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COUNCIL NEWS

Landscape Survey

Some members of the Society have been concerned for some time that excavation on the scale undertaken by professional units may be beyond the capacity of some Societies both in terms of manpower and money. Furthermore, the limitations inherent in the examination of a single site, however comprehensively undertaken, are more widely recognised. This has led to the concept of the study of the ancient and historic landscape as a whole.

Development takes place not only in our towns and urban landscapes, but also in the countryside, and at an increasing rate. Changing agricultural methods, the uprooting of hedgerows, forestry, roads and intrusive development of all kinds each add to the process and, as a result, boundaries and other tantalising glimpses of our past vanish. It is essential to record the evidence of earlier landscapes before they are completely obliterated and the Society is therefore sponsoring the Surrey Historic Landscapes Project.

The aim is ambitious — to identify and record the evolution of man's organisation of the land and settlement over past millenia. It will involve fieldwork, the study of aerial photographs and a wide range of disciplines from soil and pollen analysis to documentary research.

It is a long term project, but one which gives scope and opportunity for societies, groups and individuals to participate. The co-ordination and integration of the work is being masterminded by the Excavations Committee, which will be arranging meetings

of those interested during the summer. The Committee would welcome your support and involvement. For more information and details, please contact the Excavations Committee Secretary David Bird — 01-541-9419.

Insurance — Indemnities

Some indemnities required by landowners and contractors go beyond the acceptable liability of Surrey Archaeological Society and its insurance cover for excavations. In future all indemnity forms **MUST** be signed by one or other of the OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY who have been appointed by The Council of the Society to act in this matter.

A copy of every indemnity required must be forwarded to Mr R J Webber at 8 Kelvin Grove, Hook, Chessington, Surrey KT9 1DP who will, where necessary, clear the terms and conditions with the insurers. A further copy should, at the same time, be sent to the Society's Hon. LEGAL ADVISER.

LOCAL SOCIETIES or GROUPS excavating under Surrey Archaeological Society's insurance cover **MUST COMPLY** with this procedure. Other excavators would be well advised to take legal advice before signing any form of indemnity.

The following officers of the Society have been authorised by the Council to sign indemnities on behalf of the Society: The President, The Secretary, The Hon. Treasurer.

“The South East to AD 1000”

Would members please note that the special offer of the above volume, advertised in *Bulletin 235*, is now closed.

LIBRARY NEWS

From 1st March 1989 the librarian will revert to normal hours for the summer, i.e. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am to 5.00pm, except the Friday preceding the first Saturday in each month, and the first Saturday in each month 9.30am to 5.00pm. The Librarian will be on leave from 24th June until 8th July 1989. In the absence of the librarian members may have access to the Library using their current Membership cards to sign for the Library key which is held by the Museum attendant.

VISITS COMMITTEE

SAS Visit to Dorchester on Thames, Long Wittenham and Warborough arranged by Enid and Richard Butler Saturday 3rd June

- 7.45 a.m. Coach leaves Reigate, Red Cross Public House at junction of West Street, High Street and Park Lane
- 8.00 a.m. Dorking Halls
- 8.30 a.m. Guildford; BR station in Guildford Park Road
- 10.30 a.m. Morning coffee at Rivers Restaurant, Benson (Cost 50p — as it is self-service, cost is not included, but will be booked in advance) (Please state if not required)
Owing to Dorchester on Thames Festival, exact times cannot be given for the day.

This area of the Upper Thames Gravel Terrace has yielded evidence of 6000 years of continuous habitation with Neolithic and Bronze Age ceremonial complexes. Dorchester, with its Iron Age promontory and Hill fort became a Roman town and staging post between Silchester and Alchester. The present village — a Conservation area — with at least 50 secular buildings from the 15th century is contained within the Roman Walls.

In 634 AD St Birinus created the first Wessex Bishopric here, translated to Lincoln by William the Conqueror, and in 1170 the Saxon Cathedral became an Augustinian Monastery, of which the Abbey Church remains. Full of splendour and interest, the Norman lead font of 1120 AD and the unique Traceried Jesse Window are especially noteworthy. The Church and Village will be seen in detail.

Lunch break in Dorchester on Thames. There are a limited number of pubs in the area.

Two other lead fonts will be seen at Warborough and Long Wittenden — the latter village has an ancient Cross and many timbered houses.

4.30 p.m. Afternoon Tea will be at Abingdon Jail (now a Leisure approx. Centre) Please state if not required.

5.30 p.m. (Approx.) Depart for home.

TICKETS: Members £9.50; non-members £9.60; students £6.50 to include administration, coach, gratuity, afternoon tea and donations. Please send SAE with cheque to: Mrs Jean West, 123 Ewell By Pass, Ewell, Epsom KT17 2PX (tel 01 393 8970) not later than 15th June

SAS Visit to Ordnance Survey HQ, Maybush, nr. Southampton arranged by Alan Gillies

Wednesday 12th July

- 8.00 a.m. Coach leaves Reigate at the Red Cross Public House at the junction of West Street, High Street and Park Lane
- 8.15 a.m. Dorking Halls
- 8.45 a.m. Guildford, rear of the BR station in Guildford Park Road
Proceed to Maybush
- 10.30 a.m. Arrive at the Ordnance survey HQ Morning coffee on arrival and Introduction
Audio-visual presentation, Elements of map making, air photos etc.
- 12.30 —
- 1.30 p.m. Lunch break. members who wish will be able to purchase lunch in the staff canteen.
- 1.30 p.m.—
- 2.45 p.m. Group 1 in OS: Croup 2 in RCHME, small scale mapping, printing.
Group 2 in OS: Group 1 in RCHME as below
- 3.00 p.m. —
- 4.15 p.m. The visit to OS will provide an insight into the working of 4.15 p.m. the National Mapping Organisation and into modern mapping techniques, including the use of satellite imagery.
The visit to Royal Commission on Historical Monuments for England (RCHME) will provide an opportunity to examine some of the archaeological records used in mapping and to see how they are stored and indexed. It is hoped that by July the system will have been computerised.

4.15 p.m. Coach departs for Selborne.
Approx. Afternoon tea at Bush House, Selborne (Please state if not required)
6.15 p.m. Coach departs from Selborne
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EXCAVATIONS COMMITTEE

Symposium Report

The 1989 Symposium was held at the University of Surrey, Guildford on the 25th February. Dr. Tony Clark very competently chaired the day's proceedings as well as delivering an engrossing lecture on the use of geophysical methods in landscape survey.

The day started with a talk by Mike Curtis on the work of the recently formed Wey Side Archaeological Group, in particular their excavation in Church Street, Walton which uncovered foundation of a particularly well built and carefully demolished (?) 16th century brick well.

This was followed by Steve Dyer who spoke about the excavation on a site adjacent to Petters Sports Field in Egham. Here a large watercourse which may have discharged into the Thames was discovered with Bronze Age, Iron Age and Roman strata above. The previously encountered Roman road was investigated but seemed to have no camber and no depth to the gravels, which allowed alternative interpretations, and the presence of Saxon pottery indicated settlement nearby.

Michael Russell described the excavations at Place Farm, Bletchingly which were designed to test Lambert's suggestion that the site was a double courtyard building illustrated on an estate map of the area. He described the extensive excavations and a rich series of finds before offering a synthesis. A series of foundations were uncovered dating from the 13th century through to the 16th century when there was a complete rebuild consisting of an inner and outer court with a gatehouse and planned front range with porch and bay windows, a large cellar and a further range of buildings were inferred from resistivity.

Recent work in the Museum of London and Merton Priory was outlined by Penny Bruce. The excavations originally concentrated on the northern part of the church and then in 1968 the south aisle and parts of the cloister and infirmary were excavated. Foundations were of flint and mortar and three building phases were identified. A series of trial trenches adjacent to the relief road picked up part of the precinct wall and it was hoped to carry out an area excavation in the future. Over 700 graves had been unearthed, some in the Chapter House and church, but others in a large lay cemetery to the north of the church.

The afternoon theme was on landscape archaeology and began with the launch of the Excavation Committee's own project on Surrey's Historic Landscape mentioned elsewhere in this *Bulletin*. Tony Clark's discussion of geophysical methods outlined the uses of magnetic scanning and susceptibility survey techniques in both site

specific and wider landscape projects, and led to Mark Corney's fine description of the Royal Commission's work at Yarnbury and other hillforts in Wessex. An integration of detailed earthwork survey, geophysical prospecting and surface artefact recovery provided a vast amount of information that proved extremely cost effective when compared with the excavation of similar hillforts. The surrounding landscape with its ditch systems, field systems and enclosures was also considered and seen to be a common element around Wessex hillforts.

The Margary Award for best exhibition was given to the Surrey Historic Landscape Project.

Claypipe Workshop

The latest in the series of archaeological workshops arranged by the Excavations Committee will be held on Saturday, 6th May and will be on the subject of claypipes. As usual, there will be a number of short talks and plenty of time for discussion and identification. Dating, stem bores, makers' marks and kilns will all be included. 10.00 a.m. — 1.00 p.m. at North Kingston Centre, Richmond Road, Kingston.

Other News

The Excavations Committee is purchasing three new wheelbarrows and members and societies are reminded that tools are available for loan. They are also looking at the possibility of holding meetings in the field, either on excavation sites or fieldwork areas.

A pottery workshop is being planned for the summer (details in the next *Bulletin*) with the emphasis on methods of sorting and cataloguing for publication.

NOTES

Early Guildford Borough Boundary Stones

Richard Williams

Boundary stones are objects which are unnoticed by most passers-by or not given further thought. They are of historic interest and worth recording. They are often, but not always, shown on various editions of the larger-scale OS maps, so it is necessary to visit accessible portions of an old boundary, particularly the turning points, to determine whether a mapped stone still survives and to look for unrecorded stones.

The author has so far examined the eighteenth century borough boundary as shown on the Ichnography of 1739, and the 19th century Borough extensions.

The earliest stones marking the Ichnography boundary are dated 1761 or 1762. Two on or near this boundary are dated 1809; no reason is yet known for this as the boundary did not change until 1832.

Seven stones have been located on the 18th century boundary, including the two dated 1809; their positions are described in the following list and shown on the accompanying copy of the Ichnography. There must have been others originally, particularly at turning points, but they appear to have been removed. The positions of four of these, obtained from early large-scale OS maps, are also shown on the plan.

The seven survivors are:

- South end of Quarry Street, in angle of wall of Pilgrim House. Incised G T-B 1761
- South boundary of Racks Close, near a gate. Very worn; dated 1809

Walled footpath skirting Castle, embedded in western wall opposite keep. Letter G just visible

Near iron gates leading to bowling green, just inside the wall under a large shrub. Incised G 1809

On pavement by wall of new grammar school buildings, deeply buried; only the letter G is exposed

Haydon Place, east side, embedded in building wall about 16m from North Street building frontage. Painted black with wall. Incised G 1762. May be one of the 'missing' ones relocated, as not shown on old maps

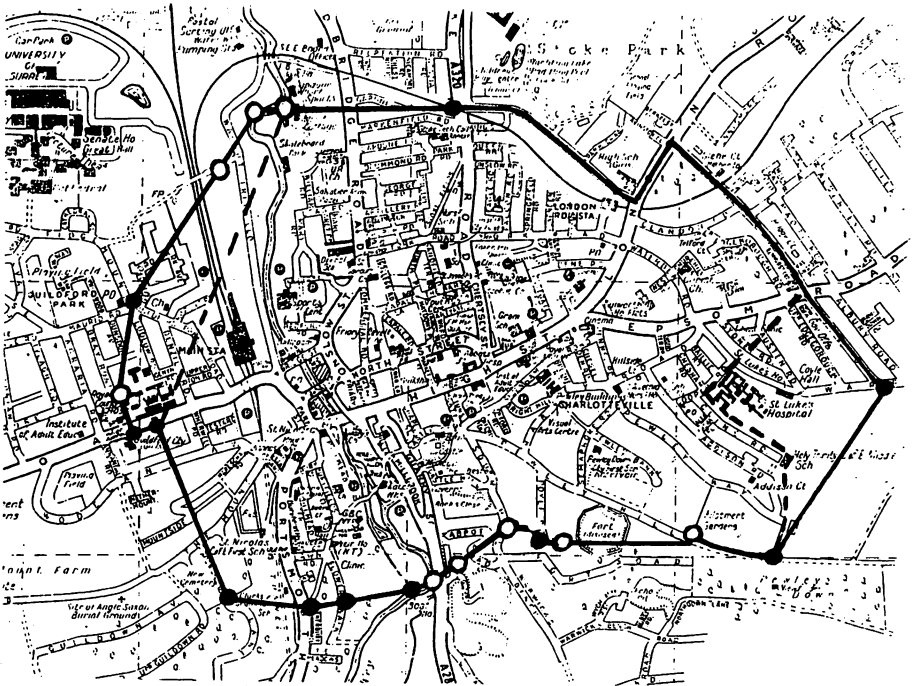
Park Street, in brick pillar at entrance to 18 Park Street. Incised G 1762

Known positions of missing stones:

North side of Racks Close, at edge of collapsed quarry face to east of the wooden steps

Near new grammar school buildings (former Allen House grounds) where boundary turned a right angle towards west North Street, opposite north-east corner of Abbots Hospital garden

North Street, against or near east wall of Horse & Groom, about 20 feet (6m) back from frontage



If anyone knows of others, the author would like to hear from them. Work is continuing on the later boundaries of the Borough.

It is to be hoped that conservation-minded people will keep an eye on all surviving boundary stones to prevent any more from 'Vanishing'.

MEETINGS

13th April

"Castles in S.E.England"; a talk by Dennis Turner organised by Sutton Leisure Services at Sutton Central Library, St. Nicholas Way, Sutton at 8.15 p.m. Entrance charge £1.20

15th April

"Houses with Influence" 9th West London Local History Conference to be held at Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow, commencing 9.30 a.m. Tickets £3.50 (£4 at the door).

The houses touched upon in the lectures will include those of Chiswick, Gunnersbury Park, Holland House, Strawberry Hill and "The Public House". For further details contact: Mr. Spencer 01-560-5814

18th April

"Arms and Armour in the Wallace Collection": a talk by David Ege to the Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society at The Heritage Centre, Wheatfield Way, Kingston upon Thames at 8 p.m.

20th April

"The Works of Sir Joseph Bazalgette": a talk by Dr. Denis Smith to the Barnes and Mortlake History Society at Shene School, Park Avenue, S.W.14 at 8 p.m.

27th April

"The Work of the Post Office Archives"; talk by Mr. S.R. Bowen to the Egham by Runnymede Historical Society at the Literary Institute at 8.00 p.m.

28th April

"Automobile Industry in London Borough of Wandsworth"; talk of Patrick Loobey to Wandsworth Historical Society, at Friemnds' Meeting House, Wandsworth High Street at 8.00 p.m.

3rd May

"Wentworth"; a talk by Ron Davis to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society at St. Mary's Church Hall, London Road, Ewell at 8.00 p.m.

6th May

Claypipe Workshop — Details given under Excavations Committee

16th May

"Excavations at Lambeth Palace Chapel"; a talk by Derek Sealey and Sue Dedenham to the Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society at The Heritage Centre, Wheatfield Road, Kingston upon Thames at 8.00 p.m.

17th May

SAS visit to Wanborough & Puttenham — See *Bulletin* 237 for details

26th May

"Entertainment in Roman London"; talk by Nicholas Fuentes to the Wandsworth Historical Society at Friends' Meeting House, Wandsworth High Street at 8.00 p.m.

1st June

Godalming Turbine Trust Open Evening at the turbine Borough Road, Godalming 18.00-20.00

3rd June

SAS Visit to Dorchester on Thames — Details given under Visits Committee

4th June

Chilworth Gunpowder Mills walk, (approx. 2 hours) led by Alan & Glenys Crocker. Meet at the Percy Arms, Chilworth at 2.30 p.m.

14th June

Visit to Kelmscott House, home of William Morris near Lechlade, Glos. organised by the Farnham & District Museum Society. Details from: Peggy Parks (Tel Farnham 724515)

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