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## COUNCIL NEWS

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At its October Meeting, held at the Society of Antiquaries, Council considered three applications for grants.

The first related to completion of the report of the Painshill Park Excavation 1983-86 undertaken to recover detailed information for the accurate restoration of the landscape features and garden buildings. The grant estimated at £2,250 was approved, and it is anticipated that the Society will publish the report, possibly in conjunction with the Garden History Society.

The other two applications related to proposed excavations: one, an application for £6,000 by David Williams to undertake rescue excavation at Betchworth where quarrying had revealed a multi-period site, dating from the Neolithic and possibly including evidence of habitation from that period. The second, by the Archaeological Research Committee, requested that Council underwrite the training excavation at Abinger for a second season, in view of the nature and importance of the site, which the first season had shown to be of national significance. It was hoped to seek other sources of funding, but Council was asked to guarantee funding up to £10,000.

The principle of supporting a continuing training programme by the Archaeological Research Committee and, also, rescue excavation when necessary, was acknowledged and agreed.

In view, however, of the substantial sums of money involved, and the probability of future moneys needed to finance conservation and publication, it was agreed to set up an Excavations Committee. This Committee would be empowered to consult with specialists within the Society and nationally to assist them in evaluating the applications in greater detail, and to advise Council on the appropriateness of applications and to monitor any work undertaken. Lady Hanworth agreed to chair the Committee.

In view of the limited time scale available for the work at Betchworth, it was agreed that preliminary advertisements for volunteer labour should be placed immediately.

**Council Meetings 1996** — Four meetings of Council will be held during 1996. The dates and venues are:

- Friday, 26 January, Salter's, Guildford, 8 p.m.
- Friday, 3 May, The Institute, Leatherhead, 8 p.m.
- Friday, 28 June, Salter's, Guildford, 8 p.m.
- Friday, 4 October, Salter's Guildford, 8 p.m.

The Society welcomes the following new members:

Mr & Mrs P E Charlton, 10 Georgeham Road, Owlsmoor, Camberley, GU15 4YR  
S Daniels, 14 Douglas Close, Jacobs Well, Guildford, GU4 7PB  
Mrs R A Davison, Woodpeckers, Poplar Grove, Woking, GU22 7SD

Ms S Hill, April Cottage, 66 Nutwood Avenue, Brockham, RH3 7LT  
Dr B V Hudson, 13 Gayhurst Road, London E8 3EH  
Mrs N E Kinge, 43 Woking Road, Guildford, GU1 1QD  
S P Maslin, 8 Rufford Close, Fleet, Hants. GU13 9TJ  
D J Mountford, 8 Howard Gardens, Guildford, GU1 2NX  
Mrs R M Quinlan, 60 Gorsewood Road, St Johns, Woking, GU21 1XG  
Mr & Mrs M R Stead, 10 Whyteleafe Road, Caterham, CR3 5EE  
Mrs K E Taylor, 15 Hill Crescent, Worcester Park, KT4 8NB  
P Thompson, 8 Everest Court, Littlewick Road, Woking, GU21 3RH  
H Turrall-Clarke, Lark Rise, Enton Green, Godalming, GU8 BAG

The Society has not had any communication with the life members listed below for at least five years. If any member has information as to their whereabouts, could they please get in touch with Mrs S Janaway at the Society's office at Castle Arch:

Mrs N Keith: last known address — Wylies Road, Beverley, Yorks.

Mr F J Smith: last known address — Swanley, Kent

Mr K E Wise: last known address — Woodland Way, Mitcham

*It is with deep regret that we record the untimely death of Kathy Kay on the 26th September 1995. Kathy was for many years secretary of the Conservation Committee and, although she and her husband moved away from Surrey, she retained her interest in the Society and will be missed by her many friends.*

## **Millennium Project**

**Dennis Turner**

Last year the Society's Council decided to sponsor a millennium project that would bring together as many of the Society's interests as possible. To this end, it chose to encourage a study of the historical geography of Surrey villages. A preliminary meeting was held last spring with a number of representatives from local societies and several discussions have taken place since. A guideline document has been produced.

The plan is to synthesize topographical, archaeological and documentary information into a series of period maps for individual villages. There will be no rigidity about the dates for which maps should be drawn, the evidence available from the subject locations will determine the choice. There will be a need for accompanying texts and, again, such texts will need to be appropriate to the individual situation. Scales and formats have yet to be decided but an advisory and editorial panel will be set up.

It is hoped that sufficient local societies and individual members will take part to allow villages of different size and character to be compared and also for comparisons to be made across the county. At present around a dozen villages have been proposed by different groups or individuals and, while this is clearly enough to make the project viable, there is equally clearly room for more.

It is anticipated that the project will run across the millennium (thus avoiding the vexed question of when precisely the millennium ought to be celebrated) with an interim publication in the year 2000 and a final conference and publication in the Society's 150th anniversary year of 2004.

To help potential researchers and to stimulate interest, the Lectures and Symposia Committee has arranged a 'keynote talk' by Christopher Taylor, the eminent landscape archaeologist (see notice elsewhere in this Bulletin). We wish to see a broad support for this project, well beyond those who may be able to participate, and Chris Taylor's talk will be aimed at 'supporters' as well as potential participants. The 'keynote talk' is to be followed by a series of workshops which will be arranged at suitable locations around the county and will cover appropriate topics.

The first workshop will take up issues raised in Chris Taylor's talk and will be held at Guildford on 6th March. The workshop will be repeated at a venue or venues and at a date or dates appropriate to the demand. Anyone with a preference for a particular alternative venue to Guildford or particular day(s) of the week, should indicate these. Subsequent workshops on specific topics will be arranged to meet demand.

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## CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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### **Planned Farms and Buildings of High Farming**

**Peter Gray**

Planned and 'model' farms are a reflection of interest in improved farming by the aristocracy and gentry in the late 18th and 19th centuries. Well known architects such as Sir John Soane were frequently involved in the design of these farms. Usually they are easily recognised but since they are often arranged around a courtyard with some architectural pretension they have not attracted the attention of students of vernacular architecture.

English Heritage is setting up a project to study such farms in England under Dr Susanna Wade Martins. Help is needed to identify examples in Surrey.

As I am at present preparing a paper on farmsteads and their buildings in Surrey for this Society I have agreed with Dr Wade Martins to provide a list of such planned farmsteads in the county. Consequently I would be pleased to hear of any planned or model farms in Surrey.

A note of any such farmsteads would be most welcome, be it just the location, or if possible the date, landowner, designer, and any other details or references. If anyone could check complete parishes or other areas that would be particularly welcome.

I can be contacted at Doggetts, Blackberry Lane, Lingfield, Surrey, RH7 6NH, (01 342 870631).

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## LECTURES & SYMPOSIA COMMITTEE

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### **Mapping the Historic Village**

#### **Millennium Project**

A public lecture will be given by Christopher Taylor (field archaeologist and author of *Village and Farmstead: A History of Rural Settlement in England*, *Fieldwork in Medieval Archaeology* and county landscape histories).

At the Dorking Christian Centre (opposite the west end of St Martin's parish church, Dorking).

At 2.30 pm on Saturday 10 February 1996.

Admission free.

This lecture will be followed by a workshop at Guildford at 8 pm on Wednesday 6 March led by Dennis Turner. Numbers will be limited and must be booked by writing to the Lectures Officer (Mrs Nancy Hawkins, 108 Westfield Road, Mayford, Woking GU22 9QR) stating which issues raised by Christopher Taylor's talk you would like to discuss.

See Dennis Turner's note elsewhere in this Bulletin for more information on the Millennium Project and future workshops.

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## LIBRARY COMMITTEE

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The SAS Library is trying to update its stock of local publications, and we would be most grateful to have details, and prices if possible, for any that you know of which are currently available for your area. If you would be prepared to buy any new local publications for the library on a regular basis, this would be very helpful, and we would of course see that you were suitably reimbursed.

Please check with Mrs Sheila Ashcroft at Castle Arch first if you are prepared to become a book buyer.

### SURREY — LOCAL

- Abdy, C, Epsom and Ewell in Parliament. Occasional Paper No 26. Pamphlet. Nonsuch Antiquarian Soc 1995
- Abdy, C, The lost farms of Ewell. Occasional Paper No 25. Pamphlet. Nonsuch Antiquarian Society 1995
- Abdy, C, *and* Alexander, G, The Pre-Raphaelites in Ewell and a missing masterpiece. Occasional Paper No 24. Pamphlet Nonsuch Antiquarian Society 1994
- Bennett, Patricia, Living Stream: Pixham and its people. Dorking LH Gp 1994
- Bowley, P, East Horsley: the history of a Surrey village. Horse & Tree pubn 1995
- Collier, M, *and* Wrightson, D, The re-creation of the Turkish tent at Painshill. Pamphlet Garden History 1993
- Currie, CK, Archaeological watching brief on works at the Draw or Graving Dock, Dapdune Wharf, Guildford, Surrey. Pamphlet South Regional Office NT 1995
- Dexter, M, A History of Bourne Hall. Occasional Paper No 23. Nonsuch Antiquarian Society 1994
- Essen, R, Richmond and Kew: the Archive Photographs Series. Chalford 1995
- Ewhurst History Society, Ewhurst and Ellen's Green: Parish heritage. Pamphlet Ewhurst History Society 1995
- Graham, David *and* Audrey, 31 Lower Church Lane, Farnham, Surrey. An archaeological report. Unpublished 1995
- Graham, David *and* Audrey, Hyde Farm, Hyde Lane, Churt. Archaeological watching brief (with a note on documentary sources). 1995
- Hawkins, Duncan, Archaeological desk-based assessment of land at Ravenscroft Road, St George's Hill, Weybridge. Pamphlet Lawson Price 1995
- Hawkins, Duncan, Archaeological desk-based assessment of land at Park Road, Ashtead, Surrey for Laing Homes Ltd. Pamphlet Lawson Price 1995
- Hewlett, HG, Chronicles of Oatlands (from BC 54) J North 1875
- Home, Gordon, Epsom: its history and its surroundings. SR Publishers 1971
- Kane, M, A County museum revisited: the first hundred years of Haslemere Educational Museum. Haslemere Ed Mus 1995
- Mills, J, A Guide to the industrial history of Surrey Heath Borough. Pamphlet SIHG 1995
- Matthews, JD, The way we were: a Bourne Society Book of Days. Bourne Society 1995
- Neaverson, P, *and* Williams, J, The Thorpe picture book. Egham by Runnymede HS 1994
- Probyn, Oliver, St Mary's Church, Bletchingley. A Report for Post Grad Diploma AASA 1995
- Resker, Rev Robert Root, The history and development of Purley. Reprinted and republished. Bourne Society 1994
- Saxby, D, William Morris at Merton. Pamphlet MOLAS 1995

Smith, J, Calling the tune: fifty years of Elmbridge Music Club 1945-1995. Pamphlet Elmbridge Music Club 1995  
Surrey Industrial History Group, SCC Toshiba Pride of Place Award. Report on the use of award on recording Brockham Limeworks. Pamphlet SIHG 1995  
Unum, Milton Court: heritage regained. Unum 1993  
Wakeford, I, A Guide to the industrial history of Woking and its borough. SIHG 1995  
Please note two useful items now available in the Library: One is the RCHME's current Excavations Index for Surrey (printed on 22.8.95). The other is the index of Unpublished Excavations in Surrey, compiled by Judie English and the Archaeological Research Committee (listed above). All excavations indices are now housed on top of the bookcase in front of the Librarian's desk.

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## **VISITS COMMITTEE**

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### **Extended Visit to South Wales**

**8-11 April 1997**

**Arranged by Alan Gillies (Tel: 01372 274516)**

Arrangements are being made for a visit to be based at *The Hill Residential College of Abergavenny*, from Tuesday 8 April to Friday 11 April 1997. Whilst the emphasis of the visit will be on industrial history, much else of interest will be seen. The College affords a most comfortable venue, and has an enthusiastic staff who will arrange and lead the visit. The full cost should be under £200 per person and this will include return coach travel from Surrey. There will be an additional charge of £15 for en suite facilities. The latter are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Packed lunches will be provided on three days.

It is planned that visits on the outward and return journeys will be selected from Caerleon, Caerwent, Chepstow, the Dean Heritage Centre at Cinderford, and Tintern.

It is hoped to devote one day to a tour of the South Wales valleys to Cardiff, and to include a trip by horse-drawn barge on the Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal. Lectures will be arranged for each evening.

It is anticipated that the coach will leave Reigate at 0815 on the Tuesday and return not later than 1930 on the Friday, and that there will be pick-up points at Dorking and Guildford. A detailed programme with timings will be sent to participants nearer the date of the visit.

Bookings for single or twin rooms, stating whether shower/toilet facilities are required, together with a deposit of £20 per person, should be sent to Alan Gillies, Sunnymead, Epsom Road, Ashted, Surrey KT21 1LD not later than 31 March 1996.

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## **SURREY INDUSTRIAL HISTORY GROUP**

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### **Another SIHG Guide**

The Surrey Industrial History Group is about to publish the ninth in its series of Industrial Guides covering Surrey's Boroughs and Districts.

"A GUIDE TO THE INDUSTRIAL HISTORY OF MOLE VALLEY DISTRICT" by Peter Tarplee will be launched at a meeting at Dorking Christian Centre at 8.00 pm on Monday 11th December.

Mole Valley District covers about 100 square miles stretching from Chessington to Gatwick Airport and from Abinger Hammer to Leigh and contains a wide range of past industrial activities.

All members of Surrey Archaeological Society are invited to attend this function, with as many friends as possible, have a glass of wine with us, and to hear a presentation by the author about the book and the industries of Mole Valley.

Admission is free. Dorking Christian Centre is in Church Street next to the Parish Church.

Members wishing to purchase a copy of the book by post may do so by sending a cheque for £8.95 payable to SIHG, to Surrey Industrial History Group, Donard, East Street, Bookham, Leatherhead, KT23 4QX.

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## **SCOLA: Archaeology and Planning in London**

**Dennis Turner**

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SCOLA — Standing Conference on London Archaeology was set up in November 1992 (see *Bulletin* 272) following new arrangements introduced by English Heritage relating to archaeology in and around London.

The issue of Planning Policy Guidance 16, *Archaeology and Planning*, by the Department of the Environment in November 1990 established that archaeology should be a material consideration during the planning process and provided a new framework for the protection of archaeological evidence. In Greater London there was a total reorganisation of the mechanism for dealing with rescue archaeology at much the same date. Key features of the new arrangements were that a small unit within English Heritage would undertake the functions that were carried out elsewhere by county archaeologists and that the archaeological arm of the Museum of London should be reorganised and established as a single separately accountable unit.

The Department of the Environment made a commitment to review the impact of the new guidance a year after its introduction and English Heritage commissioned a report by Pagoda Associates which was produced in 1992. However this review was undertaken before the new arrangements for London were fully in place.

In January 1993, the Standing Conference on London Archaeology commissioned a survey to assess the effectiveness of the operation of PPG 16 in London and the work was generously sponsored by the City of London Archaeological Trust. The results of the SCOLA survey have now been published in two sections. The first section contains the details of the survey work undertaken by Scott McCracken and Dr Christopher Phillips. The second section presents the conclusions of the survey and SCOLA's recommendations for further action and suggestions for future research. Comparison with a second report commissioned by English Heritage from Roger Tym and Pagoda Associates, which was published earlier in the summer, shows that in many ways the situation in London is more encouraging than in the shire counties. However, there are serious concerns that the system is not working as effectively as PPG 16 envisaged and the SCOLA report highlights a number of areas where improvements can be sought. SCOLA are hoping to have early discussions with English Heritage about ways in which the situation can be improved in London.

(Copies of the report may be obtained from Miss P Wilkinson, Hon Sec SCOLA, 31 Stock Street, Plaistow, London E13 0BX. £13 post free for the two sections, £2 for the 'conclusions' document.)

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## **WEALDEN BUILDINGS STUDY GROUP**

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### **Timber and Tools**

used in the construction of timber-framed buildings.

The Wealden Buildings Study Group will hold a day conference on this theme at Balcombe, near Haywards Heath on Sunday, February 18th 1996. For further details, which will be available nearer the date, please send a SAE to Mrs J Shelley, 4 Norwood Hill Road, Charlwood, Surrey RH6 0ED.

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## **SCAU Pottery Workshops**

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Following my appeal for suggestions regarding pottery workshops (*Bulletin* No 296), I have decided that these will be based on the recently excavated collection of medieval pottery from Guildford Palace, and will begin early in the New Year. The washing and marking of this material has already been accomplished by volunteers at Guildford Museum to whom I am most grateful. There will, at first, be a general introduction to the identification of different ware and vessel types, and the procedures of 'spot-dating' will be explained. We will then follow through with all other relevant aspects of pottery study such as quantification, assessments of similarity with comparable material from elsewhere, consideration as to what ought and ought not to be studied in greater detail, drawing for archive and final publication, and the preparation of tables and other figures. Hands-on experience will include matching and joining sherds, weighing, drawing, calculating, and looking down microscopes, amongst other things. If you are interested, please write to me, Phil Jones, of the Surrey County Archaeological Unit, Old Library Headquarters, West Street, Dorking, RH4 1DE, stating your preferred evening or day. The workshops will take place at the Unit except for some visits to Guildford Museum.

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## **ACCESSIONS TO REPOSITORIES 1994**

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### **Croydon Archives Service**

Records of the Croydon Society 1975-1989; with records of the Croydon Transport Users' Association 1962-1980 AR58

Research notes and photographs relating to WH Lascelles (1832-1885), pioneer builder, compiled by Miss Helen Brooks c1880s-c1993 AR59

Turnpike Trust records: Foxley Hatch-Reigate Trust. 1808-1871; Gatton Lodge-Povey Cross Trust, 1819-1822; and Surrey & Sussex Trust, 1844 AR66

Fire Brigade Occurrence Books, No 6 Fire Station, Broad Green, Croydon 1997-1896, 1903-1905 AR67

## **Lambeth Archives (including 1993 and 1994)**

Bedford Park Estate (Streatham) Ltd, business records and title deeds 18th-20thc  
IV/176  
Brixton Hill United Reformed Church, minutes and registers 1830-1870  
IV/177  
Brixton Methodist Circuit records, 1853-1977  
IV/186  
Clockhouse Farm Estate, Clapham, title deeds 18th-20thc  
I/15001  
Nicholas Grimshaw & Partners, plans, photographs of Waterloo International  
Terminal  
1993/16  
Norwood Conservative Association (additional deposit) 20thc  
1993/2  
Riggindale Road United Free Methodist Church records 1829-1903  
IV/189  
Blackfriars Photography Project, photographs of N Lambeth 1975-85  
IV/182  
Brixton Methodist Trustees minutes, 1914-1973  
IV/190  
Col Hutchence papers, 1st Surrey Rifles and Clapham Church Lads  
1994/15  
Egan/Berry family papers 20thc  
1994/14  
LB of Lambeth schools, title deeds 18th-20thc  
LBL/DALS/15  
Norwood & Dulwich Dyeing & Cleaning Co, photographs 20thc  
IV/181  
Stockwell Fever Hospital, patients feeding register 1883-4  
IV/184

## **Sutton Heritage Service**

Dixon-Hind estate agents, over 400 sales particulars 1855-1939 Acc 172  
Knights-Whittome, photographer, ledger books 1888-1903 Acc 173  
Sorooptimist International, Sutton & District Club records 1937-1971 Acc 174  
Shallcross family of Sutton, deeds 16th-19thc Acc 176  
Ruskin Road Methodist Church records, 1940s-1992 Acc 185  
Sutton Wel-Care records, 1921-1992 Acc 204  
Sutton & Cheam Society records, 1959-1989 Acc 213/225



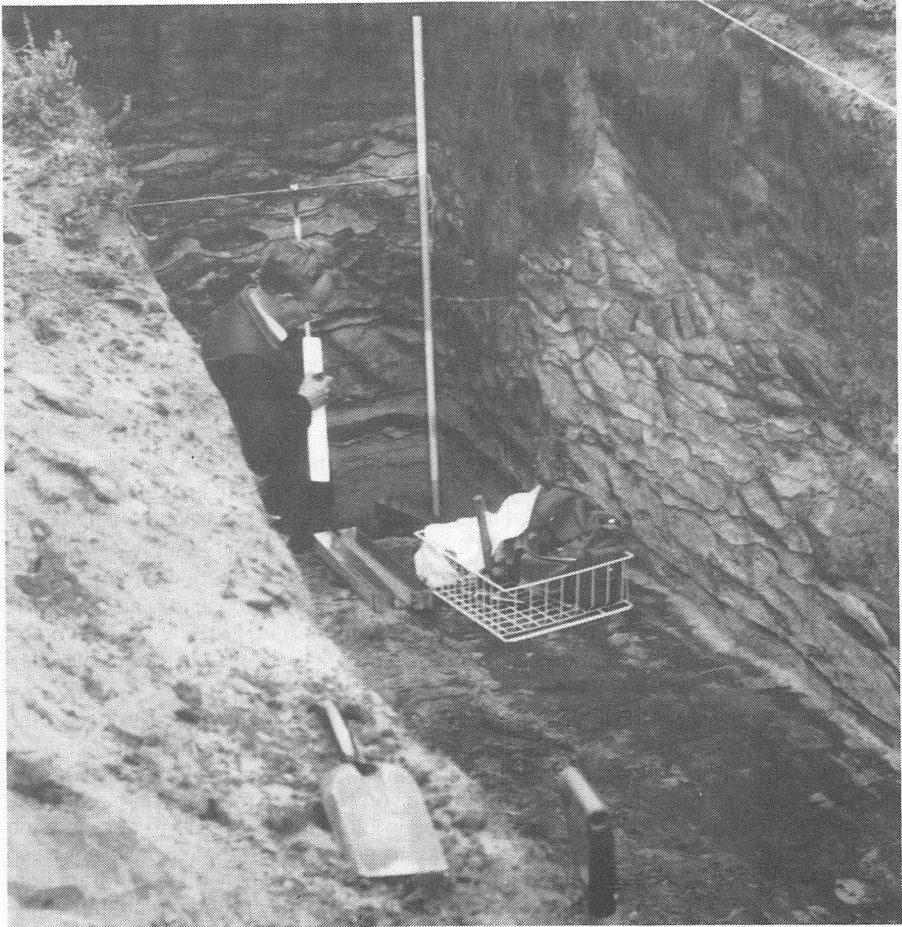
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## NOTES

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Thursley Common Mounds (SU 9109 4092)

David Graham



*Ian Dormor taking environmental samples from the Thursley mound*

In 1959 JXWP Corcoran carried out an archaeological investigation of two mounds on Thursley Common, near Elstead. He sectioned each mound and published the results in a short paper in Vol 58 of the Surrey Archaeological Collections. He concluded, on the basis of the stratigraphy, that both mounds were sand dunes and were consequently of natural formation. As a result, the two mounds, which had previously been thought to be tumuli, were de-scheduled. This finding has cast doubt on the origins of many of the mounds to be found on the Surrey heathlands and indeed Corcoran claimed that great care should be taken before claiming that any individual mound was actually of Bronze Age origin and he even went on to conclude that there was little evidence of Bronze Age occupation in the county.

A number of people have expressed doubts as to the validity of Corcoran's conclusions and indeed the mounds, being approximately 28m diameter and 2.5m high, gave every indication of being man made. This suspicion was reinforced by Grinsell's description of the mounds in the early 1930s, which stated that the ditches were clearly visible.

Accordingly, and with kind permission of English Nature, a small team of volunteers has just re-sectioned the western mound. This revealed a white sand core showing extensive secondary podzolization, with some indication of the presence of turves. A rectangular pit was located at the centre and an unusually deep ditch was located at the perimeter of the mound. A second smaller trench was opened at 90o to the main trench and again located the ditch, thus confirming that it encircled the mound.

There is thus little doubt that this mound, and presumably the second one to the east, are in fact man made and are almost certainly Bronze Age tumuli. Environmental samples were taken by Ian Dormor, from the core of the mound and these may give valuable evidence for the vegetation cover in the area when the mound was constructed. The central rectangular pit was also sampled and found to be very shallow and to contain no signs of a burial. This may be the result of acidity in the sandy soil or it may be that the main burial lies elsewhere.

The trench has been backfilled and a report will be produced by David Graham and Steve Dyer as and when the environmental results become available.

## **A Royal Hunting Lodge Re-discovered**

**Mary Alexander**

Guildford Park was part of Windsor forest by 1155. The part of the forest in Surrey was gradually disafforested until only Guildford Park remained. It is shown clearly on Norden's map of the Forest in 1607 and its boundaries can still be traced on maps and on the ground, even though it was sold by James I in 1620 and became farmland.

However, nothing can be seen of the four lodges marked on Norden's map, nor the eight entrances, except for the remains of the moated manor house at Manor Farm. A few place-names survive, or have been revived, such as Stag Hill, Henley Grove and Foxburrows. Guildford Park housing estate and Park Barn estate both take their names from the royal park.

While compiling a brief history of Park Barn estate for a local school I noticed the name "Coachlad's Copse" of a small wood in the neighbouring housing estate of Westborough. Further investigation showed that the wood was called "Colt's Lodge Coppice" on the Tithe Map and "Cole's Lodge" on Norden's map of Windsor Forest, marking the site of one of the hunting lodges in the park. It is easy to see how the name has changed over the years and easy to see how its origins have not been noticed before. The wood is rectangular and aligned NW/SE, noticeably different from the general N/S or NE/SW field boundaries. It is suspiciously regular in shape, as if it could be an 18th or 19th c. plantation but the name must preserve a memory of the hunting lodge even if the wood itself is not a mediaeval feature.

There is little to see on the ground today. The copse remains as a pleasant grassy area dotted with mature oak trees and surrounded by houses. The wood was clearly retained when the housing estate was built in the early 20th c., although houses were built along its southern edge. It fits so neatly into the estate that it almost looks as if it was made for the estate, rather than the estate being built around it. It is a useful reminder of how long-lasting features of the landscape can be, and that even a rather dull pre-war housing estate may contain clues to the past.

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# MUSEUM OF LONDON ARCHAEOLOGY SERVICE

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## South West London Archaeological Liaison Committee

Archaeological Report May-August 1995

### CROYDON

#### 14-18 Kingswood Way, Selsdon (Tony Thomas) Site Code: KWW95

Watching brief on projected line of Iron Age trackway. Only geological features and modern levelling/surfaces recorded.

#### Old Palace Road (Stuart Gibson) Site Code: OPC95

Watching brief on small area of excavation just to NE of Great Hall. Limited depth; revealed only 19th century made ground and modern intrusions.

### KINGSTON

#### Eden Street (Pat Miller) Site Code: EDN95

The excavation was completed on 2nd June. A total of four 14th century medieval Surrey Whiteware kilns were exposed and excavated. All were disturbed though one was relatively intact. The kilns were dug directly into the natural brickearth and lined with a mixture of brickearth and straw. The best example was a two flued kiln with stoking pits positioned at either end, the kiln chamber had a central pedestal. The flues of this kiln were constructed from medieval roof tiles and were extant to where they began to arch over. Kiln capping (again a mixture of brickearth and straw) and the fired clay used to seal the flue openings during firing were found within the kiln backfills.

Vast quantities of Kingston type Surrey Whiteware pottery waster material was retrieved from kiln interiors, stoking pits and waster pits including many intact vessels. Surrey Whiteware pottery was used in London and the Lower Thames Valley from the 13th century onwards. These whitewares are generally divided into three source groups, Kingston, Cheam and Coarse Border ware, reflecting location of kiln sites discovered ie, Kingston, Cheam and around Farnham. The ware is of a white fabric with a distinctive translucent green glaze. The majority of the pottery assemblage represented was waster material, in the form of small and large jugs and cooking pots. Other forms such as crucibles, cups (lobed and plain), bowls, a dripping dish, condiment dish and money box were also represented. At least two anthropomorphic vessels were identified. Many wasters exhibited the variability of the kiln firing in the form of discolouration of the fabric and glaze, buckling, explosion or implosion and fusing of vessels.

Other medieval features, such as pits and a ditch, were excavated but because of medieval ground surface truncation it is difficult to associate these features with the medieval kiln usage of the site. Other features were recorded during the excavation including a number of post-medieval pits, post-holes, surfaces, a ditch and a pond. A possible Roman pit containing Roman pottery and building material was also excavated. Residual prehistoric worked flint artefacts were also redeposited in a number of later archaeological features.

### **Kingston University (Bob Cowie) Site Code: KNH95**

Three evaluation trenches in a car park on the south east side of the Kingston Hill Campus revealed the earlier 19th/20th-century land surface sealed beneath modern deposits.

### **Turks Boatyard (Steve Tucker) Site Code: TJR95**

An evaluation was undertaken to ascertain the presence and activity of the waterfront during the period of medieval Kingston. In Trench 1, evidence was found of two waterfronts. The first was a low wattle revetment held together by timber stakes of ?medieval date. The second was a pile and plank revetment during the post-medieval period. Trench 2 contained the remains of a late medieval revetment, formed with re-used boat timbers supported by heavy driven posts. A number of environmental samples were collected and assessed. These produced seeds representing very few food plants (eg grape), a range of weeds of disturbed/wasteground and plants of wet/marshland environments, freshwater and terrestrial molluscs and animal bones (including sheep/goat, rabbit, dog) and occasional fish vertebrae. Collectively this material may provide information on the character of the local environment and human activities in the area.

## **MERTON**

### **Deen City Farm (Portia Askew) Site Code: DCF93**

A watching brief was undertaken to monitor the sealing of (*in situ*) archaeology (Roman cemetery/ditches, recorded in 1966-8 & 1993, under a layer of concrete.

### **Haslemere First School (Portia Askew/Bob Cowie) Site Code: HSM94**

As Deen City Farm, area c 25m to the north.

### **56 Parkside (Carrie Cowan) Site Code: PKS95**

An evaluation revealed two small gullies, one containing pottery dating to the 1st millennium BC, and a post-medieval bedding trench.

### **Wates Way, Mitcham (Dave Saxby) Site Code: WWY95**

An evaluation produced no features of archaeological significance. Three trenches were excavated to a depth of c 2m. Within all the trenches the natural alluvium was overlain by made ground (c 1-2m deep) dating from the 19th century.

## **SUTTON**

### **Mint Road, Wallington (Bruno Barber) Site Code: MNT95**

Evaluation trenches were excavated to a depth of c 1 metre. Modern soil horizons/made ground overlay a thick layer of colluvium. No archaeological features were uncovered but several pieces of struck flint were found in the colluvium, including a mesolithic flint pick. One sherd of late Bronze Age pottery was also found.

## **WANDSWORTH**

### **Garratt Lane (Dave Saxby) Site Code: GTT95**

An evaluation was carried out to assess the archaeological potential of a site close to the River Wandle. Two trenches were excavated. No features were uncovered but overlying the alluvium was a layer of post-medieval ploughsoil which produced 16th-century pottery. A prehistoric struck flint flake was also recovered.

## **Southlands College (Kieron Heard) Site Code: SCR95**

An evaluation was undertaken in advance of the construction of new academic and residential buildings. The main aims were to find evidence for prehistoric activity and 18th-century landscaping/gardens. Two 18th-19th century brick drains and ploughsoil containing 17th-18th century material, and one possible sherd of prehistoric pottery, were found.

## **POST-EXCAVATION**

### **Merton Priory Publication**

Site assessment is nearly complete. It is expected that the work on the publication text should begin in early winter.

### **Owen & Owen Site, George Street, Richmond**

Barney Sloane has prepared a draft report which it is hoped will be published by the Surrey Archaeological Society.

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Geoff Potter, A prehistoric site at 542-46 Purley Way, Croydon. *London Archaeologist Summer 1995 Vol 7 no 12 307-312.*

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## **MISCELLANY**

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**Rabbit/Hare Warrens.** Helen Davies is planning a study of rabbit/hare warrens in the Guildford area and would be grateful for any information which readers may be able to offer on early and later warrens, or on literature sources on warrens, particularly earlier ones. Please reply to 6 St Omer Road, Guildford GU1 2DB.

**Brickworks.** If anyone knows of a brickworks owned by someone named Churchill, would they please let Peter Tarplee know. Telephone: 01372 452301.

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## **DAYSCHOOLS**

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**2nd March 1996 "Latin for Local Historians".** The second seminar on Latin Palaeography, run by Guildford WEA on Saturday 2nd March 1996 from 11am to 4pm at Sydenham Road Adult Education Centre, Guildford. The tutor will be Mary Saaler MPhil, an experienced university teacher of this subject.

This course may interest former members of Isabel Sullivan's class, and also anyone with a knowledge of Latin to GCSE/O-level who wishes to brush up their skills in reading Mediaeval scripts. Fees will be £7 (full) and £5.40 for concessionaries.

So do come and enjoy what should be a stimulating session, and tell anyone else who might be interested. There will be a lunch break from 1-2pm, and the centre has a coffee lounge; or else there are many pubs and cafés in Guildford.

**TO ENROL:** Apply to WEA Treasurer, Orchardleigh, Roseacre Gardens, Chilworth, Guildford GU4 8RQ.

The following are organised by the Centre for Continuing Education, University of Sussex in association with Sussex Archaeological Society. Further details may be obtained from CCE, University of Sussex, Brighton. Telephone 01273 678527.

**9th December 1995. "Archaeology: What it can tell us about hunter-gatherers".** An appraisal of recent archaeological work in an attempt to reconstruct the original ecological niche of our species. Tutor: Liz Somerville. To be held at the University. Fee £15.

**27th January 1996. "The Study of artefacts: Roman bricks and tiles and their prime functions, as well as some strange oddities".** Tutor: Gerald Brodribb. To be held at Fishbourne Royal Palace. Fees: £16.

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## **COURSES**

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**Talking about Archaeology II: "Romans, Saxons and Medieval Life".** An examination of information and artefacts from archaeological excavations in Surrey Heath and how they relate to the archaeology of Southern Britain. Fridays 10.00 – 12.00, commencing 12th January 1996. 10 weeks. Fee £44.

**Talking about Archaeology II: "From Coaches to Railways".** A study of information and artefacts (some of national and international importance) from archaeological excavations in Bagshot and how these relate to the development of Southern Britain. Fridays 10.00 – 12.00, commencing 26th April 1996. 10 weeks. Fee £44.

Tutor Geoffrey H Cole MIFA. Further details from the Surrey Heath Educational Area. Telephone 01276-20145.

### **University of Sussex**

The University of Sussex is organising the following Courses:

#### **Practical Archaeology Certificate**

(a) Archaeological Excavation and Post Excavation covering archaeological excavations, dating techniques and structure and administration of archaeology in Britain and

(b) The Study of Artefacts — how to identify and interpret archaeological finds from fieldwork in South East England.

#### **Landscape Studies Diploma**

(c) Year 1 — Living Landscape

(d) Reconstructing Past Environments.

Further details from CCE, University of Sussex. Telephone 01273-6798537.

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## **MEETINGS**

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### **7th December**

"Recent Archaeological Work". A lecture 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 December**

“Magic and Machine in Ancient Mesopotamia”. A lecture by Dr Irving Finkel, Curator Dept of Western Asiatic Antiquities, British Museum, to the Richmond Archaeological Society at the Vestry Hall, Paradise Road, Richmond at 8.00 pm. Members free; non-members £2.

### **14th December**

“The Legacy of Hops in Farnham”. A lecture by Chris Hellier to the Farnham & District Museum Society in the United Reformed Church Hall, South Street, Farnham at 7.30 for 7.45 pm. Xmas drink and mince pie will accompany this event!

### **15th December**

“Christmas Miscellany”. An annual evening of short items presented by members of the Leatherhead & District LHS, organised by Gordon Knowles in the Dixon Hall, Leatherhead Institute at 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm. Admission to include coffee: members 50p; non-members £1.

### **16th December**

“The Charterhouse of Shene”. A lecture by John Cloake to Merton Historical Society at the Snuff Mill Environmental Centre, Morden Hall Park, Morden at 2.30 pm.

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### **3rd January**

“Writers in Surrey: an account of some of the notable writers who have been associated with Surrey”. A lecture by Charles and Barbara Abdy to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society at St Mary’s Church Hall, London Road, Ewell at 8.00 pm.

### **9th January**

An Archaeology Quiz organised by Spelthorne Archaeological Field Group against KuTAS and WLAFG at Quakers Meeting Hall, Eden Street, Kingston at 8.00 pm.

### **13th January**

“From Pillar to Post — a history of Letter-boxes”. A lecture by Mr John Smith to Walton & Weybridge LHS in the Weybridge Library Lecture Hall at 3.00 pm.

### **16th January**

“Riverside Residents: the story of the Woodbines Estate and the Queen’s Promenade”. A lecture by Avril Lansdell to the Friends of Kingston Museum and Heritage Service in the Antechamber of the Market House, Market Place, Kingston at 8.00 pm. Voluntary donation of £1.50 is suggested.

### **16th January**

“Cyprus in the Iron Age”. A lecture by Dr Louise Steel to the SW Surrey Branch of the Historical Association in the Friends’ Meeting House, North Street, Guildford at 7.30 pm. Non-members adults £1.50, 50p students.

### **18th January**

“Open Spaces in Barnes and Mortlake”. 40th Anniversary lecture by Miss Mary Grimwade and Mr Leslie Freeman to the Barnes and Mortlake History Society in the Main Hall at the Sheen Lane Centre at 8.00 pm.

### **18th January**

“A Review of the history of Guildford Castle”. A lecture by Mary Alexander to the Farnham & District Museum Society in the United Reformed Church Hall, South Street, Farnham at 7.30 for 7.45 pm.

**18th January**

"From Hanging Bowls to the Ardagh Chalice — Medieval Celtic Enamelling". A lecture by Mrs Susan Youngs, Dept of Medieval and Later Antiquities, British Museum to the Holmesdale Natural History Club at the Museum, 14 Croydon Road, Reigate at 8.15 pm.

**23rd January**

"William Roupell and Victorian Corruption in Lambeth's Politics". A lecture by Judy Harris to the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society at Hawkstone Hall, Kennington Road (Lambeth North end) at 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

**1st February**

"Investigating Guildford Castle". A lecture by Mary Alexander at the Guildhall, Guildford at 7.30 pm. Admission £2. Organised by 'Friends of Guildford Museum'.

**1st February**

"Marine Archaeology". A lecture by Alan Aberg to the Farnham & District Museum Society in the United Reformed Church Hall, South Street, Farnham at 7.30 for 7.45 pm.

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**FUTURE EVENTS****10th February 1996**

"Mapping the Historic Village". Lecture organised by the Lectures and Symposia Committee (*see elsewhere in this Bulletin for details*).

**18th February 1996**

Wealden Building Study Group Conference at Haywards Heath (*see elsewhere in this Bulletin for details*).

**24th February 1996**

ARC Symposium at Dorking. Details circulated with this Bulletin.

**23rd March 1996**

The 16th West London Local History Conference. Theme: 100 Years of Cinema. To be held at Montague Hall, Hounslow. Details to follow.

**23rd March 1996**

The 33rd Annual conference of London Archaeologists to be held at the Museum of London. Details to follow.



**A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**



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