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COUNCIL NEWS

Annual General Meeting

At the Annual General Meeting held at Whiteley Village Hall on the 24th November, Mr Dennis Turner was elected President of the Society. The Viscountess Hanworth, Mrs V Ettliger and Professor A G Crocker were elected as Vice-Presidents and Miss C Smith was elected as an Honorary Member in recognition of their services to the Society.

Mr C Atkins, Mrs S Corke, Miss E M Myatt-Price, Mrs G Turner and Mr R W Williams were elected to Council.

The six retiring members, Mrs V Ettliger, Mr C S S Lyon, Mrs P C Nicolaysen, Dr D B Robinson, Mr D C Taylor and Mr D W Williams were thanked for their services during their four-year term.

Generous tributes were paid to the retiring President, Lady Hanworth, for the enthusiasm, energy and tremendous efforts she had made on behalf of the Society during her six years as President. A Presentation was made to her in grateful recognition.

The newly elected President, Dennis Turner, writes:

I am naturally very honoured to have been elected as your president but more than a little awed to be following such an energetic and successful president as Lady Hanworth. We all owe her a great debt of thanks for the energetic way that she has steered the Society during her term of office and for being willing to continue with the difficult and essential role of Honorary Editor. It is unlikely that any previous president worked so hard for the Society.

I find, in coming to the office, just the faintest touch of *deja vu*. When I became secretary a couple of decades ago, subjects that were then of active concern included the law of treasure trove, the role of CBA and its groups, problems concerning the preservation and conservation of buildings and monuments and, last but by no means least, the need to finance rescue excavation in the face of development. All these subjects are still on the agenda.

Today, after our gruesome experiences at Wanborough, the Society is playing a leading part in attempts to reform the law of treasure trove and I am particularly glad that Lady Hanworth has agreed to continue her active role in this. The Council for British Archaeology is busy reviewing its organization and that of its regional groups. The Society's boundaries extend into the territories of two CBA groups, neither of them functioning as the CBA wish, and we are inevitably involved in the discussions that are taking place. On the historic buildings and monuments front in a busy, overcrowded county, we are finding it difficult (as are others) to make sufficient response to the various opportunities and demands for using our influence.

Twenty years ago, this Society played a leading part in changing the climate for the funding of 'rescue archaeology'. As a result, much government money became available to enable archaeological excavation and recording to be carried out in advance of development. Although the funds were never enough, the situation became reasonably acceptable. But now, in general terms, government and local authority money is being withdrawn from this except for sites of 'national interest'. Local planning authorities are expected to persuade developers to fund the work. The Society has yet to establish a policy in the face of this new, and far from happy, situation.

These are all problems in which I, as president, will be involved. But so must you. The Society can only fulfill its role if enough members become active. Your officers and committees work hard and sometimes do wonders but they could be even more effective if more members took an active part. The Research Committee need more people to help with the landscape survey. The Conservation Committee needs more people to help monitor and respond to planning applications. The Visits Committee needs more help to organise our popular outings. The Young Archaeologists Club needs more helpers. More people are needed to distribute our publications and man bookstalls at meetings. And so on. We need everyone's help. Please write to me or to David Graham at Castle Arch and tell us how much time you can give to archaeology through the Society and what your abilities, interests and talents are.

Other Council News

Moated Site, South Park, Grayswood. The owner of the site has indicated that she would like to leave the site to an appropriate body and the Society has been approached in this respect. Discussions are currently taking place between the Society, the Surrey Wildlife Trust and English Heritage with a view to the Society acquiring the site.

Portable Antiquities Bill. A considerable measure of support for the Bill has been received, though certain problems remain to be resolved. The Earl of Perth, who has agreed to sponsor the Bill in the House of Lords, chaired a recent meeting with interested organisations including the British Museum, the Museums Association and the National Council for Metal Detecting, as a result of which the Bill will be partially redrafted to meet objections.

Proposal to fix the term of office of President. At the Council meeting of the 12th October it was agreed that a fixed term of four years for the office of President of the Society should be accepted practice and that no changes to the Articles of Association should be made.

Young Archaeologists' Club

Philippa Cousins has recently decided to resign from her post as organiser of the Young Archaeologists Club, due to continuing ill health. We are sorry to lose her services and wish her well for the future. Mary Alexander has kindly agreed to take over the production of the Club's Newsletter and Kathleen Needham has been appointed as administrator of the Club. The Club would welcome volunteers to help with the preparation and running of sessions. Anyone interested in helping should contact either Sue Roggero at Guildford Museum (0483 444752), or David Graham (0420 472761), who would be pleased to provide more information.

New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the Society:

Bhatt, Miss P, 88 West Street, Ewell Village, KT17 1XH

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Broadway Malyan Architects, The Librarian, 3 Weybridge Business Park, Addlestone Road, Weybridge, KT15 2UN

Chapman, Mr & Mrs Chapman, 12 Belmont Avenue, Guildford, GU2 6UF

Delamare, R J, 81 Summerlands, Cranleigh, GU6 7BX

Dewar, Miss A M, Walls End, Cranleigh Road, Womersley, Guildford, GU5 OPB

Frankcom, Mrs J, Bydand House, South Hill, Godalming, GU7 1JT

Harmer, B K, 14 Brookfield, Woking, GU21 3AD

Hilton, Mrs J, 2 Goldfinch Gardens, Merrow Park, GU4 7DN

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Reece, Miss A M, Wolverley, Burnhams Road, Little Bookham, KT23 3AU

Sibley, Mrs E A, c/o Guildford Museum, Castle Arch, Guildford, GU1 3SX

Strudwick, J R, Stable Cottage, Beech Hill Road, Headley, Bordon, GU35 8DW

Walker, Ms H, 12 Napier Gardens, Boxgrove Park, Guildford, GU1 2PG

Watson, Mrs A, 16 Victoria Road, Godalming, GU7 1JR

Webb, M N, Surrey Record Office, G76 County Hall, Penrhyn Road, Kingston, KT1 2DN

Weston, S M, 11 Clayhall House, Somers Close, Reigate, RH2 9EB

ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Annual Symposium

Saturday, 16 February 1991 at the Christian Community Centre, Dorking (adjacent to the parish church). Please note the change of venue.

The programme for the 1991 Symposium organised by the Society's Archaeological Research Committee (formerly Excavations Committee) for all Surrey archaeologists is now complete. As usual, the programme will start at 10.30 am, and the Symposium will close at about 5.00 pm.

The programme will be in two parts. In the morning we shall concentrate on aspects of recent work. The Committee's new title reflects a change of emphasis towards all aspects of the study of the historic environment. It has always been keen to include reports illustrative of work on aspects other than excavation, and this is again illustrated by the inclusion of a talk by Mary Saaler on documentary work. The afternoon session will be devoted to the theme of work along the Thames.

The meeting will be chaired by Rosamond Hanworth, retiring President of the Society, Editor and former chairman of the Committee.

Programme:

Giles Pattison: Guildford Castle: history and archaeology. Giles Pattison Report on the first season of excavation on the royal palace site initiated by the Society and carried out in conjunction with the Surrey County Archaeological Unit and Guildford Borough Council. The work is already throwing light on the documentary evidence, and vice versa.

- David Williams: Recent excavations in Reigate. The threat of a major town centre redevelopment scheme has led to a great deal of archaeological work in various parts of the town centre, which has added greatly to our knowledge of the development and history of the town.
- Steve Dyer: The Surrey Historic Landscape Project: update. Report on the first stages of fieldwork, documentary research, etc. New sites are being discovered and the project is acting as a test bed for techniques.
- Mary Saaler: The manor of Tillingdown: the economic effect of the Black Death.
- Phil Jones: Recent work by the Surrey County Archaeological Unit (especially on the gravel extraction sites at Thorpe Lea Nurseries and Brooklands, and the hillforts of St Ann's Hill and Anstiebury).
- Lunch and opportunity to view the exhibits (12.40 to 1.50)
- Announcement and presentation of the Margary Award for the best display.
- Robin Nielsen: Excavations on the medieval waterfront at Charter Quay, Kingston upon Thames. Further work by the Museum of London on the Kingston waterfront.
- Rob Poulton: Shepperton Ranges and other gravel sites: ritual deposits of pewter in the Roman period.
- Stuart Needham: Excavations at Runnymede Bridge. The British Museum research programme has now come to an end and it will be possible to summarise the results of the work at this major site.

A major part of the Symposium will be, as usual, the opportunity to meet like-minded people and discuss mutual problems and interests; discussion should be stimulated by the exhibits of current work by local groups. Ample time is allowed for these activities; here is your chance to show others what you are doing, to gain ideas for the future, to seek help in identifying those unexpected finds or unexplained features, and to enter for the MARGARY AWARD with its *cash prizes*. All displays are presumed to have entered for this Award unless they specifically opt out. Space for displays can be booked by contacting Steve Dyer (at County Hall on 081- 541 8091); *please do so before February 1*. Groups will be individually circulated; please let Steve know if you do not hear from him.

Coffee, tea and biscuits will be made available at a small charge at the breaks, and for those who do not wish to bring a packed lunch there are plenty of pubs and cafes in Dorking. Admittance will be £2.50 at the door, but tickets may be bought in advance at £2. Applications for tickets should be made to Mrs Susan Janaway at Castle Arch (GU1 3SX). Please send a stamped addressed envelope and make cheques payable to Surrey Archaeological Society. There is ample car parking space in Dorking; long-stay areas can be found adjacent to the Dorking Halls.

D G Bird, Secretary, Excavations Committee.

LECTURE AND SYMPOSIA COMMITTEE

The Committee is arranging a further series of six lectures in the Spring entitled "Surrey in the Thirteenth Century". The provisional programme includes lectures on Landholding, Monastic Surrey, Castles & Palaces and Town & Country and is currently scheduled to start on the 10th April. All lectures will be held at the Leatherhead Institute and, in addition, there will be one full-day field visit. Full details will be announced as soon as all arrangements have been finalised.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Christmas Closure. The Librarian will be on leave from Thursday 20th December 1990 until Wednesday 2nd January 1991. Members may use the Library during this period on production of a valid Library card. The Museum will be closed from 24th to 26th December 1990 inclusive.

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VISITS COMMITTEE

The Visits Committee has prepared an exciting programme for 1991. With the retirement of Jean West, there will be difficulties with administration. We really still need a secretary and treasurer. Volunteers PLEASE, PLEASE contact me.

In the meantime, David Evans will be accepting bookings & cheques (SAS Visits Committee Account). For a limited period, Captain M A Wilson RNR will act as treasurer.

Bulletin notices of each visit will include the name and telephone number of the organiser, so that enquiries about the day can be directed to him or her. David Evans can take bookings but he may not know the details of arrangements.

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SAS VISIT TO WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY AND DOCKLAND TOUR

arranged by Josephine Carter

STRICTLY LIMITED TO 20 PERSONS

Saturday 23rd March 1991

10.00 am Meet at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry for a guided tour. "Whitechapel Road Nos 20 & 32, Mears and Swainbrook with No. 2 Fieldgate Square, mostly mid and late c18th, the most remarkable group of its kind in London."

John Summerson in *Georgian London*.

On Saturdays, railway capital cards are available for early morning trains to London. They can be used for travel on trains, buses and on the underground. The foundry lies slightly nearer Aldgate Street than Whitechapel tube stations (District and Metropolitan lines).

Members may like to visit Whitechapel Art Gallery nearby.

After lunch we are planning an interesting Tour in East London.

TICKETS: Members £4.00, non-members £5.00, students £1.50 to include administration, admissions and donations. Please send sae with cheque to Mrs Jean West, 123 Ewell By Pass, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey KT17 2PX (Tel: 081 393 8970) not later than 20th February to enable final arrangements to be made. Members on the 1990 waiting list will be given preferential booking.

LOCAL SOCIETY NEWS

Egham by Runnymede Historical Society

The Society has been saddened by the loss of Desmond Mills who died at St Peter's Hospital on the 8th October. He had been a long standing member of the Society and was at one time Trustee and Hon Curator of Egham Museum. He will be remembered as a dedicated and meticulous researcher, especially of the Denham family and other aspects of local history. He was also a member of the Surrey Archaeological Society and the Surrey Record Society.

NOTES

Priory Park, Reigate

David Williams

A two day excavation at the beginning of August followed the stripping, by the Borough Council without archaeological supervision, of approximately 0.3m of topsoil prior to the construction of a play area. The new play area lies just to the south east of the Priory building.

The main feature of archaeological interest revealed by excavation is interpreted as a former path — a right angle section of which was recovered — aligned with, but presumably earlier than the present system. 11m of the path was traced running east-west and 9m north-south. The path had been surfaced with a compact yellow/brown sand which overlay a make-up deposit of building rubble. This comprised large amounts of roof tile, probably medieval, and smaller quantities of worked stone and plain floor tile. Little of the stone appears to have a local origin and includes fragments of Purbeck marble floor slabs, oolite and a grey shale-like rock. Pottery evidence suggests a 17th or even 18th century date for this path which can be ascribed to the time of the Howards (1541-1681) or the Parsons (1681-1766). Although the building material may have originated from the monastic buildings it is rather more likely that they were robbed from the Tudor mansion of the Howards during later alterations.

Excavations at South Farm, Lightwater, Surrey, 1990 **Geoffrey Cole**

The sixth season of excavation by the Surrey Heath Archaeological and Heritage Trust, sponsored by Surrey Heath Borough Council, was undertaken from 4th of August to 2nd of September in hot and dry weather. The excavation team, averaging 45 people per day, were drawn from students of archaeology representing universities in England, Wales, Scotland, Poland, Spain, France, Holland, USA and Sweden, members of the Trust and from other archaeological societies.

The excavation concentrated on two distinct areas of the settlement site separated by approx. 100 metres.

To the south (near Harrishaws Cottages) a length of enclosure ditch was sampled and proved to have been filled in c AD 200-250. The construction of this ditch and later disturbance by a cesspit c AD 1780, had severely damaged an earlier Roman Well of standard rectangular shape. Sufficient remained, however, to identify its plan and depth, its construction date of pre c AD 200 and its construction method by the recovery of fragments of its original timber lining preserved in the waterlogged ground. It will be hoped to conserve these timbers in the Archaeology Centre conservation laboratory for future exhibition use.

To the north of the Settlement Site, excavation continued in areas uncovered in 1989 and in a newly exposed section. Traces of Prehistoric occupation were again discovered in the form of flint scrapers, struck waste flint flakes, core fragments all of Mesolithic/Neolithic date and an intact barbed and tanged flint arrow head of Late Neolithic to Early Bronze Age date. Time did not permit full excavation of the potential prehistoric site but a trial section did reveal a depth of approximately 600mm from the earliest Romano-British occupation levels to the surface of the natural geology within which were present many turf lines with well preserved pollen and seed inclusions. In addition to the prehistoric site, further evidence, in the form of pottery, was discovered of occupation in the Late Pre-Roman Iron Age period, together with part of the plan of a formally arranged Late First Century AD Romano-British house (villa).

Excavation of this structure revealed it to have been constructed substantially of timber with principal walls anchored in deep earth filled slots. The floors were of rammed sand or gravel and parts of five rooms, including one with a hearth, were excavated. The forecourt to the building was of a laid flint platform, albeit that it had been seriously damaged by later features as had the building itself.

Later Romano-British occupation consisted of a variety of ditches and pits of 3rd/4th Century AD date together with a robbed stone wall of re-used masonry to the furthest northern extent of the areas being excavated.

Combined with the excavation, the Trust also provided four weeks of Activity Holidays for children aged 10 to 17 years. The weekly courses, sponsored by The BOC Group, included an introduction to archaeological techniques, a day visit by coach to the British Museum and practical projects of Stone Tool Making, Prehistoric Shelter Building, Pottery Making, Hide Cleaning and Curing and Iron Age Cookery.

Additionally the Trust provided two "Fun Days" in Archaeology for over 100 children aged 5 to 9 years and was the Southern England venue for the Young Archaeologists Club's National Archaeologists Day on the 18th of August. This event attracted many children and adults from considerable distances who were able to take part in specially provided activities including Surveying, Site Planning, Training Excavation, Lectures, Artefact Handling, Pottery Making and Prehistoric Cookery.

The excavations and children's activities will continue in August 1991, and a temporary exhibition of some of the finds from the site will be provided during April/May 1991 at Surrey Heath Museum, Knoll Road, Camberley, Surrey.

TEBBUTT RESEARCH FUND

This fund was established as a tribute to the life and work of the late C F Tebbutt, OBE, FSA, and applications are invited, from individuals and groups, for grants towards research into the Wealden Iron Industry.

It is anticipated that approximately £200 will be available from the fund and anyone interested should write a suitable letter of application giving details of themselves together with relevant information concerning the research envisaged.

Details should be sent to me, Mrs Sheila Broomfield, Hon Sec Wealden Iron Research Group, 8 Woodview Crescent, Hildenborough, Tonbridge TN11 9HD, not later than the 31st March 1991 so that I can pass them to the Panel for their consideration.

PUBLICATIONS

Index of Bulletins 1 to 250

A complete index of issues 1 to 250 has been deposited at the Library at Castle Arch. This has been compiled at the request of the Society and I hope will prove an invaluable resource to members in their research. The index has two main parts, Part 1 lists all entries under location and subject, and Part 2 is a complete alphabetical list of all sites, buildings and roads to guide you to the heading where any entries are made. The Index will be kept up-dated on computer and reprinted every 10 issues. The Society have agreed that full copies may be purchased by members at cost price (£4.50), and also that individual headings can be requested as off-prints. The full copy has 70 A4 pages. An order form is enclosed. Kim Knee

Ash & Ash Vale, a pictorial history by Sally Jenkinson. Given by its Saxon owner to the monks of Chertsey Abbey, Ash changed little until the coming of the railways and the military in the mid-19th century. By skilful use of old photographs and local reminiscences the author, who is a graduate of Surrey University and who has lived and worked locally all her life, brings the recent past to life. 178 black and white illustrations with detailed text. Pub. by Phillimore & Co Ltd. Price £9.95 from local bookshops. (ISBN 085033 773 9).

“The breweries and public houses of Guildford” by Mark Sturley.

Matthew Alexander writes: The publication of this book marks the culmination of many years devoted to research by Mark Sturley, formerly Head of History at the Royal Grammar School. He is an historian of the first quality, and like the earlier history of the school, this book provides information of more than purely local interest. The introduction gives a brief overview of the growth of government regulation of the licensed trade at both national and local levels, and this, together with a glossary, explains many technicalities — such as the difference between ale and beer, and between a tavern and an inn. It is interesting to note that all the pubs of Guildford today would be termed “tippling houses” — ale houses which did not brew their own beer but purchased it for retail from the wholesale brewer. It is clear that Guildford inns had a high reputation. John Aubrey, writing in 1673, claimed “it has always been most famous for its good inns and excellent accommodation for passengers, the best perhaps in England”.

The chapter on Guildford breweries makes fascinating reading, but the bulk of the work deals with the public houses of Guildford in alphabetical order.

As well as breweries, the author deals with mineral water manufacturers. To many Victorians alcoholic drink was viewed as a social evil and mineral water as an acceptable beverage. Indeed, the most intriguing chapter of this book deals with the temperance movement in Guildford.

The reader will probably want to treat this book as a work of reference as it is laid out very much as a list. Well researched, profusely illustrated with photographs and written with all the professionalism of an academic historian, this book will be a pleasure both to all those who love Guildford and to those who love that great contribution this nation has made to world civilization, the English pub. Price £9.95. Available from Traylens and Guildford Museum.

SEMINAR

Domestic Architecture in prehistoric Britain organised by the Royal Archaeological Institute

A One-day Seminar to be held at the Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W1V 0HS on 23rd February, 1991

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| 10.00 am | Coffee and biscuits |
| 10.30 am | Welcome by the President, A P Baggs, MA, FSA and |
| 10.35 am | Introduction by the Chairman — I A Kinnes, MA, PhD, FSA |
| 10.35 am | Houses of the Late Bronze Age and Iron Age in Britain M Parker-Pearson MA, PhD |
| 11.15 am | Flag Fen excavations and reconstructions Francis Pryor MA, PhD, FSA |
| 11.55 am | Raising the roof at Runnymede, or building from bones Stuart Needham BA, PhD, FSA |

- 12.35 – 2.00 pm Lunch (Participants to make their own arrangements)
- 2.00 pm From subsistence economy to cosmology: developments in Later Prehistoric settlement archaeology
John Barrett
- 2.40 pm The Neolithic House in Orkney
C Richards
- 3.20 – 3.50 pm Tea and biscuits
- 3.50 pm Double-ring and radially divided round-houses of Northern Britain — form, size and internal planning
Malcolm L Reid, BA, AIFA, FSA Scot
- 4.30 pm An Architect Comments — Looking back from surviving Traditions
Richard Harris MA, AA Dip
- 5.00 pm Closing Remarks

Applications with stamped addressed envelope for tickets:- To the Assistant Secretary, Miss W E Phillips, The Royal Archaeological Institute, c/o Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W1V 0HS. RAI members £7.50 each; non members £10.00 each (coffee and tea included).

SOUTH WEST LONDON SYMPOSIUM

Through no fault of the Society, the Symposium (advertised in Bulletin 252) scheduled to take place on the 10th November at the Sutton Civic Centre, was cancelled only a few days beforehand and there was unfortunately no opportunity to notify members of the cancellation. The Society very much regrets any inconvenience that may have been caused. It is hoped that the Symposium will take place in April next year.

LOCAL HISTORY COURSES

Roehampton Institute: The History Department of the Roehampton Institute is arranging a ten week course covering medieval documents and maps in January 1991. Anyone interested contact Mrs Maisie Brown, 1 Mill Hill Road, Barnes SW11 for further details (081 878-1417)

“Richmond Park: Land Use, Culture and Image” A series of eleven lectures will commence in January 1991 at the Richmond Adult & Community College, Parkshot. Full details from the tutor: Dr T Greeves MA, PhD, 17 Godstone Road, St Margarets, Twickenham TW1 1JY (081 891-4933)

MEETINGS 1991

2nd January

“The history of gardens” a talk by Mary Knowles to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society in St Mary’s Church Hall, Kingston Road, Ewell at 8 pm

5th January

“Archaeological survey by the Royal Navy between 1750 and 1850” A talk by Mr Robert Baldwin, Head of Navigational Sciences at the National Maritime Museum to the Beddington, Carshalton & Wallington Archaeological Society in “The Darby and Joan Club”, Milton Hall, Cooper Crescent, Carshalton at 3.00 pm. Non-members 50p

11th January

"Re-evaluation of skeletal material from Spitalfields" a talk by Dr Theya Molleson of the Natural History Museum to the Richmond Archaeological Society in the Vestry Hall, Paradise Road, Richmond at 8 pm

15th January

"Recent archaeology in Epsom and Ewell" a talk by Steve Nelson to KuTas in the Heritage Centre, Wheatfield Way, Kingston upon Thames at 8 pm

18th January

"The town of Dorking" a talk by Mrs V Ettlinger to the Leatherhead & District LHS in the Dixon Hall of the Leatherhead Institute at 7.30 for 8 pm. Members 20p; non-members 50p

19th January

"The traditional arts of the Canal Boat People" a talk by Mrs Avril Lansdell to the Walton & Weybridge LHS in the Weybridge Library Lecture Hall at 3 pm

2nd February

"Pompeii" a talk by Mr David Bellingham, author and lecturer on Classical Studies, currently researching Pompeiian wall painting to the Beddington, Carshalton & Wallington Archaeological Society in the "Darby and Joan Club", Milton Hall, Cooper Crescent, Carshalton at 3.00 pm. Non-members 50p

6th February

"Historic sites in South Wales" a talk by Richard Butler to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society in St Mary's Church Hall, Kingston Road, Ewell at 8.00 pm

7th February

"Gods, Graves and Amateurs" a talk by David Graham to the Farnham & District Museum Society in the United Reformed Church Hall, South Street, Farnham at 7.30 for 7.45 pm

8th February

"Recent research in Assyria — Digging in Northern Iraq" a talk by Dr John Curtis, Keeper of Western Asiatic Antiquities, British Museum to the Richmond Archaeological Society in the Vestry Hall, Paradise Road, Richmond at 8 pm

15th February

"East Horsley and the Earls of Lovelace" a talk by Mr Stephen Tudsbery-Turner to the Leatherhead & District LHS at the Dixon Hall, Leatherhead Institute at 7.30 for 8.00 pm. Members 20p; non-members 50p

16th February

"Ottershaw past and present" a talk by Mr B F J Pardoe to the Walton & Weybridge LHS in the Elmgrove Meeting Room, Walton at 3 pm

16th February

SAS Annual Symposium at the Dorking Christian Centre

Preliminary Notices:

9th March

The 11th West London Local History Conference at the Montagu Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow. On the theme of Women. For further details contact: Rita Ensing 081 874-4917

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