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COUNCIL NEWS

Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting is being held at Carew Manor School on Sunday, 24th November 1991. The meeting will be preceded by guided tours of the building at 2.00 pm and will conclude with a lecture on Carew Manor (see Bulletin 260 for details).

ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The Annual Symposium to be held at Dorking on 15th February 1992 will be entitled Archaeology: A Different View. Education and non-excavation in fieldwork. Further details in Bulletin 262.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Considerable interest was shown at the "Open Day" held on the 21st September to introduce members to the resources and scope of the Society's Library. The Committee was pleased to welcome a number of members who had not visited the library before and further Open Days are planned in the New Year.

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Nielsen, Robin, Report on archaeological excavation on site 5, Odeon cinema. Charter Quay development. DGLA 1991 Donation

Nielsen, Robin, Report on archaeological evaluation at St James Hospital, Sarsfield Road, SW17. DGLA 1991 Donation

Parratt, Jean, Around Farnham in old photographs. Alan Sutton 1990

Potter, Geoff, Preliminary report of archaeological investigation 6-10 Marryat Road at rear of Eagle House, High Street, Wimbledon, SW19. DGLA 1991 Donation

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West, Ian (Compiler), A Short history of Fitznells Manor, Ewell Village, Surrey. Unpublished 1991 Donation

SURREY — GENERAL

Gradidge, Roderick, The Surrey style. Surrey Historic Buildings Trust 1991

Tamplin, Jim (Compiler), The Surrey Rifle Volunteers. A century of Volunteers and territorial service 1859-1959. Limited edition no. 98 with chart. 1959

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

It is proposed to publish nine issues of the Bulletin during 1992, the copy dates for which are given below:

February/March	Copy date	3rd January
March/April	„	14th February
May	„	28th March
June/July	„	1st May
July/August	„	12th June
September	„	24th July
October	„	28th August
November/December	„	26th September
Dec/January 1993	„	6th November

NOTES

St Bartholomew's Church, Horley

A O Brown

During the building of an extension and internal alterations to the church observations were kept by the writer. Adjacent to the west end it was necessary to remove the graves of Charles Constable (late of Horley Mill, d 1867) and his wife Jane (d 1863). These were in lead coffins in a brick-lined, arched vault. Just west of these a table tomb was also demolished. This concealed the remains of an unidentified child below whom was an arched brick vault containing the remains of Sophia Constable (d 1815), her parents Ambrose (d 1834) and Mercy Mansell (d 1826), her husband James Constable of Storrington (d 1844), Agnes Matilda Constable (d 1861) and her sister Margaret Clara (d 1868, daughters of Chas and Sarah Constable).

Within the church holes were dug for stanchion bases to support first floor meeting rooms. Within the nave a previously unknown brick arched vault was discovered. This contained two 7' long lead-cased coffins which contained the remains of William Jarvis Birch (d 1835, of Estrick in Horley parish) and George Birch (d 1852, of Horley Lodge). Marble memorial tablets to these individuals and to Mary, wife of George Birch, were sited on the wall of the south aisle and have now been refixed elsewhere (Mary Birch is buried with her brother in the SE corner of the churchyard). Within the south aisle two coffins, both apparently of wood, were exposed, one of which was removed. This was not identified and both coffins lay, unusually on a NS axis in a deposit of blue puddled clay.

Edited by David Williams from a more detailed report supplied by Mr Brown which has been deposited at Castle Arch.

Quarrying in Reigate

Mary Saaler

A charter of Waltham Abbey in Essex records the gift of a quarry in Reigate by William, Earl of Warrenne, to the canons of Waltham at the beginning of the year 1218.

The agreement describes the property as 'two acres of land in my town of Reigate which lie at the foot of the hill next to the road which leads to Waletune, (a place) which is called Witelamb, measuring from east to west 18 perches in width and 40 perches in length'. The grant allowed the canons to dig stone whenever they wished for the fabric of their new church or any other buildings.

At roughly the same date, ie between 1184 and 1222, they were granted land at Battersea by Pentecost of Wandsworth for a nominal rent. The site was on an inlet of the Thames and the canons were given permission to build on it, enclose it or use it for any purpose they wished. The two grants may be associated, since having their own dock would provide the canons with the means of transporting stone whenever they wished from Surrey, along the Thames and the Lea to Waltham.

(The Early Charters of Waltham Abbey 1062-1230 edited by Rosalind Ransford. Studies in the History of Medieval Religion 2).

The Reigate Coin Hoard

David Williams

The coin hoard from Brokes Road was declared Treasure Trove at an inquest in Chertsey in July. The hoard is now known to comprise a total of 6701 coins, 125 of which are of gold. The latest coins represented in the hoard are two pennies of Henry VI issued in 1454-60 which suggests a date in or shortly after 1454 for the hoard's deposition (sadly, slightly too late for the hoard to have been connected with Jack Cade). Dr Barrie Cook at the British Museum reports that the hoard is the largest post-1351 hoard on record. Hoards of the mid-15th century are very rare, particularly those deposited between c1435 and 1460. Other than two poorly recorded 19th century finds the only sizeable comparative hoard is the 1972 Reigate hoard of nearly 1000 pieces. Two gold half-nobles from the recent finds are of previously unrecorded issues. The evidence of the two Reigate finds together will offer important insights into the currency of the mid-15th century.

The two pots which contained the hoard have now been reassembled (the smaller of the two jugs comprised over 100 pieces) and drawn and a report on the discovery is being prepared for the Collections.

Round up of recent work undertaken by Department of Greater London Archaeology

L.B. Croydon

DAVIDSON ROAD (Steve Tucker) — Several evaluation trenches were excavated at the rear of Davidson Road. Medieval ploughsoils were recorded below Victorian and 19th century railway workings. A section of the Croydon Canal was also excavated revealing details of its construction and the footings of an early bridge.

NORTH END (Pat Miller) — Substantial remains of late medieval walls and a post-medieval cellar were recorded.

TRIDENT HOUSE (Peter Thompson) — A successful evaluation was followed by a further two weeks' excavation. The work revealed a Roman ditch (containing residual prehistoric pottery), medieval pits and remains of early post-medieval buildings.

L.B. Kingston

ALPINE AVENUE, TOLWORTH BROADWAY (Robin Nielsen) — An evaluation revealed several pits and a gully of Iron Age date. A loomweight was also found.

PERCY GARDENS, OLD MALDEN (Robin Nielsen) — Evaluation revealed many features of Iron Age date including several ditches, pits and post holes. These appear to be part of a defended hilltop enclosure and full excavation will hopefully take place in the autumn.

L.B. Merton

MARRYAT ROAD (Geoff Potter) — Buried garden features from the Jacobean period, including ornamental features, were located.

MORDEN HALL (Penny Bruce) — Several evaluation trenches were excavated in an area of the walled garden of Morden Hall, a National Trust house. No evidence for occupation was found although deposits relating to the early history of the River Wandle were located including ancient peat deposits.

L.B. Richmond

RICHMOND ICE RINK (Jon Nowell) — An evaluation revealed medieval deposits including "plough soils".

L.B. Southwark

CANADA WATER (Simon Mason) — An archaeological evaluation revealed modern levels directly over "Tilbury IV" (Bronze Age) peats which in turn overlay traces of timber. Further work was carried out to uncover more of the timber, which was found to be a fallen tree, rather than a structure.

NEW LONDON BRIDGE HOUSE (Helen Jones) — Excavation in advance of the construction of a lift has revealed part of an early 17th century burial ground. Over 180 burials in pits and trenches have been excavated and approximately 50 additional ones are expected. Some evidence of burial shrouds has also been recovered.

THE TROCETTE (Alison Steele) — Evaluation work has disclosed a number of post-medieval pits relating to the tanning industry. Several medieval walls were also uncovered. Most of these walls belong to a building, the nature of which is as yet unknown, but one large wall to the south appeared to be the medieval precinct wall of Bermondsey Abbey. Several areas of pre-Abbey "ploughsoil" also survived. The Museum is currently negotiating for extra work on this site.

A Late Neolithic to Early Bronze Age Farmstead at Lower Mill Farm, Stanwell

Graham N Hayman

Surrey County Archaeological Unit

Continued monitoring and evaluation work in advance of gravel extraction at Lower Mill Farm, Stanwell led to the discovery of a prehistoric site to the south of the farm buildings and some 280m to the south of a small Iron Age settlement excavated by Surrey County Council archaeologists in 1987. The new site was excavated between 5th and 16th August by staff of the Surrey County Archaeological Unit (SCC) and the work was financed jointly by Greenham Construction Materials Ltd and Thames Water to whom we are most grateful.

The area available for excavation measured approximately 22m square and, although a few features of prehistoric date may have been lost nearby, evaluation work and the general distribution of features suggested that the nucleus of the settlement was sampled. No building plans were recovered but the number of features and quantity of finds suggested the presence of at least one structure either within the site area (but leaving no trace for archaeological detection) or close by. The eastern part of the site was occupied by a large midden-like area with numerous more or less contemporary intercutting pits while elsewhere a smaller number of pits and several post holes were discovered with no apparent pattern to their distribution. A ditch cut across the southern part of the site but as its overall course remains unknown its function, perhaps as an enclosure feature or field boundary, remains uncertain.

The finds from the features excavated consisted mainly of struck flint and bone with some pottery and a polished stone axe. The flintwork recovered was of very good quality and consisted of a good collection of finely worked tools along with the cores and waste flakes indicative of on-site toolmaking. This assemblage has been identified as being largely of Neolithic date but includes certain elements that are characteristic of the Early Bronze Age; a barbed and tanged arrowhead found just to the north of the site area also indicates Early Bronze Age activity in the vicinity. The bone identified so far appears to be mainly from sheep and cattle and includes one piece which has been used as a scoop. Pottery sherds were only found occasionally on site and were usually in poor condition but the pieces recovered appear to be of Neolithic type and include fragments reminiscent of Grooved Ware. The polished stone axe, which is presumably of Neolithic origin, came from one of the pits in the midden area and was broken in antiquity; it may have subsequently been used as a hammer stone.

The site most probably represents a small farmstead and at present is best dated by the flintwork and pottery recovered which suggest it belongs to the final part of the Neolithic period running into the Early Bronze Age. It is hoped that this will be substantiated by radiocarbon dates in due course.

MISCELLANY

Kellys Directories. These directories may be consulted at Read Publishing Group (IPC Business Press Ltd), Quadrant House, The Quadrant, Sutton SM2 5AS. Telephone 081-661-3500. Virtually all the directories are held here, as well as a few others. Charges £7.50 for half-a-day's research or £15 for a full day.

Surrey Historic Gardens Trust

The Surrey Historic Gardens Trust was launched in May at a successful party at Great Fosters. There will be a programme of events including garden visits and lectures. The Trust hopes to issue a regular newsletter. Further information from Brenda Lewis, 081 541 9419.

“Clues in Clay”. A travelling exhibition on the interpretation of medieval pottery at Greenwich Borough Museum from 30th November to 28th December (Tel: 081-855 3240).

“Wakefield Mystery Plays”. 15th century plays of St Peter at Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Street, London SW1, at 6.30 and 8.30 pm from 2nd-6th December. Free, but advanced booking necessary (Peter Evans, 081-680 3138).

The National Trust has appointed David Kennington as Countryside Manager for the North Downs as part of their strategy to give greater priority to the management of areas renowned for their natural history importance. Phase 2 of the Trust Restoration of Dapdune Wharf on the River Wey has been completed, and major restoration of the gardens at Hatchlands continues.

PUBLICATIONS

“History of Merrow” by Mrs A Knee. Map and eight leaflets on aspects of the Village and some of its buildings. £1.50 inc p&p from Mrs A Knee, 29 Halldene Close, Merrow, Guildford.

“Mitcham — a Pictorial History” by Eric Montague, published by Phillimore & Co Ltd. The result of many years research, this well-produced book expands Mr Montague’s earlier publication “Mitcham — a brief history” (now out of print). Early prints, painting and photographs illuminate Mitcham’s past, once famous for its physic gardens and for its lavender. Hardback, over 165 illustrations. Price £10.95 from local bookshops. ISBN 0 85033 801 8.

CONFERENCES: DAY SCHOOLS: COURSES

“Britain’s World War Two Defences”. 2nd November. Symposium at the University of Surrey (see under SIHG Bulletin 259 for details).

“The Hundred Years War”. 8th (evening) – 10th November. Course at the Oxford Department for Continuing Education, Rewley House, Wellington Square, OX1 2JA.

“Food and drink”. The Surrey Local History Council’s Symposium to be held at the University of Surrey on 9th November, 10.30 am – 5.00 pm. Lectures to be held in lecture theatre D and exhibits in the central concourse. Tickets £5.50 for SAS and SIHG members; visitors and tickets at the door: £6.50. Further details from Mrs G M Crocker, c/o The Guildford Institute, Ward Street, Guildford.

“Discovering and reconstructing the past in Kent”. 16th November. See Bulletin 260 for details.

“Dating methods”. 16th November. A Day School at the Oxford Department for Continuing Education at Rewley House, Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JA.

"Poll Books: Collecting and managing data for local historians". 16th-17th November. A Course for Continuing Education, Rewley House, Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JA.

"Architecture in Roman Britain". 23rd-24th November. National Conference to be held at the Museum of London. Details from Peter Johnson, Melbourne House, Avebury, Wilts SN8 1RH.

"Inns, Pubs and Breweries". 30th November. A Day School at Bulmershe Court, University of Reading, Woodlands Avenue, Woodley, Reading. Bookings to University of Reading, Dept of Extended Education, London Road, Reading RG1 5AQ. £20.25

"Manorial documentation". 7th December. A Day School at the Inst of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, Northgate, Canterbury CT1 1BA £20.

MEETINGS 1991

2nd November

CBA Group 11 (SE) Inaugural Meeting: Speaker Professor Barry Cunliffe on "Changing Perceptions of Archaeology of the South East 1944-1991". To be held in Judd School, Brook Street, Tonbridge at 2 pm.

2nd November

"Recent Archaeological Work in Carshalton". A talk by Andrew Skelton to the Beddington, Carshalton & Wallington Archaeological Society at Milton Hall, Cooper Crescent, off Nightingale Road, Carshalton at 3 pm.

3rd November

"Whiteley Village". A talk by Colonel Brown in the hall at Whiteley Village to the Esher District Local History Society. Meet at 2.15 pm at the entrance to the Village in Seven Hills Road.

6th November

"South-East England in Roman Times". An account of the impact of the Roman occupation of South-east England illustrated by photographs of Roman Remains by Charles Abdy to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society in St Mary's Church Hall, London Road, Ewell at 8 pm.

6th November

"The Rediscovery of Saxon London". Lecture to the Orpington & District Archaeological Society by Gustav Milne (Museum of London) at Orpington Priory at 8 pm.

7th November

"Recent Work on the Surrey Historic Landscape Project". A talk by Steve Dyer to the Farnham & District Museum Society at the United Reformed Church, South Street, Farnham at 7.30 for 7.45 pm.

8th November

"Romanesque Sculpture in Sussex". A lecture by Kathryn Morrison to the Sussex Archaeological Society based on her work in Sussex for the British Academy project, the Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in the British Isles. To be held at the Worthing Adult Education Centre, Union Place, Worthing at 7.30 pm. Donations accepted.

8th November

“Archaeological Science at the Ancient Monuments Laboratory”. A talk by Justine Bayley of English Heritage to the Richmond Archaeological Society at Vestry Hall, Paradise Road, Richmond at 8 pm.

10th November

Historic Reigate: another walk. Do you think that Reigate's town centre is little more than a couple of noisy, traffic-laden streets with not very prosperous shops and disparate (possible even desperate) shop fronts? Join the members of the Surrey Society at 10.00 am under the Old Town Hall in the middle of the town for a two-hour stroll along and behind those streets to see and hear about what is still there to remind us of the town's chequered past. A small charge will be levied from those coming on the walk for the benefit of branch funds.

14th November

“The Making of the Surrey Landscape”. A talk by Peter Brandon to the Reigate Society at the Harlequin, Redhill at 8.15 pm.

15th November

“London's Bridges”. A photographic study of the road bridges over the Thames Tideway from Tower Bridge presented by Charles Abdy to the Leatherhead & District LHS in the Dixon Hall, Leatherhead Institute at 7.30 for 8.00 pm. members 20p; non-members 50p.

16th November

DBRG Annual Lecture at Oxshott Village Centre (see Bulletin 259 for details).

20th November

“Surrey Milestones”. A talk by Dr Derek Renn to the Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society at the Literary Institute, Egham at 8.00 pm.

21st November

“Frensham past and present”. A talk by John Chuter, Chairman of the Frensham and Dockenfield History Society to the Farnham & District Museum Society at the United Reformed Church, South Street, Farnham at 7.30 for 7.45 pm.

21st November

“Picture postcards of south-west London”. A talk by Mr Pat Loobey to the Barnes and Mortlake History Society in the Main Hall at Sheen Lane Centre at 8.00 pm.

23rd November

“A Browse through ‘Chertseyana’ — a 19th century scrapbook”. A lecture by Miss Rowena Lawrence to the Walton & Weybridge LHS in the Elmgrove Meeting Room, Walton at 3.00 pm.

29th November

“St John's and Meadvale”. A talk by Mr Bertie House to the Holmesdale NHC at The Museum, 14 Croydon Road, Reigate at 8 pm.

5th December

“Archaeology and Human Origins”. British Academy Reckitt Archaeological Lecture by Dr P Mellars at 20 Cornwall Terrace, London, NW1 at 5.00 pm.

7th December

“The Conservation of fabrics at Knole”. A talk by Joan Osborn to the Beddington, Carshalton and Wallington Archaeological Society at Milton Hall, Cooper Crescent, off Nightingale Road, Carshalton at 5.00 pm.

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