Martin Biddle). Also the Local History Museum.
- 4.00 p.m. Return to St. Mary's Church Hall.
- 4.15 p.m. Afternoon tea in St. Mary's Church Hall. (Please state if not required).
- 5.15 p.m. Finish

Tickets: Members £2.50, non-members £2.60, to include administration, coffee, afternoon tea and donation. Please send s.a.e. with cheque to Mrs. J. West, 123 Ewell By Pass, Ewell, Epsom KT17 2PX (Tel. 01-393 8970). Bookings not later than 20th May to enable final arrangements to be completed. The party is limited to 40.

The following Saturday, 11th June, the Festival Symposium will take place in Bourne Hall, Ewell. Six lectures will explore the excavation of the palace and banqueting house, the finds, the history, art and architecture, and the relationship to the sister palaces of Oatlands and Hampton Court. Please see *Bulletin* 226 for details.

S.A.S. VISIT TO CHERTSEY

Thursday, 9th June arranged by Jackie Malyon

- 10.30 a.m. Meet at the "Swan" public house in Windsor Street for coffee (map supplied with ticket).
- 11.00 a.m. Proceed on walk around the site of Chertsey Abbey. The Benedictine Abbey of Chertsey was founded in A.D. 666 by Frithwald, subregulus of Surrey, under King of the Mercians. In the 9th century the Abbot and all of the 90 Monks were attacked and slain by the Danes. The Abbey was eventually resettled and built in stone. The most famous Abbot was Abbot Rutherwyk c.1307-1346, who administered the possessions of the Abbey extremely efficiently. It fell with the dissolution of the monasteries in c.1537. Some of the Abbey stone was used as foundations for Henry VIII's palace of Oatlands at Weybridge. Unfortunately there is very little of the Abbey to be seen above ground today.
- 1.00 p.m. Return to the "Swan" for lunch (if booked).
- 2.00 p.m. Assemble at the Museum in Windsor Street for a talk and slides by the Curator, Paul Larkin, who will talk on the Abbey and the history of Chertsey. Afterwards there will be an opportunity to look around the Museum, which has many interesting exhibits, including a display of Chertsey tiles. The Museum also possesses a very important Viking sword which was found in the gravel workings in Chertsey. A Celtic bronze shield was also found at Chertsey, but this is now in the British Museum.
- 3.30 p.m. Return to the "Swan" for tea (please state if not required). (approx.)

Tickets: Members £3.75, non-members £3.85 to include administration, coffee, tea and donation. Please send s.a.e. envelope with cheque to Mrs. Jean West, 123 Ewell By Pass, Ewell, Epsom KT17 2PX. (Tel: 01-393 8970) not later than 20th April to enable final arrangements to be completed.

Numbers limited to 30.

COACH OUTING TO FORTS IN THE PORTSMOUTH AREA

Sunday, 8th May

Arranged by Surrey Industrial History Group

Visit to Spit Sands Fort, Portsmouth, Fort Brockhurst and Fort Widley. Guided tours at Spit Sands and Fort Widley. Coach leaves Safeguard Bus Garage, Ridgemount, Guildford, at 9.00 a.m. and returns about 6.00 p.m. Cost £9.50 inclusive. Applications for tickets to D. Evans, 48 Guildford Park Road, Guildford GU2 5NF. Please make cheques payable to "S.I.H.G."

S.A.S. Visit to North and West Norfolk – 11th–17th July

There are still a few places available on this tour, based at King's Lynn. For the details see *Bulletin* 227 or telephone Mrs. Jean West: 01-393 8970.

Publicity Officer

Members will have noted from the March *Bulletin* that Mr. M. J. Curtis has been appointed Publicity Officer for the Society. He would now be grateful to hear from anyone interested in helping him to promote the Society's activities by taking publicity display boards to meetings, etc. Mr. Curtis would also be pleased to hear from any member or associated group who might require assistance in publicising their own events. He can be contacted at: 4 Cottimore Terrace, Walton-on-Thames KT12 2BY (Tel: 0932 245957).

Joint Hon. Secretaries

A Note from the Former Joint Hon. Secretaries

John and Marian Gower wish to thank all those who gave so generously towards their "retirement" present. The money enabled us to extend our library with copies of Barry Cunliffe's "Temple of Sulis Minerva at Bath" excavation report; the RCHM Inventory of the Brecknock Hill Forts and Roman Remains; Bernard Levin's "To the End of the Rhine"; and Tobias Churton's "The Gnostics".

Naturally we miss all our friends in Surrey but hope to get back for some meetings. We would be very pleased to see anyone who ventures this far west. Our address is: The Square, Winscombe, Avon BS25 1BS (Tel. 093484 2945).

We would also like to thank all those who made our short but challenging time as Hon. Secretaries as easy and enjoyable as it was. Special mention must be made of Eric Wood who helped us to find our feet, Rosamond Hanworth for all her guidance and the Castle Arch staff for putting up with us.

Finally, we would like to wish our successors, David and Audrey Graham, all the very best for their term of office.

Lloyds Bank Fund for Independent Archaeologists, 1988

One of our members, Laurence Draper, has received an award of £200 towards the cost of publishing a book describing his study of the First World War iron ore mine on the Hebridean islands of Raasay. The seven-year hobby unveiled the fascinating story of how German prisoners of war were used as the labour force (apparently contravening The Hague Convention) and how warm relationships developed between the prisoners and local workers and their families. The book, publication of which will also be aided by The Highlands and Islands Development Board, will contain early photographs and technical information on the equipment

and production methods. Because of the success of the study, The Royal Commission on Ancient and Historic Monuments of Scotland has made a complete ground survey of the site, and hopes to do an aerial survey, to complete the project. The award was presented at a ceremony at the Society of Antiquaries of London in Burlington House on 23 March.

Tebbutt Research Fund

The fund was established as a tribute to the life and work of the late C. F. Tebbutt. Applications are invited, from either individuals or groups, for grants towards research into the Wealden Iron Industry. Details about the fund can be obtained from Mrs. S. Broomfield, Tebbutt Research Fund, 8 Woodview Crescent, Hildenborough, Tonbridge TN11 9HD. Applications must be made before 31st May, 1988.

EXCAVATION NOTICE, ETC.

Lightwater, South Farm

The fourth season of excavations of the late Iron Age, Romano-British and probable early Medieval settlement will be from 6th August to 4th September, 1988, directed by G. H. Cole for Surrey Heath Archaeological and Heritage Trust.

Public viewing facilities and interpretation centre will be open daily from 6th August to 18th September, 1988.

For further information and for volunteers wishing to help on the site, please write to G. H. Cole, Archaeological Centre, 63 High Street, Bagshot, Surrey.

A3 Road widening scheme, Hog's Back to B3000 intersection (SU 956475 C)

With the co-operation of the Department of Transport and Gleasons, the site contractor, fieldwalking has now been completed on the above section of the A3 road widening scheme. The area examined comprised a strip of land running from the chalk of the Hog's Back, across a heavy clay valley bottom and on to the undulating greensand country to the south. Very little material of any period was recovered, even in the immediate vicinity of the Roman villa site at Compton, which lies very close to the edge of the road works. A handful of RB tile was found on a hillside at the south end of this section of the road scheme and may well indicate the existence of a Roman site at the top of the hill, which will not be affected by the construction works. A few struck flakes and one or two sherds of medieval pottery were also collected, but no concentrations of material were noted. Further work will be carried out to the south of the B3000 intersection, as and when site clearance commences on this section of the contract.

David Graham

Godalming Relief Road

The second of an intended series of small excavations on the proposed route of Godalming Relief Road has been carried out on land at the corner of Brighton Road and Wharf Street (SU 973438). A modern pavement of tarmac over 10cm rubble had been laid on a floor of Bargate slabs. The roughness of this slab floor suggests that it was an outside area, possibly a yard. The slabs had been laid directly on apparently sterile sand; since further excavation to a depth of 70cm failed to reveal any change or any finds this sand was taken to be "natural". The surface of the sand had been disturbed in one area by a block of pink concrete (40cm x 25cm x 10cm; possibly a doorstep) and a wooden post, the bottom of

which had been set in a packing of slabs and stones. Old photographs show a timber-framed building on the site and this latter may represent one of the wall-posts. The lack of finds contemporary with or later than this house suggests that the area was stripped when the slab floor was laid. A full report will be written when all the excavations have been completed.

Judie English

Has anyone seen Roman Rudgwick recently?

In 1874 the *Sy.A.C.* contained a paper on the Roman branch road between Stane Street at Rowhook and the temple on Farley Heath (151) which mentioned Roman tile in Rudgwick church but subsequently this observation seems to have been forgotten. The tiles can be clearly seen in parts of the church built during the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. The nearest known Roman site is the *mansio* at Alfoldean, about 4km to the south-east, but to transport a heavy load by cart over unmade roads across the Arun valley and up the steep scarp of the ridge on which Rudgwick is built would have taken considerable effort. Most of the fabric of the church is sandstone which could have been obtained very locally — why bother to bring a few cartloads of tile from Alfoldean and then use them randomly in the church walls? This must remain the most likely source, but it does no harm to keep an open mind.

An interesting, but unreferenced, comment in a scrapbook written in 1945 by Cranleigh Women's Institute mentions Roman remains found in the soil of the pond opposite the Wheatsheaf at Ellens Green. There is now no pond in this position, though there are several in the area. Does anyone have any more information about this find?

Were the tiles packed up close to the quarry where the sandstone for the fabric of the church was dug? If so, where was this?

The ridge overlooking the Arun valley provides a well drained settlement area. It was crossed by both Stane Street and the branch road. Is there a farmstead/villa yet to be found between Rudgwick and Rowhook?

My guess, for what it is worth, is that the answer lies somewhere on the ridge within a mile or so of Rudgwick. If you have any information, please let me know.

Judie English

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MEETINGS, ETC.

APRIL

Thursday 14th, 7.45 p.m.

PREHISTORIC AND ROMAN IRON-MAKING IN THE WEALD. Talk by Henry Cleere to Croydon N.H.S.S. at East Croydon U.R. Church Hall, Addiscombe Grove.

Friday 15th, 8.00 p.m.

THE KINGSTON BRIDGE EXCAVATION. Talk by Geoffrey Potter to Richmond A.S. at The Vestry Room, Paradise Road, Richmond.

Wednesday 20th

S.A.S. VISIT TO WILMINGTON PRIORY AND HERSTMONCEUX CASTLE. Details given in *Bulletin 227*.

Saturday 30th

COACH OUTING TO LITTLECOTE AND COGGES arranged by Surrey Roman Villa Group. Details given in *Bulletin 227*.

MAY

Tuesday 3rd, 7.30 p.m.

SURREY DOCKS. Talk by Stephen Humphrey to Southwark & Lambeth A.S. at Hawkstone Hall, Kennington Road. (Two minutes walk from Lambeth North Underground station).

Wednesday 4th, 8.00 p.m.

THOMAS HOLLOWAY — ENTREPRENEUR AND PHILANTHROPIST. Talk by Ron Davis to Nonsuch A.S. at St. Mary's Church Hall, Ewell.

Saturday 7th, 10.45–5.00

HOW THE RAILWAYS CHANGED SURREY. Surrey Local History Symposium at the Centre Halls, Woking. See notice in *Bulletin* 228.

Friday 13th, 8.00 p.m.

CASTLE EXCAVATIONS. Talk by Brian Davison to Richmond A.S. at The Vestry Room, Paradise Road, Richmond.

Friday 20th, 8.00 p.m.

KINGSTON HERITAGE: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. A talk by Marion Shipley to the S.A.S. Guildford Group and friends in the Studio, Guildford Institute, Ward Street, Guildford.

Saturday 21st

S.A.S. VISIT TO SOUTHAMPTON AND THE NEW FOREST. For details see *Bulletin* 228.

Thursday 26th, 8.00 p.m.

THE VILLAGE OF THORPE 1810–1914. Talk by Jill Williams to Egham-by-Runnymede H.A. at the Literary Institute, Egham High Street.

JUNE

Wednesday 1st, 8.00 p.m.

THE QUESTIONS OF CAVE ART. A talk by Michael Curtis to Nonsuch A.S. at St. Mary's Church Hall, London Road, Ewell.

EXCAVATIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, 16th April, 10.30–4.00

Dorking Halls, Dorking

Chairman: Hugh Thompson

- Speakers: Rob Poulton – Excavations at Saxon County School, Shepperton
Phil Jones – Recent Excavations at Staines
Geoff Potter – Kingston Bridge Excavation
Paul Stokes – Work of the Surrey Heath Group at Bagshot and Lightwater
John Hampton – Aerial Photography of Sites in Surrey

Presentation of the Margary Awards.

Coffee, tea and biscuits will be available at a small charge in the lunch and mid-afternoon breaks. Admittance: £2.00 at the door.

THE TUDOR AGE

South East England in the Sixteenth Century

A course of lectures arranged jointly by the Surrey Archaeological Society and the Dept. of Educational Studies, University of Surrey, to be held at the Central Lecture Block, University of Surrey, Guildford, on **Tuesday** evenings at 8 p.m.

26th April Tudor Music — lecture recital by Cammerata Oriana Music Group

3rd May	Art in Tudor England	Mr. M. Tomlin
10th May	Daily Life in Tudor Surrey	Dr. P. Edwards
17th May	Nonsuch Palace	Prof. M. Biddle
24th May	Tudor Armour	Mr. G. Blair
31st May	Oatlands and Whitehall Palaces	Dr. J. Turquet
7th June	Science in Tudor England	Miss P. Smart
14th June	How Prepared was England for Invasion in 1588?	Mr. A. Saunders
21st June	The Dissolved Monasteries as Tudor Country Houses	Dr. M. Howard

The lecture on 3rd May will be in Lecture Theatre M: all the others will take place in Lecture Theatre D.

Fee for the Course: £10.00 for members of S.A.S., pensioners or students, £15.00 for non-members. Cheques, made payable to "Surrey Archaeological Society" to: Mr. J. Boulton, 25 Lawrence Avenue, New Malden KT3 5LX. Please enclose s.a.e. Fee for individual lectures, payable at the door: £1.50 for members, £2.00 for non-members.

Next Bulletin

This will be published in early June; copy for the issue must be with the *Bulletin* Editor by Saturday, 7th May. The following *Bulletin* will cover the months of July and August and material must be received by Saturday, 4th June.