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COUNCIL NEWS

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held in The Great Hall, The Castle, Farnham on Saturday, 25th November 1989 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 Mr F A Hastings and Mr F W Holling, serving Vice-Presidents, were elected Honorary Vice-Presidents. Mrs K R Kay was also elected Honorary Vice-President. The serving Honorary Officers were re-elected. The following were elected as Ordinary Members of Council to serve for the next four years: Mr G N Berton, Mr S P Dyer, Dr D F Renn, Miss M P Shipley and Mr P Tarplee. Roffe Swayne & Co were re-elected Honorary Auditors.

Our thanks are due to Mr D J Turner and the official guides who led tours of the Castle following the meeting.

New Members

We welcome to the Society the following new members:

Mrs C Brown, 64 Waterside Road, Slyfield Green, Guildford, GU1 1RF
 J Cunningham, Top Floor Flat, 105 Bedford Hill, Balham, London SW12 9HE
 Miss S M Davies, 10 Down Road, Merrow, Guildford
 Mrs L Dormor, 82 Crooksbury Road, Farnham, GU10 1QD
 East Surrey Museum, 1 Stafford Road, Caterham, CR3 6JG
 R W Edwards, Rubers Law, Holly Bank Road, West Byfleet, KT14 6JD
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 R Field, 3 Back Lane Cottages, Bucks Horn Oak, Farnham, GU10 4LN
 P A Finn, 44 Aldershot Road, Woodbridge Hill, Guildford, GU2 6AF
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 L P Goffart, Clasford Farm, Aldershot Road, Worplesdon, Guildford, GU3 3HQ
 Miss K E Mitchell, 71 Avenue Road, Farnborough, Hants. GU14 7BG
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 P W Stewart, 10 Albury Road, Guildford, GU1 2BU
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 Miss H N Wilmot, 11 Harefield, Hinchley Wood, KT10 9TG

LOCAL SOCIETY NEWS

Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society

On 9th December the Society launched the Virginia Water Picture Book in the Trotsworth Hall, Virginia Water, at a reception and display of local material attended

by the Mayor of Runnymede and other members of the Council and its officers. This publication follows the Egham Picture Book, also published by the Society.

The Society's second term of Local History Lectures, concentrating mainly on historical aspects of Virginia Water, Thorpe and Englefield Green continues on Mondays in January, commencing the 8th January. Subjects include "Hamlets — Rusham to Trumps Green"; "Portnall — the western end of Virginia Water"; "Wentworth to 1854"; and "The Cabrera Family".

Lectures are held at the Literary Institute commencing 7.30 pm. Admission to members is £1.50 and £2.00 to non-members.

Leatherhead & District Local History Society

Alan Gillies

ASSTEAD HISTORY PROJECT: Work on behalf of the Society has commenced to produce a new History of Ashtead, to revise and replace "Ashtead — a village transformed", which was published initially in 1977 and which has been out of print for some years.

SAS members who may wish to assist with the preparation of such a history, by research, writing, indexing, etc. are invited to contact Alan Gillies, Co-ordinator, Ashtead History Project, Sunnymead, Epsom Road, Ashtead, Surrey KT21 1LD (Ashtead (0372) 274616), indicating the type of assistance they are prepared to offer, together with any periods or topics which may be of particular interest to them.

Any early photographs of the area between Ashtead and Effingham are always of interest to the Society, who wish to copy those which would fill gaps in their collection.

VISITS COMMITTEE

SAS Diary Dates for 1990

Jean West
Visits Hon Secretary

SATURDAY	7th April	Hambledon and Milford (details below)	arr. J Carter
WEDNESDAY	9th May	Puttenham and Wanborough (this is repeat of 1989 Visit for waiting list only)	arr. J West
SATURDAY	19th May	Whitechapel Bell Foundry and The Ragged School Museum, Bow POOLE	arr. J Carter
FRIDAY	1st June	Leicester and the East Midlands	arr. A Gillies (long stay)
SATURDAY	7th July—	(details in <i>Bulletin</i> No. 242)	arr. J West
SATURDAY	14th July	Sompting, Bignor, Boxgrove Priory	arr. R Butler
WEDNESDAY	15th August	Beltring, Chiddingstone Castle	arr. D Evans
WEDNESDAY	19th September	Ripley	arr. J West

Visits Committee Notice

It is much regretted that the administration charges to visitors will have to be increased to a £1.00 above member costs owing to escalating costs. The charges have been held for the past 4 years.

SAS Visit to Hambledon and Milford

(limited to 40)

arranged by Josephine Carter

SATURDAY 7th April

Lower Vann by invitation of Mr & Mrs M B Caroe

10.30 am Assemble there for coffee and to see the house and garden in two groups.

Approaching Hambledon village from Godalming via Busbridge, after the Merry Harriers, turn left into Vann Lane, signposted Pockford. Vann is two miles away on the left. Park by the roadside. (SU982376)

The house is an interesting one of C16th date with William and Mary and C20th additions. The Gertrude Jekyll designed garden is carefully and beautifully maintained by the Caroe family who are keen gardeners themselves.

It is suggested that at lunch time we drive to All Saints Church, Witley to see the interesting C12th wall paintings.

From Vann, drive back the two miles to the Hambledon corner just beyond the green and the pond. This time continue straight on passing Tigbourne Court, "Lutyens' gayest and most elegant building" (Pevsner). Reaching the A283 (Petworth/Milford) turn right through Wormley to Witley. In Witley there are several pubs for lunch.

For Rake, continue along the A283 towards Milford. Rake Lane is the right turn just after the Waverley Council Depot. On the way Rake Manor is visible on the right but the entrance is round the corner. At the T junction, turn right. The entrance is on the right between Rake Lane and the level crossing at Witley Station. (SU951412)

Drive up the drive and between the iron gates between pillars to Rake Court. Members who would like to take their lunches are invited to arrive at 1.00 pm to picnic by the lake.

Rake Court by invitation of Mr A J Bott MA FRS and Mrs Bott.

2.15 pm Rake Manor is a Tudor house with additions by R Nevill, Sir Edwin Lutyens and R Haillie Scott. Rake Court is in the Lutyens section.

In addition, there is an exhibition of the work of Alfred Edmeades Beatill MBE, artist of Punch, Tatler and Rupert Bear.

Mrs Bott has kindly invited us to have tea there. An account of Rake Manor written by Mr Bott will be in the next edition of the *Collections*.

TICKETS: Members £6.00, non-members £7.00, students £1.50 to cover administration, morning coffee, afternoon tea, admissions, catalogue and Exhibition. 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 March to enable final arrangements to be completed. N.B. Please post-date cheques 1st April 1990.

SAS Visit to Leicester and the East Midlands 7th – 14th July

The above details appeared in the October *Bulletin* No 242. If interested please contact Mrs Jean West (address above) before the end of March to enable final arrangements to be completed.

EXCAVATIONS COMMITTEE

Annual Symposium. 3rd February at Dorking Halls. A reminder. See *Bulletin* 244 for details.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Thanks to the generosity of Miss Eve Myatt-Price, the Library has at its disposal a fund to finance the borrowing of any historical or archaeological theses relating to Surrey for consultation in the Library at Castle Arch.

The administration of the fund is in the hands of the Hon. Librarian, Miss Gillian Drew, and application should be made to her, via Mrs Janette White at Castle Arch, Guildford.

Grateful thanks are recorded to Miss Myatt-Price for her generosity.

Heraldic bookplates

Gillian Drew

A member of the Society, Mr Wladyslaw Masiewiez has suggested that it would be a useful project to establish a collection of Surrey heraldic bookplates in the Library. The Library already has the nucleus of such a collection and Mr Masiewiez has very kindly offered to donate some duplicates from his own collection. If anyone has any suitable bookplates which they would like to donate to swell this resource in the Library, we would be very pleased to hear from them and we are most grateful to Mr Masiewiez for his kindness and for taking this initiative.

Mr Masiewiez is presently engaged in recording the heraldic inscriptions to be found on buildings and tombstones in the Walton, Weybridge, Molesey areas, and anyone who would like to contact him, over this, or the bookplates, can do so via Gillian Drew, at Castle Arch.

Shirley Corke. Shirley Corke has recently retired as Chief Archivist at Guildford Muniment Room and those of us who have been fortunate enough to work with her in the Muniment Room feel that we owe her a tremendous debt of thanks. Her knowledge of this area of Surrey, in which she has lived since childhood, must be unrivalled — whatever documentary query was put to her she could at once lay her hands on the relevant material, or direct the enquirer to a source of information. Her energy, too, was phenomenal; she seemed able to solve the problems of at least six researchers at one and the same time. Her help was given unstintingly: her enthusiasm was boundless. The interest she inspired in the history of the region, as we found when she was training us to read documents, was partly due to a lively and imaginative selection of available material: the chosen passages illuminated for us the life of the town in earlier times. On the Library Committee Shirley's wise and practical advice was invaluable. Her kindness and generosity have won her many friends, and they unite in wishing her a most happy retirement — we know, at least, that it will be anything but an inactive one! (EMB)

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Chertsey Abbey publication launch

An evening party to launch the publication of "Archaeological Investigations on the site of Chertsey Abbey" by Rob Poulton, was held on 2nd December in Chertsey and hosted jointly by the Chertsey Society and the Surrey Archaeological Society.

The evening began with an illustrated talk by Rob Poulton given in St Peter's Church and was followed by a reception in the church hall. Over 50 copies of the report on Chertsey Abbey were sold during the course of the evening. Wine was served at the reception and a small display about the Abbey was mounted by staff from Chertsey

Museum. Thanks are due to Malcolm Loveday and the Chertsey Society for arranging such an enjoyable and successful event, which was attended by more than 100 people.

A tour of the site of the Abbey, led by members of the Chertsey Society, was held on the following weekend and was also well attended.



With apologies to the Master of Chertsey Tiles. Drawn by Victor Spink

Inserts in the *Bulletin*. The Committee is happy to assist local societies and others by accepting where appropriate and when possible inserts for distribution with the *Bulletin*. Please note, however:

1. All societies or organisations must give advance warning to Castle Arch and obtain approval from the Editor or the Hon. Secretaries.
2. The material must be delivered direct to the printers, Express Typesetters Ltd, 11 Riverside Park, Dogflud Way, Farnham, marked for the attention of Ian Dormor, no later than sixteen days after the published copy date.
3. No charge will be made to Local Societies or organisations, unless the additional material results in a higher postal rate.
4. The charge to commercial organisations will be £50.
5. If the additional material results in a higher postal rate to the SAS, the extra/over the rate which would otherwise have been incurred will be charged to the Society or organisation concerned.

Please note that unless we are given advance warning we cannot guarantee delivery with a particular issue.

Our sincere thanks are due to George Atherstone who, due to other commitments, has relinquished the time-consuming task of putting the *Bulletin* into envelopes and dispatching them to members. George took over from his wife Irene, who sadly died in 1988, and we are deeply grateful for their valuable services to the Society.

We are indebted to Mrs Lorna Dormor who has now kindly agreed to take over this work.

NOTES

Flint Working sites in Cranleigh

Judie English

Seven flint working sites, of which one has been recorded previously, have been noted during fieldwork in Cranleigh.

1. Snoxhall (TQ06033733). Ref: SxAC 101, 20, 1963. The site is on the south facing slope of a ridge of river gravel (2nd terrace Bramley Wey) at 65m OD. Some 450 worked flints were found in a concentration on ploughed land. These include six scrapers, one knife, five burins and eight microliths — seven obliquely backed points and one fully backed point. Mesolithic.
2. Knowle (TQ05553820). The site is on the southern slope of a sandstone knoll at 70m OD. Seventy six worked flints found close to a footpath across ploughed land include a fragment of an obliquely backed point. Mesolithic.
3. Lower Canfold Wood (TQ08203955). The site is on the southern slope of a limestone ridge at 80m OD and is at present under a conifer plantation. Thirty worked flints found in the root plate of a tree blown over in October 1987 include a microburin suggesting a mesolithic date.
4. Vachery High Park (TQ06433758). The site is on the same ridge as, but farther east than, Snoxhall (1). Some fifty worked flints scattered over a large ploughed field include a flake knife and a scraper both with shallow edge flaking and a possible awl, all of which are most probably of neolithic/bronze age date. Also found was a large flake of uncertain date in rolled condition.
5. Rydinghurst (TQ02833893). The site is on the south facing slope of an area of head at 70m OD. Thirty pieces found scattered over a large ploughed field include a polished axe flake which would suggest a neolithic date.
6. Collins Farm (TQ07633605). The site is on the north western slope of a gravel ridge (2nd terrace Bramley Wey) at 70m OD and is at present scrub. Twenty worked flints found in the upthrow from rabbit burrows include one scraper.
7. Wales Wood (TQ08553808). The site is on the north western slope of a sandstone ridge at present under deciduous woodland at 75m OD. Six worked flints found in a root plate include one scraper.

All these sites are on soils that are warmer and faster draining than the surrounding clay. Whilst this predilection has often been noted, it is still worth recognising that the sparse plough land of the Weald is similarly located and that, in this case, fieldwork was deliberately concentrated on possible settlement sites thus producing bias. Notable is the lack of pieces from the cortex of flint nodules, only seven primary flakes in all. This would seem to suggest that "rough outs" were prepared close to the source of the flint (presumably the North Downs) and transported to these working sites.

I am grateful to Roger Ellaby, Ken Waters and Keith Winsor for help in identifying the flints.

2 Clarence Street, 34-36 Thames Street, Kingston-upon-Thames (TQ17876935)

Phillip A Emery

An archaeological investigation by the Museum of London (DGLA) between Feb and Oct 1988 (funded by the developers of the site, Imperial Group Pension Trust) commenced within the cellars of standing buildings prior to demolition and resumed in unbasemented areas after site clearance.

The excavation lay to the north west of All Saints' Churchyard, on the site of the

“Crown and Thistle Inn” and other tenements of “The Rookery”. This block of buildings was demolished in 1834 to make way for “Clarence Street”, the approach road for the new Kingston Bridge (1828). “The Rookery” was separated from the churchyard by an alley known as both “Birdcage Walk” and “Washerwomen’s Alley”. The alley, and C17th to C18th foundations of the inn and three small tenements were excavated. The foundations of the inn incorporated re-used Reigate stone blocks which included an early C12th gargoyle and various components of a (?) medieval door-arch. Several burials, including that of an infant, were uncovered beneath the alley, indicating that the churchyard formerly extended further north. Two large pits producing Roman tile were also found.

MISCELLANY

Recording work at Brooklands, Surrey — An Appeal for help

Since Summer 1986, detailed recording of the industrial archaeology of the entire Brooklands site has been carried out by staff and enthusiasts on behalf of Brooklands Museum Trust. Before everything completely disappears, the Museum welcomes any comments by interested individuals, organisations and societies to ensure that nothing significant has been missed during recording so far.

Information on the motoring or aviation buildings (especially the Itala Works and pre 1919 Vickers premises) and any other statements about specific features of the site, including photographs and interesting anecdotes relating to past events are also welcome. Anyone interested should contact Julian C Temple, Curator of Aviation and Industrial History, Brooklands Museum Trust, Brooklands Road, Weybridge, Surrey (Tel. 0932 857381) (from *Enjoying MG* January 1990)

William Snow Artist

The Leatherhead and District Local History Society have recently been approached for information regarding William Snow, a late Victorian artist who also illustrated children’s books (possibly under an assumed name). In the 1880’s he lived in Inkerman Terrace, approached by a footpath off Church Road, Leatherhead. Contact Davis Bruce on Bookham 58722 with any information.

Underground Ballroom/Billiard Room, Witley Park

From Subterranea Britannica Newsletter it appears that one of their members is interested in the condition of this structure, but the owner is not keen to allow access. If any member has information on this, Peter Tarplee — Telephone Bookham 52301 — will put them in touch with the person concerned.

PUBLICATIONS

Dorking in Wartime by David Knight published privately (Furlong Road, Westcott, Dorking). A diary of events from 1938 to 1953 compiled chiefly from the Dorking Advertiser and from various other sources. 135 pages plus photographs. Available from main bookshops and Dorking Museum. Price £5.50 plus 55p postage and packing.

The Virginia Water Picture Book compiled by Ron and Dorothy Davis and published by the Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society. Price £3.95 from Egham Museum and local bookshops.

CONFERENCES

March 10th 1990

SERIAC 1990. The 8th South East Regional Industrial Archaeology Conference will be held at the Study Centre, Royal School of Military Engineering, Gillingham, Kent on

WAR AND PEACE

Local site visits will be arranged on Sunday 11th March. For further information, send stamped addressed envelope to: SERIAC Organising Committee c/o MIAG, Brook Pumping Station, Solomons Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4AJ

March 31st 1990

10th West London Local History Conference (sponsored by nine local history societies) at Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow, on

CRIME, LAW AND ORDER

Talks will include early police, local murders, Dickens and a refuge for fallen women, Highwaymen, and duels. Tickets £4.50 on the door, or £4 in advance from Miss Rita Ensing, 103 Engadine Street, London SW18 5DU (01 874 4917)

MEETINGS

February 1st

Aerial Photography and the Surrey Historic Landscape Project. A talk by John Hampton to the Farnham and District Museum Society at the small hall, Farnham United Reformed Church (Victoria Road entrance) at 7.30 pm.

February 3rd

SAS Annual Symposium at Dorking Halls. See *Bulletin* 244 for details.

February 7th

"Look Around You" A guide to DIY technology. A talk by Dr Frank Greenaway to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society at St Mary's Church Hall, London Road, Ewell at 8 pm.

February 15th

"Marks and Spencer" A talk by Mr Paul Bookbinder to the Barnes and Mortlake History Society in the Main Hall, Sheen Lane Centre at 8 pm.

February 15th

"The Sights, Sounds and Smells of Farnham 1880-1980". A talk by Gilbert Jackman to the Farnham and District Museum Society at the United Reformed Church at 7.30 pm

February 20th

"Post-Roman Iron Working in the Weald". The 9th Kernthaler Memorial Lecture given by Jeremy Hodgkinson to KUTAS at the Heritage Centre, Wheatfield Way, Kingston upon Thames at 8 pm.

February 22nd

"Clandon Park and the National Trust" a talk by Mr C G Allen to the Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society at the Literary Institute at 8 pm.

March 1st

"The Antiquities of Selborne: and Gilbert White". A talk by Dr June Chatfield to the Farnham and District Museum Society at the United Reformed Church at 7.30 pm

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