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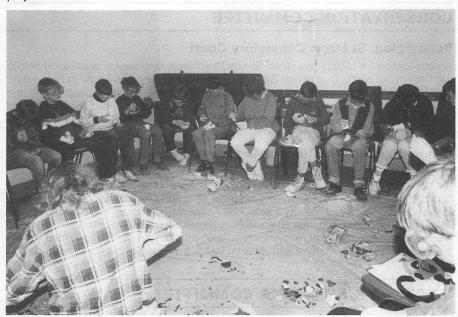
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COUNCIL NEWS

Young Archaeologists' Club

The Club, run jointly by Guildford Museum and SAS, centred on Guildford continues to flourish and members enjoy a wide range of activities to which new members are always welcome. The Society would like to establish a second Club in the east of the County and would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in assisting with this project.



Young Archaeologists enjoying themselves at a recent flint knapping session at Guildford Museum.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Annual Symposium — 16th February 1991

Full details of the Symposium have been circulated and appear in Bulletin 253. This is an excellent opportunty to meet fellow archaeologists and historians, and to learn of recent work in the County.

Post Excavations Workshop — 16th March 1991

The Archaeological Research Committee is concerned at the number of excavations and field walking exercises which have been completed in the County, but have not been published. One reason may be that people feel daunted by the lack of experience in taking a site archive to report stage.

In an attempt to remedy this, we will be holding a Workshop at the Dorking Christian Centre, near St Martin's Church, Dorking on Saturday, 16th March, between 10.30 am and 5.00 pm.

The morning will be devoted to informal talks covering stratigraphy, illustrations and phase plans and, in the afternoon, we will progress to editing layout of drawings and pages.

Tea and coffee will be provided. Picnics can be eaten in the Centre, or lunch can be found in local pubs.

To facilitate arrangements, please let one of us know if you wish to attend: Steve Dyer — telephone 081-541-8091 (daytime) or Judie English — Guildford 276724 (evenings).

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Beddington, St Mary: Consistory Court

An application for faculty to extend St Mary's Church, Beddington was heard before the Chancellor of the Diocese of Southwark at a Consistory Court held in November. The Society had made representations about the scheme and it was opposed in the court by the Victorian Society and English Heritage. In the event, the Chancellor ruled that the application was insufficiently detailed to allow a judgement to be made.

Lambeth, Academy Cinema, Stockwell Road

Reassessments of listed buildings can trigger the upgrading of buildings already on the statutory list and this has happened to the Academy Cinema, Stockwell Road, considered to be the best surviving example of a so-called 'atmospheric' in Britain alongside the Astoria, Finsbury Park. The Academy, designed in 1929 by Edward Stone and T R Somerford, has an auditorium based on an Italian Renaissance garden with monumental architecture, a miniature loggia based on the Rialto Bridge across the proscenium arch, statues and artificial trees. It is now used as a concert hall.

LECTURE & SYMPOSIA COMMITTEE

17th April

The Spring series of lectures to be held at the Leatherhead Institute announced in Bulletin 253 has now been finalised, and the programme is as follows:

10th April Henry III Dr David Carpenter

Department of History King's College, London

Landholding Dr John Blair

The Queen's College, Oxford

24th April Castles & Palaces Dr Derek Renn, FSA

8th May

Monastic Surrey

Rob Poulton
Archaeologist,
Surrey County Council

15th May

Decorated tiles and glass

Mrs Elizabeth Eames, FSA

Town & Country

A full day field visit to major Surrey C13 sites will take place on Sunday, 28th April. Fees: SyAS members and concessions £12.00 for the series; £2.50 per lecture. Full

Mr Dennis Turner, FSA

Fees: SyAS members and concessions £12.00 for the series; £2.50 per lecture. Full rate £18.00 for the series; £3.50 per lecture. Application forms for prior booking accompany this Bulletin.

VISITS COMMITTEE

22nd May

The Committee is organising the following visits during 1991 on behalf of members. Please support them.

WEDNESDAY	April 24th	Squerryes Court (details below)	arr. A Gillies
SATURDAY	May 11th	Mole Valley Walk	arr. D Turner
TBA	June	To be arranged	
SATURDAY	July 27th- August 3rd	Long stay in SE Wales (details below)	arr. R Butler
SATURĎAY	August 31st	Langley and Upton Court	arr. J Carter
TBA	September	Chiddingfold	arr. A McDowell
SATURDAY	October 12th	Warnham & around	arr. J Banks

SAS VISIT TO SQUERRYES COURT, WESTERHAM arranged by Alan Gillies (Tel: 0372 274616) Wednesday 24th April

Squerryes Court is situated off the A25, about half a mile west of Westerham, and is a William and Mary manor house, built in 1681. It has been the home of the Warde family since 1735. The house has a fine collection of Old Master paintings, furniture, tapestries and china, dating from the 18th century onwards. General Wolfe, of Quebec fame, was closely associated with the house, where he received his first Commission. There is a formal garden, with lake and walks.

Members are asked to arrive by 2.30 pm. A conducted tour of the house will begin at 3.00 pm. A cream tea will be served at 4.30 pm and it is anticipated that the visit will end at about 5.30 pm.

TICKETS: Members £5.00, non-members £6.00, students £1.50, to include admission, guided tour, cream tea (please state if not required) and administration. Please send SAE with cheque (post-dated to 1st April) to Mr David Evans, 48 Guildford Park Road, Guildford GU2 5NF (Tel: 0483 64079), not later than 27th March, to enable arrangements to be finalised.

Members are requested to indicate the number of car seats which they can offer, or which they require, together with their telephone number.

Summer Meeting in SOUTH WALES staying in CAERLEON Saturday July 27th to Saturday August 3rd incl. Organised by Enid and Richard Butler

Accommodation has been reserved at the Gwent College of Higher Education at Caerleon on a half-board basis in the main building where there is a lift. Some twin bedded rooms are available but the accommodation is generally in pleasant single study bedrooms. There are ample showers and bathroom facilities. The total cost of the accommodation and coach transport is expected to be between £190 and £200. Entrance fees are included where there is a benefit of party rates. Members of English Heritage of one year's standing or more have free entry to all Cadw sites.

The following programme is planned:

July 27th pm Caerleon Roman fortress baths, Roman amphitheatre,

Roman barracks (all Cadw sites), Caerleon Museum (part of

the Nat Mus of Wales)

Penhow Castle (oldest lived in castle in Wales), Castell Coch Sunday July 28th

> (bizarre construction of a stately home on an ancient site), Caerphilly Castle (second largest castle in Europe). Tea at

Caerphilly Castle.

Monday July 29th Chepstow for Priory church, museum, Stuart crystal and

Castle (earliest stone built Norman castle — Cadw), Tintern (for the Abbey and its delightful setting in the Wye Valley -Cadw), Tintern Old Station — a relic of railway history.

Cardiff to visit the castle (Norman keep), the stately home Tuesday July 30th

part of the castle. Site of Dominican Priory in Bute Park, National Museum of Wales (fine archaeological exhibits) and

National Maritime Museum.

Llandaff Cathedral and St Fagans. St Fagans is a Wednesday July 31st magnificent heritage museum where many old buildings from

various parts of Wales have been reconstructed.

Neath Abbey (extensive remains of a Cistercian abbey — Thursday August 1st fine undercroft remains — Cadw), Aberdulais Falls area (NT)

- not only here are beautiful waterfalls but there is also

industrial archaeology to be seen.

Woolos Cathedral. Newport Museum (good Friday August 2nd St

archaeological content). Caldicott Castle (to see Bronze Age excavations — we will be conducted around by one of the directors from the Glamorgan/Gwent archaeological trust hopefully we will see the remains of the Bronze Age boat

excavated in 1990. Caerwent.

Saturday August 3rd Visits will be arranged on this day for those people wishing to

remain in the area for a few extra hours.

IF YOU WISH TO RESERVE A PLACE ON THIS MEETING PLEASE FORWARD A DEPOSIT OF £30 TO MR R E BUTLER, 205 BARNETT WOOD LANE, ASHTEAD, SURREY KT21 2DF. (Cheques should be made payable to R E Butler). Please note that participants are expected to make their own way to Caerleon. Those with difficulty in this respect should contact me to see whether any help can be arranged.

Caerleon is reached by way of the M4 leaving the motorway at either junction 24 or 25 (probably easier at junction 25). Alternatively one can travel by rail to Newport and take the bus direct from Newport to Caerleon (frequent service).

ALL BOOKINGS MUST BE COMPLETED BY MAY 23rd. The College requires deposits by May 27th.

NOTES

Redhill: Medieval pottery

David Williams

A small quantity of late 12th/early 13th century pottery, including shell-tempered ware, has recently been handed to the writer by a Mr Martin who collected it from an allotment which he keeps at Batts Hill (TQ273508). Later medieval and Tudor material seems to be widely spread elsewhere across these allotments but the concentration of earlier material at this point appears to be genuine. It is possible that these finds reflect the position of Linkfield Manor which is thought to be in the vicinity.

Reigate: Fifteenth Century Coin Hoard

David Williams

On September 22nd 1990 Roger Mintey, a local metal detector user, discovered a hoard of about 6,000 gold and silver coins on land at the corner of Brokes Road and Pilgrims Way, Reigate. The find spot, below Colley Hill, is a former playing field which is presently being redeveloped for an estate of detached houses. The hoard was buried at a depth of about 18 inches in this field which is bordered on the west by a hollow way which would have formed a northbound route leaving the west end of the medieval town. The coins, 135 of which are understood to be gold, are presently being studied at the British Museum. They mostly date to the reign of Henry VI with examples from both the London and Calais mints. Earlier coins are also present as well as two Scottish examples. With the hoard were two small jugs; one is of Tudor Green type and the other is an unglazed pink vessel with a thumb-impressed lower handle junction. Both were broken into many fragments and it is clear that they could only have contained perhaps a third of the hoard at the most. The remainder may have been in bags.

It is understood that the hoard was probably deposited at or soon after 1450.

This is of particular interest as another hoard found about a mile away in 1972 (Surrey Arch Coll 70, 165) was also thought to have been buried 'not long after 1450'. A possible background for these hoards has been suggested as the 1450 rebellion of Jack Cade. This rebellion, which sprang from the Ashford area of Kent, fed on general dissatisfaction of the state of the country but of Kent in particular. Cade's band (estimated at 20,000), which had the support of gentry as well as labourers, marched to Blackheath, where his Complaint was submitted to the Privy Council. It then retired to Sevenoaks to gain further supporters. Returning to London the rebels routed a small army led by Sir Humphrey Stafford who was killed along with his brother near Bromley. Cade's army, whose Complaint was attracting some sympathy, was then allowed into the City on the majority vote of the City Council. However his inability, despite summary courts, to bring his unruly supporters to heel turned the tide against him. A Royalist counter-attack on Cade's position on London Bridge, although indecisive, reduced Cade to a readiness for further parley. Eventually Cade capitulated, having succeeded in getting pardons for about 2000 men from Sussex, Surrey, Essex and Kent — his own band was already melting away even while men from other counties were still converging on the city to join him. Outside London many with particular grievances were using Cade's rebellion as a cover to wipe out old scores and 'to spoil ecclesiastics and the rich'. Cade then withdrew to Rochester where he found a proclamation offering a thousand marks for his body, living or dead. Eventually, after a skirmish, he was killed, perhaps near Heathfield in Sussex and his quarters eventually distributed to Norwich, Gloucester, Blackheath and Salisbury his head being displayed on London Bridge. Two of his lieutenants suffered similarly, quarters being sent to Coventry, Newbury, Stamford, Colchester, Rochester, Chichester, Portsmouth and Winchester. Further small-scale risings carried on for a few years afterwards, the last centring on Westerham in 1453 and on Bromley in 1454.

Hypothesising, while fun, can be dangerous but it is not difficult to see against such a background of upheaval the need to bury such a fortune. Whether this was buried by part of Cade's band retreating from London with loot, by a local lord seeking to protect his riches or by a robber using the rebellion as a pretext to settle old scores, or none of these, cannot of course be deduced. Neither can the reason for its non-retrieval.

Finally it is encouraging to note that the finder acted both promptly and properly in reporting the discovery to the police and to local archaeologists. An inquest is expected to be held early in the new year.

MISCELLANY

Butser Archaeological Farm

Butser Ancient Farm is in the process of moving site from within the Queen Elizabeth Country Park south of Petersfield to a new area a mile further south on the A3. Experiments on a different soil type will widen our knowledge of the agricultural potential of prehistoric farming methods and increase the considerable international reputation already gained by the work of the farm. The new demonstration area should be open by Easter, and this year's course dates are as follows:

General Experimental Archaeology

Surveying

Earthworks Work Study Group

Pollens

Weeds, Seeds and Crops

General Experimental Archaeology

Fire, Clay and Metal

1st — 7th April

27th May — 2nd June 29th July — 4th August

5th — 11th August

12th — 18th August

26th August — 1st September

21st — 27th October

Further details from Dr P J Reynolds, Butser Archaeological Farm, Nexus House, Gravel Hill, Horndean, Hants PO8 0QE.

PUBLICATIONS

Guildford: a pictorial history by Shirley Corke. Members of the SAS who know the author of this book and have benefited from her help at the Guildford Muniment Room will be pleased to see her own projects coming to fruition in her retirement. Shirley Corke's new book on Guildford is an exceptionally good example of the pictorial histories which have become a feature of local history publishing in recent years. Many of the 175 illustrations are unfamiliar, a large number being previously unpublished items from the collections of the Guildford Institute. These have been supplemented from other sources to provide a balanced interpretation of the history of the town going back to the Saxon period. Proceeds from the sales will help to conserve and extend the Institute's collections (and sales from the Institute itself will help most). The book will undoubtedly be a popular success in Guildford and will interest a more specialised readership throughout the county. Published by Phillimore, 1990, £10.95 hardback. ISBN 0 85033 774 7. (GMC)

EXHIBITION

17th January — 23rd February 1991. W D Caroe 1857-1938. Architecture, Design, Conservation at the Heinz Gallery, 21 Portman Square, London W1 (entrance in Gloucester Place). W D Caroe lived at Vann in West Surrey and although his work is of national importance he also carried out work in Surrey. The Gallery is open Mondays-Fridays 11 am — 5 pm; Saturdays 10 am — 1 pm. Admission free. A book by Mrs Jennifer M Freeman has recently been published entitled "W D Caroe: His architectural achievement". Price £45, available from the RIBA Bookshop, 66 Portland Place, W1.

CONFERENCE

The 11th West London Local History Conference — 9th March 1991

Women in West London History. To be held at the Montagu Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow, 9.30 am — 5.00 pm. Programme as follows:

Stained glass artists of Fulham & Putney Peter Cormack of

William Morris Gallery Video, with introduction

Wandsworth women's working lives

by Jo Stanley

The Census and women's work

Val Bott Richard Jeffree

Royal.mistresses Susanna Powell: widow of Wandsworth

Rita Ensing Doris Yarde

Selina Trimmer

Joan Reilly

Theatrical ladies

Displays and bookstall. Tickets: £4.00 from R J Ensing, 103 Engadine Street, London SW18 5DU (Tel: 081-874-4917) (£4.50 at the door).

MEETINGS 1991

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 8.00 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 3.00 pm.

16th February

SAS Annual Symposium at the Dorking Christian Centre. (See Bulletin 253 for details)

19th February

"The Paper Mills of Surrey". The Kernthaler Lecture given by Professor Alan Crocker to KuTAS in the Heritage Centre, Wheatfield Way, Kingston upon Thames at 8.00 pm

20th February

"The Development of Old Surrey Buildings". A talk by Mr Ian West BSc of the Domestic Buildings Research Group to the Holmesdale Natural History Club at The Museum, 14 Croydon Road, Reigate at 8.15 pm

21st February

"The history and architecture of Coxbridge Farm". A lecture by Peggy Parks, Marjorie Stevens and John Culshaw to the Farnham & District Museum Society at the United Reformed Church Hall, South Street, Farnham at 7.30 for 7.45pm.

21st February

"Ham House and its Residents". A talk by Miss Joy Houghton from the National Trust to the Barnes and Mortlake History Society in the Main Hall, Sheen Lane Centre at 8.00 pm.

28th February

"The Work of the Surrey Record Office with reference to Egham". A talk by the County Archivist Dr David B Robinson to the Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society at the Literary Institute, Egham at 8.00 pm.

1st March

"Recent finds from London". A talk by Mr Geoff Egan of the Museum of London to the Holmesdale Natural History Club at The Museum, 14 Croydon Road, Reigate at 8.15 pm

7th March

"Recent Archaeological Work in Surrey". A lecture by Rob Poulton to the Farnham & District Museum Society at the United Reformed Church Hall, South Street, Farnham at 7.30 for 7.45 pm.

8th March

"Flag Fen — A Bronze Age Village". A talk by Janette Neve to the Richmond Archaeological Society in the Vestry Hall, Paradise Road, Richmond at 8.00 pm.

9th March

The 11th West London Local History Conference at the Montagu Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow. Details under "Conference" this Bulletin.

16th March

SAS Pottery workshop — See Archaeological Research Committee for details

19th March

"Excavations on the Old Mint Site, City of London". A talk by Ian Grainger to KuTAS in the Heritage Centre, Wheatfield Way, Kingston upon Thames at 8.00 pm.

23rd March

"Famous London Doctors" by Mrs B Hazeldine to the Walton & Weybridge LHS in the Weybridge Library Lecture Hall at 3.00 pm.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

13th July SIHG Annual General Meeting at Farnham Maltings