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SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1967

Members are reminded that all subscriptions for 1967 were due on 1st January, irrespective of the date when members joined the Society. Please note that the current subscriptions are as follows:—

Ordinary Members	£2 0 0	
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S.A.S. MEETINGS

- 15th April      Visit to Deal and Walmer.  
13th May        Visit to Abinger.  
17th June       S.A.S. and Bourne Society Joint Outing.

Details of these and other meetings are given elsewhere in this *Bulletin*.

EXCAVATION NOTICES

KNIGHTONS, ALFOLD: GLASSHOUSE SITE  
(N.G.R.: TQ 016341)

Excavation of this interesting and important late 16th century glasshouse is continuing at weekends. Details were given in *Bulletin* No. 27 (March).

Enquiries to Mr. F. W. Holling, Castle Arch, Guildford.

BADSHOT LEA: SITE OF MOATED MANOR HOUSE  
(N.G.R.: SU 863486)

Excavation of this site is continuing on Sundays. Details were given in *Bulletin* No. 27 (March).

Enquiries to Mr. I. G. Dormor, 28 Bridgfield, Farnham. (Farnham 5491).

COURT LODGE FARM, HORLEY: SITE OF MEDIEVAL  
MANOR HOUSE  
(N.G.R.: TQ 273431)

Excavation of this site is continuing on Sundays. Details were given in *Bulletin* No. 27 (March).

Enquiries to Mrs. J. Beale, 16 Vogan Close, Reigate. (Reigate 43489).

WESTON WOOD, ALBURY: L.B.A., NEOLITHIC AND  
MESOLITHIC SETTLEMENTS  
(N.G.R.: TQ 053485)

Excavation will continue on the following dates:

April: 22nd/23rd and 29th/30th.

May: 6th/7th and 13th/14th.

Enquiries to Miss Joan M. Harding, 57 The Green, Ewell.

6-12 THE PLATT, PUTNEY: R-B SITE  
(N.G.R.: TQ 239767)

Excavations, organised by the Wandsworth Historical Society, are continuing on this site at weekends.

Enquiries to Mr. N. Farrant, 103A Howards Lane, London, S.W.15. (Telephone: 01-788 5026).

RAPSLEY, EWHURST: ROMAN VILLA  
(N.G.R.: TQ 08044152)

Director: THE VISCOUNTESS HANWORTH

Excavation will be continued at this site from 27th May to 11th June, and also from 15th July to 30th July. All volunteers, including beginners, welcomed. Work will begin at 10 a.m. daily. It would be of great assistance if some volunteers can bring their own spade, bucket and pointing trowel.

Access to the site is via Coneyhurst Lane,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north of Ewhurst turn west down Coneyhurst Lane. Rapsley is the last house along the lane. Cars may be parked outside the site.

It is hoped this year to finish the plan of the boundary wall, to examine a possible northern building, which would complete a courtyard, and to delimit the shrine enclosure.

Enquiries to Viscountess Hanworth, Folly Hill, Ewhurst, Cranleigh. (Ewhurst 420).

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## NOTES

### S.A.S. Library.

New members and others visiting the Library for the first time are recommended to make themselves known to the steward on duty in Guildford Museum; one of the Museum staff will then explain the Library system.

(Miss E. M. Dance).

### Historic Buildings.

Five Surrey buildings have recently been the subject of Building Preservation Orders;

1966 Vine Cottage, High Street, Bookham.

Matham Manor, East Molesey.

Woodcote Hotel, Chalk Lane, Epsom.

1967 School Cottage, Weybridge.

Blackmoor Heath Farm, Ockham.

Reports from Epsom, however, indicate that Woodcote Hotel is being allowed to deteriorate in spite of the B.P.O. The powers promised in the Civic Amenities Bill for Local Authorities to enter and make first aid repairs would have been welcome in this case.

Guildford Corporation, having decided on a Preservation Order for the Bear Public House, Friday Street, Guildford, reversed that decision and accepted a proposal to retain the front of the Bear only and allow the greater part of the building to be demolished. This was contrary to advice given on behalf of the Society, little of the front being original.

Demolition is now proposed of The White House, 19 West Street, Epsom and of Holly Cottages, Alma Road, Thames Ditton.

Reports are made from time to time of listed buildings being neglected deliberately. In order that the size of this problem may be assessed, members who know of such cases are invited to send details to Mr. R. W. McDowall, Timms, 7 Poplar Road, Shalford, Guildford.

(R. W. McDowall).

### Kent Archaeological Review.

The K.A.R.G.C.'s *Newsletter* has become so successful that a change of title to *Kent Archaeological Review* has been made. The circulation of this quarterly magazine of archaeological news and happenings in Kent is now over 600 and issues are printed and illustrated. Subscriptions (8/- for four issues, 15/- for eight) should be sent to J. K. Horne, 2 South Park Hill Road, South Croydon, Surrey.

### Albury: R-B pottery and other finds from the Albury Estate.

A collection of finds kept until recently at Albury House has been kindly lent to the S.A.S. by His Grace the Duke of Northumberland, and is now in the Guildford Museum. Exactly where most of the material was found is not known, but the collection includes an almost complete first century R-B vessel and large sherds from platters, dishes and other pots, together with numerous Roman coins (mainly in very poor condition). Most of the finds are believed to come from Albury and, possibly, from the site of the Roman-Celtic temple on Farley Heath.

(F. W. Holling).

### Aldershot: Medieval pottery (SU 878501).

The garden of Mr. C. G. Thomas in Newport Road, Aldershot, just over the Surrey border, has produced medieval pottery, from a depth of at least two feet below the surface, in quantities which suggest that it

Saturday, 15th.

**S.A.S. VISIT TO DEAL AND WALMER CASTLES**

8.30 a.m. Coach leaves Guildford Park Road (Behind Guildford Main line S.R. Station). There is a Public Car Park in Guildford Park Road, approximately 5 minutes walk from Guildford Main Line Station.

9.00 a.m. Coach leaves Dorking Post Office.

9.20 a.m. Coach leaves Reigate Town Hall.

8.30 p.m. Coach returns to Guildford.

Lunch and tea can be obtained at a number of Cafés and restaurants in Deal.

Tickets: Members 3/-, non-members 4/-. Coach fare 16/-. from Miss C. Smith, Elyots, Minster Road, Godalming, Surrey. Please state when applying for tickets whether pick-up at Dorking or Reigate is required.

**MAY**

Wednesday, 3rd. 6.30 p.m. Marking and sorting work on material from the excavations at 199 Borough High Street, Southwark. At the Southwark Archaeological Depot, Upper Ground, S.E.1. Arranged by the LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY (ARCHAEOLOGICAL SECTION). Details from Mr. P. E. Pickering, FINchley 8437.

Saturday, 13th.

**S.A.S. VISIT TO WOTTON HOUSE, ABINGER MANOR AND  
CROSSWAYS FARM**

10.30 a.m. Assemble at Fire Services College, Wotton Hatch, Wotton, (London Transport Bus No. 425 leaves Guildford and Dorking 9.46 a.m. Arrives Wotton (Manor Farm) from Guildford 10.23 a.m., from Dorking 10.04 a.m..

11.30 a.m. Leave Wotton House for Abinger Manor (entrance Sutton Lane) for Mesolithic dwelling pits and Norman motte. Lunch can be taken at Abinger Hatch Hotel or by picnic in the grounds of Abinger Manor (house if wet) by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Clarke.

2.15 p.m. Crossways Farm, Abinger (on route of No. 425 bus where the Abinger to Effingham road crosses the A 25 Dorking to Guildford Road). Entrance in Raikes Lane, Sutton, Abinger.

Tickets: Members 3/-. non-members 4/-. from Miss C. Smith, Elyots, Minster Road, Godalming.

Wednesday, 17th. 6.30 p.m. MUSEUMS AND THE PUBLIC. A talk by NORMAN COOK, Curator of the Guildhall Museum, at the Holborn Central Library (Childrens Theatre), 32 Theobalds Road, W.C.1. Arranged by the LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY (ARCHAEOLOGICAL SECTION). Members of the S.A.S. welcome.

**JUNE**

Saturday, 17th.

**S.A.S. AND BOURNE SOCIETY, JOINT OUTING**

Details will be given in the May *Bulletin*.

may have been thrown out from a kiln site in the vicinity, although there is no actual evidence for this. The ware is all biscuit coloured and is mainly sherds (some very large) from cooking pots with thumb-impressed strip decoration with some pieces of glazed jugs with vertical grooving. Some of the finds are in Guildford Museum. Rims of the cooking pots date them to the fourteenth century.

The writer will be very grateful for any information about further finds that may indicate pottery making in medieval or post-medieval times in any part of Surrey.

(F. W. Holling).

**Clapham: Stane Street (TQ 294747).**

Excavations are being undertaken by the Henry Thornton School Archaeological Society to check the line of the Roman road whose supposed course runs through the School's grounds. A stretch of gravel has appeared in the natural clay, associated with which are five sherds of the same R-B pot. As yet this feature cannot be definitely regarded as the road — there are traces of a R-B settlement 400 yards to the north.

(N. M. Farrant).

**Felbridge: Evelyn Chapel (TQ 372398).**

The great grandson of George Evelyn settled some seventy acres with a newly built house on his younger son William. This was the house depicted on a map of 1748 on the site of Felbridge Place, but was then apparently called Heath Hatch.

In 1719 William sold to his brother Edward. Edward died in 1751 and his son James built the present house just north of the Whittington Almshouses. A chapel was built and endowed in 1787 on the opposite side of the road to the present church, a short way to the north. George Gatty bought the estate in 1855 and his son, inheriting in 1864, built the present Felbridge Church the following year and organised the formation of the new parish. This was made by Order in Council in 1866 as the "Consolidated Chapelry of Felbridge" out of parts of Blindley Heath and East Grinstead. The order authorised the demolition of the old chapel.

In Mr. Margary's younger days there was a tradition that the site of the chapel was nearly opposite the Church. The Godstone Tithe Map (c. 1840) shows a detached building away from those of Felbridge Place, placed east-west on the road frontage line, nearly opposite but a little north of the site of the Church (not then built). During the construction of the Whittington Almshouses in 1966 clearance workers came across foundations at this point but this discovery was not reported in time for them to be examined by an archaeologist.

The Rev. J. Lewis, Chaplain at the Whittington Almshouses, hopes that a slate plaque recording the site of the old Evelyn Chapel will be erected in a position where it can be read from the A 23.

(U. Lambert and I. D. Margary).

**Putney: R-B site (TQ 239767).**

Excavations by the Wandsworth Historical Society are taking place in the gardens of Nos. 6-12 The Platt. A R-B ditch with at least two recuts has been found running parallel to the river which is about

300 ft. away. The top filling contains roofing tile and pottery of the 4th century. A coin of Valens (c. 370 A.D.) was found on top of the fill and indicates a longer span of occupation than hitherto thought. Two pieces of box-tile have also been discovered, strengthening the supposition of there having been a villa nearby.

(N. M. Farrant).

#### **Walton and Weybridge: Local Place-names Survey.**

Mrs. Eedle is making a survey of place-names in Walton and Weybridge, particularly minor and field names not covered in the Surrey volume of the English Place Name Society.

She would be glad if members would assist her by sending details of local names which they may come across in their researches. A short form has been devised for this purpose, which indicates the particulars (name, date, etc.) that need to be recorded. A supply of these, and further information about the survey, may be obtained from Mrs. J. A. Eedle, 16 Lakeside, Oatlands Drive, Weybridge.

(Dial Stone).

#### **Woking: Mesolithic flint axe or adze (SU 996570).**

A fine flint axe or adze found on the site of Jackman's Nurseries (now a housing estate) ten years ago has been given to Guildford Museum by the finder, Mr. Lucas. It has a tapered butt and the usual tranchet edge, but is larger than the average.

(F. W. Holling).

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## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **The Buildings of England.**

A panel of specialists has been formed to plan and conduct a series of visits and tours to buildings of historic and architectural interest during the summer of 1967. Locations to be visited will include cities and towns, castles, country houses, cathedrals, abbeys, etc. For full details of the programme and booking arrangements apply to Victor Smith, A.R.I.B.A., 21 Longley Road, Surbiton, Surrey.

### **APRIL**

Saturday, 1st.

#### **S.A.S. SYMPOSIUM, GRAND HALL, DORKING**

Details were given in *Bulletin* Nos. 26 and 27 (February and March). Admission 5/- at the door.

Wednesday, 5th. 6.30 p.m. Marking and sorting work on material from the excavations at 199 Borough High Street, Southwark. At the Southwark Archaeological Depot, Upper Ground, S.E.1. Arranged by the LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY (ARCHAEOLOGICAL SECTION). Details from Mr. P. E. Pickering, FINchley 8437.