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COUNCIL NEWS



Chertsey Abbey — a major exhibition at Chertsey Museum — details under Exhibitions and Lectures.

OBITUARY

Dr H L Lehmann, a well respected local historian, died recently at the age of 84. He studied chemistry and obtained a Ph D from Heidelberg University. He came to England in 1933, and set up an analytical chemistry laboratory. He was a fellow of the Royal Society of Chemists.

He settled in Epsom in 1940 and became passionately interested in its much neglected history. He discovered many documents, previously unknown, relating to Epsom Spa and Epsom Salts: his findings were published in *Surrey Archaeological Collections* for 1973 and 1985. He transcribed the Court Rolls of the Manor of Ebbisham and meticulously analysed these to produce *The Residential Copyholds of Epsom*, which was published by Epsom and Ewell Borough Council in 1987. More recently he transcribed, with a colleague, the journal of a Dutch traveller who came to England soon after the Restoration. Sadly he did not live to see the planned publication of this work by the Camden Society.

Before his death he arranged for his research documents to be donated to the Surrey Record Office and the Local History Library at Ewell.

Maurice Exwood

Guildford Castle Excavation

The third season of excavation will take place in the Castle Cliffe Gardens (opposite the Museum side entrance) from 6th – 26th July. There will be a special guided tour for members of the Society on Sunday 19th July, starting at 2.30 pm at the excavation site. There will also be an opportunity to visit the Museum to view the display about the Castle that accompanies the excavation.

Local Secretaries

Local Secretaries might be interested to hear that work is progressing, albeit slowly, on a reorganisation based on ideas and comments arising at the two recent meetings of Local Secretaries from the eastern and western halves of the County. This will hopefully result in a better system of communication than exists at present. Quite how long all this will take to set up is uncertain, as the Hon Secretaries are currently disappearing under a pile of application forms from potential Guildford Castle diggers!

Your Will can help the Society

By leaving a legacy to the Society your contribution will help provide the fundamental support we need to maintain and hopefully expand our wide range of activities. We are always extremely grateful to receive such bequests and indeed the Society would not exist in its present form without such help in the past.

So, when making a Will, do please remember the Society!

SURREY HISTORIC LANDSCAPE STUDIES

Steve Dyer

As was mentioned in the last *Bulletin* the initial survey of this post is the National Trust property at Hindhead. A launch meeting was held at Haslemere Educational Museum on the 22nd April and attracted over 50 interested people.

The project will initially run for three months during which time volunteers will be trained in survey techniques in the field. This period will allow for the major elements of the historic landscape to be recognised and recorded, but it is the intention that a longer term study of this area in all aspects of archaeological and historical research will continue in order to establish a fuller understanding of this part of Surrey.

Work has already begun on the survey of a well documented medieval field system and a number of interesting features have come to light.

Field survey will be carried out at weekends as well as two days during the week. Help will be welcomed at all times — no experience is necessary. Assistance with documentary research is also essential.

For further details telephone Steve Dyer 081-541 8091 days or 081-890 0305 evenings.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Annual Symposium

Julie Wileman

This year's Annual Symposium was held on 15th February 1992 at the Christian Community Centre, Dorking.

Once again, the day was a great success, with an extremely good attendance and a number of displays from groups, although more would always be welcome.

Mrs Elizabeth Eames, MBE, chaired the Symposium splendidly and I am sure that everyone who attended appreciated her enthusiasm and erudition.

In the morning, talks were given by Giles Pattison on the excavations at Guildford Castle in 1991, including the discovery of the tile kiln; Rob Poulton talked about the work carried out by the Surrey County Archaeological Unit, leading us through the processes involved, from initial evaluation to excavation and beyond, and Barrie Cook reported on the present state of work on the medieval coin hoard found near Reigate. Dennis Turner rounded off the morning with a talk about the involvement of Surrey Archaeological Society with the moated site at South Park Farm.

Lunchtime gave not only the opportunity for refreshment but also the chance to look at the displays. This year, these were presented by the Young Archaeologists Club, the Surrey County Archaeological Unit, Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society and the Surrey Historic Landscapes Project, and thanks are extended to all those involved for their hard work and fascinating presentations.

The afternoon included talks by Gillian Batchelor on the educational aspects of excavation at Atwood School, Croydon, and by two young men representing the YACs, Daniel and Matthew Vernon, who stepped in at the very last moment because of the illness of a speaker. The lads impressed everyone present with their confident, interesting and professional descriptions of their involvement with archaeology.

Mr George Howard of the Domestic Buildings Research Group gave an illuminating talk on smoke hoods and smoke bays in the roof structure of medieval houses, which certainly helped me to clear up my confusions about these aspects. After tea Steve Dyer gave the concluding talk, reporting on the work of the Surrey Historic Landscapes Project in the Mole Valley. He told the members about some of the particular features which have been revealed by a combination of field walking, field surveying, aerial photography, botanical survey and documentary research. These include a "floated meadow" — a water meadow controlled by a system of sluices, and part of the open field system which used to exist near Mickleham. He also introduced the inception of his new post as Liaison Officer for historic landscape studies throughout the county.

The Margary Awards for displays were this year awarded as follows:- First Prize — a display by volunteer members of the Surrey Historic Landscapes Project; Second Prize — an exhibition of the work of the Young Archaeologists Club.

This year's Symposium was a resounding success, and grateful thanks are extended to all the people who so generously gave of their time and effort to achieve all this, and in particular to Steve Dyer for organising the event.

CONSERVATION MATTERS

DoE Proposals for Church Planning Proposals

A recent DoE Consultation paper proposed plans to modify ecclesiastical Planning Regulations, which include the suggestion that denominations other than C of E should only go through the normal planning process for external changes. Having done so, they would then be entitled to carry out internal changes without seeking further consent. The proposals are being strongly opposed by leading Conservation groups including the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings and Council for British Archaeology who fear that in the light of this the C of E may drop its own voluntary system of vetting alterations. (Building Design 3.4.92)

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PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

List of theses in History and Archaeology relating to Surrey

Rosamond Hanworth

List 3 of theses in history and archaeology relating to Surrey will shortly be published in Volume 81 of the Collections bringing the compilation up to June, 1991. The list, which has proved very useful to a great number of people and represents an important piece of research, has up to now been compiled by Miss E M Myatt-Price, MA, FRHistS. Miss Myatt-Price now wishes to give up this work and we are looking for a volunteer to succeed her.

The work involves searching through printed publications compiled from information supplied by universities in the United Kingdom for titles of completed theses, and theses still in progress, for material relating to Surrey. The Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research is the main source for History, and information about both History and Archaeology may be found in volumes published by ASLIB (Association for Special Libraries and Information Bureaux). In the case of Archaeology, it is advisable to write to all universities which register postgraduate students in this subject (as thesis titles tend to be very broad — eg Southern England) to enquire if any of the theses being written (in progress) contain references to Surrey. Having collected titles, it is necessary to read completed theses judged likely to be suitable for inclusion on the List. A reader's ticket for the University of London library has been invaluable to the present compiler as this library has been able to send for theses, usually on microfiche or film, to be read under reference library conditions.

Lists have been published at 3-4 year intervals, but so that prospective readers may have early information about theses, a card index has been maintained and is kept in the Library at Castle Arch.

Any member who is suitably qualified and who would like to take on this valuable task might care to communicate with either Miss Myatt-Price herself, at 20, Highfield Drive, Epsom, KT19 0AS, or write to the Honorary Editor at Castle Arch, Guildford, Surrey GU1 3SX.

It would be a very great help if local authors of Surrey theses would let the compiler know, both when they register and again when their thesis is completed.

VISITS COMMITTEE

SAS Visit to West Wycombe and Dorney Court

Tuesday, 25th August 1992

arranged by Josephine Carter (Tel: 0483-505502)

Coach Pick up points:

- 8.00 am Reigate — Red Cross Public House at the junction of West Street, High Street and Park Lane.
- 8.30 am Dorking — Dorking Halls.
- 8.50 am Guildford — rear entrance of Guildford BR station in Guildford Park Road.

- 10.00 am Coffee at The Swan, West Wycombe.
After a brief walk around the interesting National Trust owned village, we will meet Mr D G Varney at St Lawrence Church at 11 am for a guided tour.
In the village there are several cafes and public houses for lunch and attractive picnic spots.
- 2.00 pm Assemble punctually at West Wycombe Park house. As it is a popular National Trust property, entry is by timed ticket so it is important to arrive at opening time.
Mr Varney will have included the story of Sir Francis Dashwood and the influence of the Grand Tour on his taste in this Palladian house and the classical garden designed by Nicholas Revett.
- 3.00 pm Return to the coach for the drive to Dorney Court. Dorney Court, built about 1510 and the family home of the Palmer family since 1600 is a good example of a late medieval timber framed architecture with a collection of 12 generations of family portraits. It is very much a 'lived in' home where there is also a Pick Your Own Fruit & Vegetable farm.
Just before 5.00 pm we will have homemade cream teas there.

TICKETS: Members £15, non-members £16, Students £6 to include coach, gratuities, morning coffee, entrance fees to St Lawrence Church and Dorney Court, cream teas and administration. Please say if tea is not required.

Remember your National Trust Card for West Wycombe Park. The charge for non-members is £4 (house and grounds) or £2.50 (grounds only). Please send SAE with cheque (SAS Visits Committee) to: Mr David Evans, 48 Guildford Park Road, Guildford GU2 5NF.

NOTES

Willmer House Museum, West Street, Farnham

David Graham

The Farnham & District Museum Society Archaeological Group recently completed the most conveniently situated rescue excavation in its history — in the garden of Farnham Museum. The Museum is currently undergoing extensive building works and, as part of this project, a circular soakaway pit (2.4m dia) was dug in the middle of the lawn, which lies to the rear of the building. The pit revealed the existence of a well-built chalk block wall at a depth of 60cm. As a result, the Group was called in to examine the feature over two rain-soaked days. The wall proved to be 1m high, bonded with clay and to be of late medieval date. It ran approx parallel to the existing Museum building and to have been built on a flat gravel platform dug into the natural slope. It therefore probably acted as a retaining wall following extensive terracing work on the site. A number of later features had been dug into the area including a brick-lined Tudor well and rubbish pit. None of the features revealed related directly to the existing Museum building (dated to 1718), but rather to earlier buildings that must have existed on the site. It is interesting that the property, which lies well away from the centre of the town, appears to have been subject to large-scale terracing, and presumably building, works by the late medieval period. As a result of the archaeology, the builders were persuaded to dig a second circular pit slightly offset from the first so as not to destroy the stone wall. This resulted in a 'figure of eight' shaped trench which proved something of a challenge when drawing the section. The soakaway has now been backfilled and the Museum authorities are considering allowing the Group to carry out a more conventional excavation to confirm the purpose of the wall and indeed to locate any other archaeological features which may be present.

Museum of London Archaeological Service

Work undertaken by the Service within the historic County of Surrey between December 1991 and March 1992 included excavations at The Gun Public House, Croydon; Richmond Old Palace; Abbey Street, Abbots Lane, Borough High Street sewer, BT tunnel, Grange Walk and Leroy Street, Southwark.

Evaluations were also undertaken at Cedars Avenue, Hundred Acre Bridge, Jacobs Green, Ravensbury School, St Marks Road, Merton; Borough Road and Wren Road, Southwark; and Battersea Flour Mill and Jack Barclay Garage, Wandsworth. Two were of particular note:-

Battersea Flour Mills (LB Wandsworth)

An evaluation took place on this riverfront development, which lies on the site of Battersea Manor House; it is adjacent to St Mary's Church, mentioned in the Domesday Book, and the early Saxon settlement discovered at Althorpe Grove in the 1970s. Substantial remains of the manor house and part of a late medieval or early post-medieval stone river wall were revealed.

Hundred Acre Bridge (LB Merton)

Extensive evaluation work took place on this 20 acre site south of Mitcham Common. Approximately 4% of the site was sampled. Prehistoric remains were discovered, including a linear feature (c 140m long) which contained late Bronze Age pottery. Several buried prehistoric stream channels were also recorded; these seem likely to be part of the ancient Wandle River system.

Guildford Castle Excavation 1991

Graham Bieron

(Editors note: As the 1992 Season approaches, a volunteer's view of the proceedings of previous years may be of interest. See also Bulletins 251 and 262 for the Interim Reports.)

This season saw the coming together of many old friends who had first met as strangers a year before. This year we had an L-shaped trench, one leg taking in several of the unresolved features from last year and the other leg opening up a new section of the grounds.

A different and longer length of the ditch was exposed this year, with changing teams usually only spending half a day at a time struggling to remove the chalk rubble filling. We reached the bottom this year though the width is such that a complete cross-section could not have been obtained without the removal of an adjacent concrete path. This was not removed, and we hope that enough of the ditch was exposed to enable the width to be estimated because none of us wish to see this particular feature again.

Adjacent to the ditch was the industrial feature that was beginning to be revealed towards the end of last year's work. There were tentative thoughts then that it might be a lime kiln — this year it was proved to be a tile kiln.

Of the remaining features from last year Prince Edward's Chamber received no further investigation while the well proved to be not a well. It is certainly a large and deep pit, but not a well; it is perhaps a cesspit.

This year's new area seemed to divide itself neatly into two. In one half masonry walls founded on a levelling layer of chalk rubble were uncovered. Along one edge of this part of our trench a narrow strip of the rubble and the soil below it was removed down to the natural chalk, and here a number of post holes were discovered which had been cut into the chalk. These presumably are evidence of a timber building that

pre-dates the stone buildings on the chalk rubble, and the romantics among us — ie most of us — were muttering about King Alfred's royal residence.

Nearby, keyhole pits were dug each side of one of the masonry walls in order to reach natural chalk. One of these pits contained an unexpected layer of Upper Greensand stone chippings. Isolated pieces of this stone have been found in both seasons, some in irregular shapes and some worked and moulded. Perhaps the layer is the waste from a stone mason's working area and perhaps "King Alfred's royal residence" is either the workshop or dwelling of a mason — or a tile maker — or even a lime burner, because.....

The other half of the new area contained a large and oddly shaped pit that, after being worked on for over a week, became recognised as part of a lime kiln on the last afternoon of the dig. When no longer in use this had been used as a rubbish dump which for us was the fun place to work; for, among the rubbish, were pieces of worked stone, lengths of twisted up lead window came and many fragments of painted window glass.

Also in this pit were two pieces of roof tile with deer prints on them and two further pieces bearing dog prints. Whether these were from tiles made and laid out to dry on this site before being fired in this tile kiln may never be known. I like to think they were, for earlier in the year I had seen deer prints in the snow beside the Guildford Rowing Club headquarters only a few hundred yards from the site.

More hardheadedly; this year has seen answers to many of the questions raised last year and of course has raised just as many for the future. Will we pursue the masonry walls, that all rush off beyond the edges of the trench? Will we investigate further the extent of the post holes in the chalk? Will we fully excavate the lime kiln? Will we recover David Graham's sheath knife which is now buried somewhere in the backfilling? Watch this space.

MISCELLANY

Weald and Downland Open Air Museum. The next stages of the 17th century Reigate Town House project will start this year with the rebuilding of the stone basement and the chimney, the completion of the interior and the addition of oriel windows and the floors. The building was erected in the early 17th century as an addition to earlier buildings fronting Reigate High Street. In the fashion of the time the plaster walls and ceilings of the main rooms were painted with decorative patterns, some of which survived and were removed intact. They have since been cleaned and conserved by Ann Ballantyne, a specialist wall painting conservator (who recently worked on the wall painting discovered in Quarry Street, Guildford, see Bulletin 262).

It is intended to house a small exhibition of domestic wall paintings of the late 16th and early 17th centuries in the restored building and the Museum would like to add to their library of wall paintings in the region. If anyone knows of any wall paintings, please inform the Wall Painting Project, Armstrong Library, Weald and Downland Open Air Museum, Chichester, West Sussex. A photograph and description would be ideal, or just the location and owner's name.

Historic Saddlery. The Worshipful Company of Saddlers is creating a National Archive of Saddlery and Living History Record of the practice of the craft since Medieval times. The co-ordinator is Mrs Elizabeth Pearson, who would be pleased to hear from anyone who has written records, drawings, paintings, photographs or memories concerning the use of horses anywhere in the country with particular reference to saddles, harnesses, bridles, reins and other leatherwork. Her address is 73 Lauderdale Tower, Barbican, London EC2 8BT (071 588-0876).

Gerrard Winstanley honoured in Moscow. In the Alexandrovsky Gardens, under the walls of the Kremlin, there stands a granite obelisk upon which, apparently by Lenin's instructions, are inscribed the names of eighteen great revolutionaries and thinkers. The list is headed by Karl Marx, followed by Frederick Engels and then by less well-known names until, in the eighth position, appears Walton's Gerrard Winstanley, a leader of the Diggers who in June 1649 attempted to put their communist theories in practice on St George's Hill. The next name on the obelisk, and the only other Englishman, is that of the great Thomas More, Henry VIII's lord chancellor and author of "Utopia", the imaginary island with a communist system of government. (Acknowledgements to JSLP and reprinted from Dialstone No. 136).

Wimbledon Windmill Museum. The story of Windmills and Windmilling told in pictures, models and the machinery and tools of the trade. Open Saturdays and Sundays and public holidays April to October 2-5 pm. Adults 50p; children 25p. School parties by arrangement at other times — tel. 081-947-2825. Teaching notes and worksheets for school parties are available from the Museum. (As the Museum is housed on the first floor of an old Windmill wheelchair access is not possible.) The Museum is in Windmill Road (off the A219) Wimbledon, SW19. Car park, cafe and toilets adjoining.

PUBLICATIONS

"An Addlestone Album" by D M and J L Barker. 64 A4 pages of photographs and explanatory text, also covering New Haw and Woodham. Obtainable from the authors at 47 Sayes Court, Addlestone, KT15 1NA at £6.90 including postage.

"Sunbury and Shepperton Then and Now" by Michael Browning and Nick Pollard, published by Sunbury and Shepperton Local History Society to mark its 40th anniversary. The booklet (52 A4 pages of photographs with explanatory text) is available from Squire's Garden Centres at £4.50.

"The Church of St Mary, Walton-on-Thames: a history" by Mrs Irene Sandells. A revised history of 84 pages with photographs by Jeremy Hall and sketches by John Pulford. Price currently £2 available from Parish Office, Church Walk, Walton-on-Thames.

EXHIBITION AND LECTURES

29th June–26th July

A month of Crafts and Craft Works from the Sussex Archaeological Society's collection at Anne of Cleves House, Lewes. Phone Lewes 474610 for further details.

20th June

10.00 am – 4.00 pm. 150 years of Streatham's history illustrated by short talks and displays, with tours around the building. Admission free, Darby and Joan Club, Leigham Court Road, Streatham Hill, SW16.

April 1992-June 1993

Chertsey Abbey. A major exhibition has been mounted at Chertsey Museum using original material borrowed from the V & A, the British Museum, the Museums of London, Dorking and Guildford. Founded in 666 by an East Saxon prince as a simple wooden church surrounded by marsh, the Abbey went on to become the most important in Surrey and, in its heyday, the fifth most important in England. After the Dissolution, many of the physical remains were taken away for building projects elsewhere, and little now remains in situ. Visitors to the museum have always been

able to see some of the tiles which paved the floor of the Abbey Church and the exhibition aims to evoke the Abbey's former greatness and splendour.

The Museum is at 38 Windsor Street, Chertsey. Admission is free. Open every afternoon 2-5 pm except Sunday and Monday. Also open Wed, Fri and Sat mornings 10 am-1 pm. (Telephone 0832-565764).

EXCAVATIONS

Gloucestershire Roman Villa, near Wooten under Edge. 13-26th June; 4-17th July; 25th-7th August. See Bulletin 265 for details.

Guildford Castle Training Dig. 6th-26th July.

Beddingham Roman Villa Excavations 1992 Training Courses. 3rd-8th August; 17th-22nd August; 26th-31st August. A course "An introduction to archaeological surveying" will take place between 10th – 15th August 1992. See Bulletin 264 for details.

CONFERENCES : DAYSCHOOLS : COURSES

Drawing Archaeological Finds. 29th June-2nd July at Sussex University. A practical course in all aspects of object drawing. A flexible approach will be taken to allow for the development of existing skills, while welcoming beginners. Tutor: Lys Drewett. Fee £58 Limited to 12 participants. Further details from CCE, Room 238, University of Sussex, Brighton (0273 678040).

Archaeology by Experiment. 27th July-31st July at Michelham Priory. A fascinating week giving you the opportunity to explore life in prehistoric Sussex by experimenting and working with primitive technologies, especially those of the Iron Age. The course, at the Michelham Iron Age Activity Centre, is centred around experimenting with a variety of techniques:

- grain storage — recovery, germination rates, carbonisation
 - pottery — clay preparation, pot building, making kilns, pot firing
 - building technologies — wattle and daubing, thatching
 - metal working — ore roasting and artefact production
 - wood working — splitting and pole lathing You will get your hands dirty!
- The course takes place in the delightful grounds of Michelham Priory, in the heart of rural Sussex. Materials and entrance to Michelham are included in the course fee. Tutors: Tristram Bareham and Christabel Shelley. Organised in co-operation with Sussex Archaeological Society. Fee £80. Limited to 18 participants. Apply to CCE, Room 238, University of Sussex (0273 678040).

MEETINGS 1992

2nd June

Waverley Historic Walk: Ironworks and Old Tracks. Meet at car park behind Bugdens, Cranleigh High Street at 7.00 pm. Footpaths and roads, flat; should be fairly dry. About 4 miles. Organised by Waverley Education Institute. Contact Judie English 0483-276724. Cost £2.50 per person per walk.

2nd June

"Watermarks in Paper" a talk by Gerard Pink to KuTAS at the Lower Hall, Friends Meeting House, Eden Street, Kingston upon Thames at 8 pm.

3rd June

"Buildings of Epsom — pre 1723" a talk by Ian West to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society at St Mary's Church Hall, London Road, Ewell at 9 pm.

6th June

"The Antiquarian Magic Lantern Show". Lunchtime lecture at the Guildford Institute.

14th June

Hampton Court Palace. A half-day visit to see the restored kitchens organised by Send and Ripley Historical Society. Further information from Tony Medlen on Woking 760021.

19th June

Waverley Historic Walk: "Romans, Ruins and Mysteries" Meet at car park by Roman Temple site on Farley Heath, Albury at 7.00 pm. About 3 miles, footpaths and heathland, possibly muddy. Details as June 2nd.

26th June

Royal Holloway College. Tour organised by Richard and Jill Williams for Egham by Runnymede Historical Society, commencing 7.30 pm from Clock Tower. By ticket only — numbers limited. Booking accepted up to 22nd June. Tour concludes with wine and cheese in the picture gallery, which closes at 9.30 pm. Cost £4.50 per person. (The dining hall may not be open for this tour.)

21st June

Walking tour of Thorpe village led by Mrs Jill Williams for the Walton & Weybridge LHS. Meet at 2.30 pm at Church Approach, Thorpe (TQ 023686).

25th June

"The Story of Fuller's Brewers" a talk by Ron Wykes to the Egham by Runnymede Historical Society at the Literary Institute, Egham at 8 pm.

1st July

"Surrey Villages — a study of the development as determined by history and geography" a talk by Charles Abdy to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society at St Mary's Church Hall, London Road, Ewell at 8 pm.

4th July

Surrey Archaeologists' Day at Castle Cliffe Gardens, Guildford.

7th July

"The Buildings of the Spa Period, Epsom" a talk by Ian West to KuTAS at the Lower Hall, Friends Meeting House, Eden Street, Kingston upon Thames at 8 pm.

26th July

"Rustic Sunday" at Tilford Old Kiln Museum.

ADVANCE NOTICES

1st August

SIHG AGM at Church House, Edenbridge, followed by guided tour of Haxted Mill.

16th August

Open Day at Crossways Farm, Abinger. 17th century farmhouse and recently reconstructed barn; conducted tours by DBRG.

7th November

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