

MARCH MEETINGS

SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

MEETING No. 1 SATURDAY, 20th MARCH, 1965

LECTURES AT GUILDFORD

To be held at the Brew House, Guildford House, High Street, Guildford.

11 a.m. Lecture with slides by Dr. Edwin Course on *The Reading, Guildford and Reigate Railway*. (Dr. Course is editing a volume for the Surrey Record Society — *Minutes of the Reading, Guildford Reigate Railway 1845-1852*).

2 p.m. Lecture by Mr. S. E. Rigold, F.S.A. on *Gothic Incidental Sculpture*.

Tickets: Members 2/6. Visitors 3/6. Students 1/6.

Maximum capacity of the hall is 80 — please apply for tickets to: Mrs. R. K. Chiles, 38 Court Hill, Sanderstead and NOT to Castle Arch.

APRIL MEETINGS

LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

TUESDAY, 6th APRIL, 1965 : 6.30 p.m.

Miss E. M. Horrocks, M.A. or Mr. Kiln will be giving a lecture entitled *The Aswan High Dam: The Threat to Abu Simbel and other archaeological sites*. Members of the Surrey Archaeological Society are invited to attend as guests of the Chairman of the Archaeological Section of the London Natural History Society. The lecture will be given at the College of Preceptors, 2 Bloomsbury Square, W.1.

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MEETING No. 2 SATURDAY, 24th APRIL, 1965

VISIT TO OLD BASING AND ODIHAM

Organiser: Mrs. Sidney Smith

10.30 a.m. Meet outside Old Basing House. (Motorists will then be directed where to park owing to village street being narrow and a bus route). The party will be divided into two — Group 1 seeing ruins, excavations and museum, Group 2 seeing village, church and Great Barn — after which the parties will change over. Entrance to Basing House 1/6.

12.30 p.m. Leave for Odiham. Picnic lunches may be eaten in the grounds of the Priory, Odiham — for those who do not wish to do this there is the Salamandre Restaurant, High Street, Odiham (small), or the George Hotel (Lunch 12/6).

2 p.m. Visit the Priory and other points of interest in Odiham.

3.30 p.m. approx. Disperse.

Tickets: Members 2/6 Visitors 3/6 Coach 8/-.

Please apply to: Mrs. R. K. Chiles, 38 Court Hill, Sanderstead and NOT to Castle Arch.

Would members please apply in advance for tickets. Members who expect to pay on the day of an outing can create much unnecessary work.

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BULLETIN

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C. B. A. LEAFLETS

Archaeological Societies have recently been asked to give wide publicity to two leaflets that are available from the Council for British Archaeology at a nominal price of 1d. each, plus postage. Copies are available in the library at Castle Arch. They concern the disposal of excavated finds and safety at excavations.

The finds leaflet does not try to lay down a rigid policy but makes a number of suggestions in the light of the various ways in which excavations come to be organised. A list of cases where material should never be split is given and, while suggestions are made about the necessity to divide the material from some sites between a number of destinations, no great enthusiasm is evidenced for the division of material between museums etc. The needs of the British Museum are touched upon but not elaborated and the value of stating the destination of all excavated material in the excavation report is reiterated. The over-riding need to ensure that material is housed only where it can be satisfactorily looked after and made accessible to the student is not specifically mentioned but is tacit throughout the whole leaflet.

The leaflet dealing with safety at archaeological excavations should be read by every director and volunteer at every dig and should be remembered by every council and committee member of every archaeological society. It deals with safety precautions to be taken during the course of an excavation; with precautions against third party risks; with medical precautions and with legal risks. This last aspect is perhaps the most often neglected one and includes relevant insurance. It is to be hoped that the strictures of the C.B.A. leaflet will be taken to heart.

D. J. Turner.

EXCAVATION NOTICE

WESTON WOOD, ALBURY: LATE BRONZE AGE HOMESTEAD
AND MESOLITHIC SITE

(N.G.R.: TQ 053485)

Director: JOAN M. HARDING.

Helpers are urgently needed to complete the excavation of the Late Bronze Age occupation floor before the quarry engulfs it and to investigate the mesolithic horizon discovered beneath the floor. The site is sheltered and dry. Diggers can be protected from rain. Trenches are protected from frost.

The site is open for diggers and visitors in the first two week-ends of each month and Easter.

March	6/7	13/14	May	1/2	8/9
April	3/4	10/11	June	5/7	12/13

Entrance is from the A25 just opposite the Silent Pool via the gate marked Albury Sand Pit. Cars may be left in the old brickyard. The excavation is above the sand quarry on the south side.

Enquiries to Miss Joan M. Harding, 57 The Green, Ewell.
(Telephone: MUSEum 3644, ext. 330).

MR. CEDRIC YARDLEY

Cedric Yardley took up archaeology only a few days after his retirement from Cables and Wireless in 1959. He came to help on the ~~Nonsuch excavations and ultimately was responsible for the restoration and conservation of many of the finds, work which lasted until 1963.~~

During this time he became a founder member of the Nonsuch and Ewell Antiquarian Society, served on its committee since its inception, and was its secretary for a year. He took, until in recent months ill-health prevented him, an active interest in everything the Society did.

He also studied in the Extra Mural course in Archaeology at the University of London, and worked on many excavations. During this last summer he was in charge at Winchester of the finds from the excavation of the Saxon Cathedral.

During all this activity, Cedric Yardley made many friends and was an indispensable member of an excavation team. Once he had been on the site, an excavation without Cedric was never the same. He excelled in dealing with small objects, and Cedric with his glasses raised, peering at some minute piece of decoration that he was cleaning will be a picture of him that many of us will retain.

Cedric Yardley was always ready to share in the activity around him. He enjoyed the company of younger people and they were quick to respond. He was always ready to help, and when he did so it was always to the utmost. His friends will not forget him.

M.B.

LIBRARY NOTES

Will new members and others using the Library for the first time please make themselves known to the Steward on duty in the museum in order that they may be shown how to use the Library.

The Society would be pleased to receive a copy of the now out of print *Land use map and text* for Surrey, which was published in the 1930's, if any member has a copy to spare.

Miss P. M. St. J. Brewer, Hon. Librarian.

EXCAVATION DIRECTORS

The Excavation Committee would be glad to know the names of potential directors in the county. Members who feel that they are qualified to direct an excavation followed by a report should write to N. P. Thompson, Hon. Sec. Excavation Committee, 29 Southview Court, Hillview Road, Woking. Please state age, qualifications, training and experience, also any period of especial interest.

SURREY PEOPLE

This is a booklet of 100 pages, priced at 10/- (postage 6d.), and produced by the Surrey County Librarian at 140 High Street, Esher, for which orders are invited in advance of publication.

It is a list of over 300 books containing information in various degrees about people who have lived in Surrey in the past or who do at present. Against each item are shown the names of libraries in Surrey, including the library of the Society, where copies may be seen.

The cost covers the production only.

IMPLEMENT PETROLOGY SURVEY

All of the stone axes, excluding recent acquisitions, in the Surrey Museums and some in private collections have been recorded and drawn by Mr. E. E. Harrison, and twenty-six of them have been sectioned at Bristol and examined by Dr. F. S. Wallis, with most interesting results. Five implements were found to be made from rock which came from Cornwall, one from the Shropshire-Montgomeryshire border, one from the Lake District and three from Northern Ireland.

Mr. Harrison would be glad to know of any stone implements in private hands and would be grateful for permission to record and draw them. It should, perhaps be mentioned that the survey is not concerned with flint implements.

LOCAL NOTES

Albury : Weston Wood (TQ 053485)

Paul Ashbee visited the site, a L.B.A. settlement, and suggested that the ash filled carstone floor had been constructed to keep sheaves of corn off the ground; the straw being afterwards burned here. The wide fire pits could have been used for drying the grain, and the pottery strainer for sifting it.

Latest finds include pottery and bone from the clay covered oven, and geometric microlith blades from a mesolithic horizon below the L.B.A. floor.
(Joan M. Harding).

Cobham : Semaphore Tower at Hatchford (TQ 089585).

It is desired to find a tenant lest this building fall into complete decay. It is the only complete tall tower on the line between London and Portsmouth, and probably the best of its kind in the country. Apply to our member Philip Chantler, Cobham 2201. (T. E. C. Walker).

Farnham Museum : Acquisitions.

The major contents of Wreclesham forge (Blacksmith, the late Mr. A. Todd) has been removed to Willmer House Museum where a corner of the forge will be re-erected.
(H. G. A. Booth).

Farnham : Pre-Tudor floors (SU 83954693).

A trench has been opened by Post Office workmen along West Street, The Borough, Castle Street, High Park Row and Beaufort Road. This has sectioned the terrace east of Bury and provided samples of Pleistocene deposits. It has also revealed the presence of pre-Tudor floors in the lower end of Castle Street. These occur at 2 ft., 3 ft 3 ins., and 4 ft. 2 ins. below present ground level. The two upper ones are of "firestone", and the lower one, which is covered with as much as 12 ins. of blackened flint debris, bones and fragmented charcoal, is of hard grey chalk blocks.
(H. G. A. Booth).

Southwark : Lant Street (TQ 324797).

Excavations on behalf of the Southwark Excavations Committee are proceeding under the direction of Dr. Celoria. They are beside the high road well south of the main Roman and mediaeval settlement and have revealed about 12 ft. of manmade deposits. The deposits date mainly from the 16th century to the 19th with an intermixture of Roman sherds and small finds at the base. Also a prolific 17th century rubbish pit and remains of a possible 17th century house have been found. Mediaeval material has been found adjacent to the Borough High Street.

(J. Thorn).