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OBITUARY

Jean Margaret West

Jean West, a member of the Society since 1976, died on the 5th November 1996. She will be remembered with gratitude by very many members of the Society, but most especially by all those who go on our visits.

In 1985, when the then secretary of the Visits Committee retired, Jean took over and proved to be enthusiastic and energetic. She devoted a great deal of time to the post and attended nearly every visit, making sure all went well — a great help to the organisers. Most of all Jean will be remembered for the visits she herself organised, especially the long stay ones to Worcester, Chichester, Kings Lynn and West Norfolk, Woburn and Bedfordshire, Leicester and the East Midlands; and she assisted the organisers of trips to South Wales and Lincoln. After our visit to Penhow Castle she had a valuable correspondence with the owners on the genealogy of the Seymour family, for that was Jean's maiden name.

She was Committee secretary from 1985 to 1991 and stayed on the Committee until 1992. From 1987 to 1991 she was also treasurer and twice since has managed the accounts after sudden retirements of treasurers.

In her lifetime Jean had travelled and studied this country and, with her good memory, she had considerable knowledge of towns and villages worth visiting to see sites of archaeological, historical or industrial interest, or else just charming. In planning visits she had a feel for arranging the day with a good balance between serious study and a lighter touch which was also worthwhile.

Both she and her husband Doug took many excellent photographs of visits, showing both members and the object or place of their interest, and so made good records of these occasions. While she was secretary, the majority of photographs on the Visits Committee display board were taken by them. Since ill health prevented her from visiting places of interest as she so loved to do, she has been busy putting these on video, accompanied by commentary and appropriate music. Her considerable expertise was learned in her job before retirement. Her enthusiasm for this task was probably what kept her so contented during her last years of severe disablement and frequent stays in hospital. Her many friends appreciated her cheerfulness in adversity and delightful sense of humour and will always remember her kindness and generosity.

Our sincere sympathy goes to Doug West at this time. During her lifetime, he was a wonderful support to Jean in all her efforts on our behalf, as well as himself helping us in many ways. He has been grateful for the many messages of sympathy he has received. With regret he has found it impossible to reply individually and hopes that his friends will accept this note of his thanks.

Josephine Carter

COUNCIL NEWS

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at St Peter's Church Hall, Chertsey on Saturday 30th November.

The President, Richard Muir, outlined achievements of the Society during the year, and paid warm tribute to the work of Audrey and David Graham, who were retiring as Honorary Secretaries, having served for nearly ten years. The smooth and efficient running of the Society has been entirely due to their hard work and dedication.

Richard Muir was re-elected as President, Miss Audrey Monk, previously Hon Bulletin Editor, was elected Honorary Secretary and Mr Phil Jones as Honorary Bulletin Editor; the remaining Honorary Officers had indicated they were willing to stand for a further term, and the meeting endorsed their re-election.

Mr and Mrs David Graham were appointed Vice-Presidents in recognition of their work for the Society. Mrs Ann Watson, who has for many years helped the Society in a variety of ways, particularly in organising the catering at many of the Society's events and excavations, as well as taking care of equipment, was appointed an Honorary Vice-President.

The retiring members of Council, Mr J M Boulton and Mr J F Cotton were thanked for their services during their term of Office Mr Peter Gray, Mr Peter Hinton and Mr Christopher Shephard were elected to Council.

Mrs Susan Janaway has kindly agreed to act as Minute Secretary.

About 60 members attended the AGM, many of whom took advantage of climbing the tower of St Peter's Church, which was opened especially before the meeting. The meeting was followed by an illustrated talk by Rob Poulton of the Surrey County Archaeological Unit, and concluded with tea.

President's Note

A number of changes to the list of officers were agreed at the Society's 1996 AGM.

This is the first issue of the Bulletin to be produced by its new editor Phil Jones. Phil takes over from Audrey Monk who has edited the Bulletin for some seven years.

Audrey inherited a well established and respected journal. However under her skilled and dedicated guidance it grew in both size and content. The range of subjects covered was expanded to include more local history, more comprehensive lists of library acquisitions and of forthcoming events, both for our Society and others, and a greater use of illustrations. The Bulletin is now a lively and comprehensive news sheet, the main point of contact for most of our members with the Society.

The interesting and wide range of contents is a compliment to Audrey's skill in cajoling articles from sometimes reluctant authors. As I said in the 300th issue last March a publication such as this must meet two criteria — informative and interesting contents and regular publication. Under Audrey our Bulletin has certainly met both these and, in addition, it has become a leader in its field.

Her act will be a hard one to follow but I am quite sure that under the editorship of Phil Jones, whose "daytime" job is with the Surrey County Archaeology Unit, the Bulletin will continue to flourish.

Audrey Monk's talents will not be lost to the Society. She is taking over as Honorary Secretary from Audrey and David Graham.

The Grahams were elected to follow Marian and John Gower as Joint Secretaries at the AGM in November 1987. As a couple their individual skills complemented one another and they made a most efficient team.

A Society such as ours is only as good as its officers, in particular its Honorary Secretary. David and Audrey certainly filled the role with great skill and efficiency during a time of change both in the Society and in the world of archaeology in general. A highlight of their term of office was the Treasure Act. Although the final success of this was due to the joint efforts of many people (see Bulletin number 304) I believe it is true to say that David was the catalyst that brought it all together. This involved the expenditure of much time and effort during which Audrey looked after the Society, including keeping its President in order, in a most efficient way. I, personally, found the Grahams a great source of support and both I and the Society owe them a deep debt of gratitude.

It is reassuring to know that the pivotal role of Secretary is being taken over by someone with such a comprehensive knowledge of the Society's affairs as Audrey Monk. She will be assisted as Minute Secretary by Sue Janaway.

R F M

Editor's Note

By way of introduction as new editor of the Bulletin I wish to add my personal thanks to Audrey Monk for her help and advice during the last few weeks. This also seems an appropriate occasion to thank Maureen Roberts, and on behalf of all members, for the major, but unsung, part that she plays in the production of the Bulletin. It is she who has typed up and arranged all the raw copy for eight issues per year, and I am her third editor, following E P Humphreys and Audrey. She is indispensable.

There are no intentions of great changes to the format of the Bulletin. In her first issue in 1989 (no. 238) Audrey introduced a new typographical style and lay-out, and this will be continued. She also consistently sought to increase its scope so that the Bulletin is now only rarely less than sixteen pages. Any longer than that would make it eligible for a higher rate of postage. To save some space in this issue a new formula for the summary reports of archaeological work by outside Units has been adopted, and comments as to whether sufficient information is provided, would be appreciated. Two new features are planned. Letters about Bulletin entries or other current matters are invited, especially if succinct. The right to edit, or not to publish at all, however, may sometimes need to be exercised. It is also intended to include profiles of some of the more illustrious members of our Society. May I also implore contributors of reports to try to include plans, drawings or photographs with their copy, otherwise the Bulletin will continue to be as prose-bound as this issue. Finally, one name in the last issue caught my eye in the list of new members. Welcome, Harvey Sheldon, what took you so long?

New Members

The Society is pleased to welcome the following new members:

Brewer, Miss B M, Church Woods, The Street, Womersley, GU5 0PG
Charleton, Mr & Mrs P, 10 Georgeham Road, Owlsmoor, Sandhurst, Berks, GU47
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Cole, Miss T J, 6 The Oval, Woodstreet Village, Guildford, GU3 3EH
Ellis, Mrs I M, Briony Glen, Faris Lane, Woodham, New Haw, KT15 3DJ

Field, J L, 10 Blackstone Close, Redhill, RH1 6BG
Goodridge, R S, 6 Nutfield Court, Cromwell Road, Camberley, GU15 4JQ

Grimshaw, Miss L, 52 The Woodlands, Esher, KT10 8DB
Lambert, Miss R M, 14 Winchester Street, Farnborough, Hants, GU14 6AW
Lansdowne, Mrs F A, Wanborough Manor, Wanborough, Guildford, GU3 2JR

Prentice, Miss A J, 4 Roses Cottages, West Street, Dorking, RH4 1QL
Rayner, J A, 21 Copse Road, Meadvale, Redhill, RH1 6NW
Walker, Dr A F, Meadow House, Guilddown Avenue, Guildford, GU2 5HA
Wheatland, D, 4 Roses Cottages, West Street, Dorking, RH4 1QL

LECTURES & SYMPOSIA COMMITTEE

Lecture Series: Buildings in the Surrey Landscape

These lectures, on various types of buildings found in and around villages (not wholly restricted to Surrey), should be of interest to all members and their friends, especially those already studying the historic development of their village as part of the Society's project. The talks will take place (very appropriately) in the Village Hall, King's Road, Shalford (just south of Guildford) at 7.30 for 8 pm on consecutive Tuesdays in April and May:

April 8	Windmills and Watermills	(Kenneth Gravett)
April 15	Small Houses and Dwellings	(George Howard)
April 22	Greater Houses	(Nigel Barker)
April 29	Churches in the Landscape	(Richard Morris)
May 6	Farms and their Buildings	(Annabelle Hughes)
May 13	Village Industries	(Peter Tarplee)

Tickets should be bought in advance through Mrs Nancy Hawkins (103 Westfield Road, Mayford, Woking, GU22 9QR); a booking form is enclosed with this issue of the *Bulletin*.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Recent Accessions to the Society's Library

Archaeological evaluations and reports by MoLAS, SCAU and TVAS have been omitted, but a current list of recent additions is available on request.

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VISITS COMMITTEE

Visit to Ashtead Common

Saturday 19 April

At the invitation of the Corporation of London who own and manage the site, a joint Surrey Archaeological Society/Leatherhead and District Local History Society visit has been arranged for Saturday 19 April. Meet at Ashtead Station (BR) where parking is free on Saturdays, at 2.30 pm prompt.

There will be no charge for this visit, and advance booking is not required. A collection for the Lord Mayor's charities will be taken on the day, and **a minimum donation of £1 a head is suggested.**

The emphasis of the visit will be on the oak pollards of three to four hundred years old which are of European significance. The management of the trees will be studied, together with their value from wildlife, historical and landscape aspects, in the context of their conservation for the enjoyment of future generations. It is anticipated that the visit will last about two hours. Our guide will be Vikki Forbes, Assistant Keeper.

NOTES

Research Frameworks

David Bird

Late in 1987 the Society published *The Archaeology of Surrey to 1540* (edited by Joanna and D G Bird) which aimed to provide a comprehensive overview of the state of our knowledge of the archaeology of the county. It was intended to act as a stimulus for future research but no attempt was made to set research priorities. Such priorities were set out on a national basis by English Heritage in 1991 (*Exploring Our Past. Strategies for the Archaeology of England*). Some of the larger projects carried out by the Surrey County Archaeological Unit have taken account of this framework, but in general terms there has been little attempt to formalise a research framework for archaeology in Surrey.

Over the last year or so English Heritage have been carrying out a survey of existing research frameworks in England and general attitudes towards the need to re-establish a research base for archaeology. The results have now been published as *Frameworks For Our Past. A review of research frameworks, strategies and perceptions* (Adrian Olivier, English Heritage 1996). The report proposes revised definitions whereby there would be two kinds of framework:

- * a *research framework*, 'mainly concerned with the academic advancement of archaeology,...rooted in research issues' and
- * a *management framework*, 'concerned with practical issues of conservation, preservation and resource management'. (Documents combining both types might be termed *universal frameworks*).

Both of these frameworks would be made up of three elements:

- * a *resource assessment* — a ‘statement of the current state of knowledge and a description of the archaeological resource’;
- * an *agenda* — a ‘list of gaps in knowledge, of work which could be done, and of the potential for the research to answer the questions’;
- * a *strategy* — a ‘statement setting out priorities and method’.

The report concludes that there is a need for regional research frameworks, but recognises that the way to achieve this is for there to be a county-based approach. The arguments about using artificial administrative boundaries are rehearsed but it is accepted that this is the most practical way to proceed. County frameworks could then be combined into regional ones to obtain a multi-period, thematic perspective. It is recognised that the frameworks would need to be regularly reviewed; indeed that they would always be an ongoing process. The process would be as important as the framework itself; it is suggested that making people think about the problems would create a ‘research culture’ and would serve to bring back together the different strands of British archaeology: amateur archaeologists; museums; planning archaeologists; professional units; specialists; universities.

The need for a research framework in Surrey has already been recognised. One of the recommendations of the report *Archaeology in Surrey Museums* (Hedley Swain, MoLAS/SMCC 1995) calls for “the production and dissemination of an archaeological research framework for the county. This should use as a basis the English Heritage document *Exploring Our Past* and be a considered statement of research priorities for the county”. The recommendation has been adopted for the *Surrey Heritage Strategy* Action Plan 1996/97 Action Point 203: “Develop a research framework for archaeological work in Surrey”...

I intend to begin the process of developing a research framework for Surrey. Using the definitions given above it can be seen that we already have a ‘resource assessment’, probably better than for most counties, in the shape of *The Archaeology of Surrey to 1540*. There will be a need for some updating and in particular for the addition of aspects not covered in the book: industrial archaeology for instance. At present I propose to undertake a brief analysis and circulate this for comment. It will then be possible to begin to generate the means to fill the gaps. I anticipate that the process would involve both period-based and topic-based approaches; in some cases, perhaps all, there will be a need for working groups, some (eg the Lithic Tools Research Group) already effectively in being. It should be possible to carry out much of the work by the exchange of documents rather than by meetings; the County Planning Department will be able to facilitate this process.

English Heritage are keen to pursue the development of regional research frameworks and it is intended to establish a group of county archaeologists to pursue this aim for the south-east (among other things). Following the initial discussions I shall be in a better position to understand what will be needed in Surrey.

It is important that the process of establishing research priorities for Surrey involves the entire archaeological community, as outlined above. I would be grateful for any contributions at this stage, in writing or by telephone (Surrey County Planning Department, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 2DT; 0181-541 9402 [519402 from areas within the Guildford 01483- telephone area]).

**Archaeological Work at Windsor Street/Colonel’s Lane,
Chertsey (TQ 041671) Graham Hayman**

An archaeological evaluation was undertaken at the above site in late February and

early March and this was followed by more detailed excavation during late March and April. The work was undertaken by the Surrey County Archaeological Unit on behalf of A E Genet Holdings Ltd. The evaluation showed that well preserved medieval deposits survive close to the street frontage and also towards the rear of the site. They were, however, at a surprising depth, and only those at the front, where the new building was to be cellared, were to be affected by the development.

The detailed excavation was accordingly confined to this area. A complete sequence of deposits was identified, and the following represents a very brief summary, made in advance of any close examination of the finds. At some time in the 13th century or earlier the site had been quite deeply dug over, presumably as surface quarrying for gravel deposits. The holes were infilled and levelled up during the 13th and 14th centuries, and, in the 15th century a new building was created on the street frontage. The foundation of this survived quite well in places, and showed that it had been divided into a number of bays. This building continued in use for a period of at least 200 years, and, of particular interest, was the use made of it in the late 17th century for clay pipe making. Evidence for two kilns was recovered, apparently making use of existing chimneys within the building. The number of tile-on-edge hearths identified within the building, and their apparently frequent replacement, may suggest that the earlier use of the building was also non-domestic.

Finds from the site were numerous, and included a number of items clearly derived from the Abbey, following its dissolution. Some Chertsey tiles were recovered, and these were complemented by the finding of 11 more by workmen, after the completion of the main excavations and during underpinning of the adjacent standing building.

The Re-Burial of Saxon Bones

Peggy Bedwell

The unusual sight of a horse-drawn dray bearing an overlarge coffin, preceded by the Vicar of Banstead carrying a cross and followed by a motley collection of parishioners and archaeologists, was to be observed crossing the A217 recently. Led by two mounted police horses, it had come through Nork Park from Tattenham cross-roads and was allowed to cross the Brighton Road while the traffic was briefly halted by the police.

The coffin contained the remains of 42 Saxon bodies which were excavated 10 years ago on a building site at Headley Drive near Tattenham Corner. Their discovery makes an interesting story.

When foundations were being dug for the new development, workmen were surprised to find some human bones. By law the find had to be reported to the coroner who, knowing of other such finds in the area, contacted Sean Khan, Museum Officer at Bourne Hall. He immediately rushed to the site and realised that the skeleton may well have been one of many. Fortunately, the manager of the site had an archaeologist for a daughter and was readily co-operative in allowing time for the whole site to be investigated.

The Nonsuch Antiquarian Society was called into action and word went round other societies and individuals to come and help. It was a most exciting time. The graves had been dug straight into the chalk and since disturbed soil never goes back into a pit without trace, once the top soil had been scraped off the outline of the graves was quite clear. In all 41 graves were found all aligned east to west, indicating a Christian community, as also did the lack of grave goods: a single amulet, a small beaker and a few knife blades were the only things found. Local interest was aroused and the site had to be roped off to allow work to continue as quickly as possible. The graves were numbered and photographed before their contents were removed to Bourne Hall Museum, where they were eventually examined by a specialist pathologist.

So on Monday 30 September 1996, the feast of St Michael and All Angels, the bones were finally laid to rest in Banstead Churchyard, after a service of requiem in the church. A crowded congregation of parishioners, schoolchildren and a few of the volunteer archaeologists, including some from the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society who had helped in the excavation, gathered to pray for the souls of the Saxon forebears.

An explanation of the discovery was given by Jeremy Harte, curator of Bourne Hall Museum. Lessons and prayers were read by the deputy Mayor of Reigate and Banstead, by churchwardens and by schoolchildren who later deposited time capsules in the grave. If they were to be rediscovered in another 1300 years time what would the archaeologists of that time make of a model car, a newspaper, a pen cartridge, a key, a coin and the other mementoes of the twentieth century?

Originally published in the Autumn 1966 Newsletter of the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society.

I should like to hear what other members think about this. I have been informed that human remains excavated by Lowther have previously been reburied, and that there are also plans to re-bury the bones from Gally Hills. Ed.

RCHME: Medieval Settlement Project

Dennis Turner

The RCHME is proposing a research project into settlement in the period between 410 and 1540 AD. The project would be primarily desk-based and would proceed county-by-county, covering each county in approximately three months. It is well known that settlement evidence from the medieval centuries is badly under represented in most county SMRs.

The aim of the project is to work county by county to bring together and synthesise a range of disparate onomastic, historical, archaeological and geographical information about every known medieval settlement and then to review and analyse the settlement information in a broad-ranging interpretive account. The research would thus produce an improved record of medieval settlement through the bringing together of data from a variety of sources and making them available for interpretation, interrogation via the project database, the NMR and the SMRs. At the same time, an improved understanding of the pattern and evolution of the medieval settlement pattern would become available through the preparation of maps and a detailed interpretive report using information on the project database.

Initial proposals were circulated to some interested parties for comment in 1995. Following this, a pilot for the project was carried out in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, funded jointly by RCHME and Hants CC. Detailed RCHME reports on the pilot are available: the full *Technical Report* detailing the methods and sources used and the form and content of the project database, the *Field Assessment Report* detailing the RCHME fieldwork carried out in the course of the pilot; and the full interpretive report on *Medieval Settlement in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight*, which describes and assesses the evidence for the nature, pattern and development of settlement and landscape. Despite the success of the pilot, the full project is held up by funding difficulties arising from the government's reduction of the RCHME's budget and similar constraints on local government expenditure.

REPORTS FROM UNITS WORKING IN THE HISTORIC COUNTY

**South West London Liaison Group of the Greater London Advisory
Service**

Kingston, Kingston Power Station: Evaluation by Thames Valley Archaeological Services in February 1996. A sequence of late and post-glacial fluvial deposits were found, in which a high concentration of charcoal was noted towards the base, and some ephemeral Neolithic pits towards the top.

Croydon, Limpsfield Road: Watching brief by Lawson Price, February 1996. No archaeological features or finds.

Richmond, Toughts Boatyard, Twickenham: Evaluation (first phase) by P.C.A., May 1995. No features or finds.

Richmond, Lord Napier PH, High Street: Evaluation by Wessex Archaeology, June 1996. c18th century pottery wasters, kiln furniture and brick floors.

Wandsworth, Froebel Institute, Roehampton Road: Evaluation by Wessex Archaeology, May 1996. No features or finds.

Kingston, Sopwith Way: Evaluation by P.C.A., April 1996. RB tile and pot sherds, and an "early channel of Latchmere containing demolition debris from the Tithe Barn shown on OS maps".

Richmond, Old Bridge Street: Evaluation by P.C.A., May 1996. c17th century cellars fronting the approach to the medieval bridge had left little earlier stratigraphy, An earlier timber pile has yet to be dated.

Sutton, St Anthony's Hospital: Watching brief by Sutton Archaeological Services, May 1996. No features or finds.

Kingston, Wilcox Garage, South Lane: Evaluation by P.C.A., May 1996. Layer with Late Bronze Age pottery and possible stakeholes discovered.

Wandsworth, Lower Richmond Road: Excavation by Sutton Archaeological Services, January 1996. Post-medieval foreshore deposits of Thames with associated timber structures that could be part of a quay.

Croydon, 9 Wellesley Road: Evaluation by AOC Ltd, February 1996. No features or finds due to truncation.

Kingston, Tolworth Road, former Government Offices: Excavation by P.C.A., February 1996, following an evaluation by MoLAS. Prehistoric huts previously thought to be Iron Age were more extensively excavated and reassessed as Late Bronze Age.

Croydon, Haling Park Road: Evaluation by the South East London Archaeological Unit, April 1996. No features or finds.

Kingston, Longhouse, George Road: Evaluation by P.C.A., May 1966. Late Bronze Age sherds and worked flint, but in "part of backfill to possible c19/20th century quarry pits".

MISCELLANY

Tebbutt Research Fund

This fund was established as a tribute to the life and work of the late C F Tebbutt, OBE, FSA, and applications are invited, from individuals and groups, for grants towards research, including associated expenses, into any aspect of the Wealden Iron Industry.

It is anticipated that approximately £100 will be available from the fund and any interested person should write a suitable letter of application giving details of themselves together with relevant information concerning the research envisaged.

Please bring this fund to the notice of your tutors and lecturers concerned with archaeology/history as we are anxious that the money available should be used fully. Applications should be sent to Mrs Shiela Broomfield (Hon Sec of the Wealden Iron Research Group) at 8 Woodview Crescent, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9HD not later than 31st March 1997, for consideration.

Roman Coin from Tattenham Way, Banstead

Peter Harp

In about 1990 Mrs G L Simpson of 89 Tattenham Way, Banstead found a Roman coin in her back garden. It is a bronze coin of Constantine II (AD 346-350) and was minted at Alexandria. It is in exceptionally good condition. What is of particular interest is that the coin was found about 200 yards from the site of the manor house of Great Burgh, the seat of Sir Christopher Buckle. John Evelyn's diary entry for 27th September 1658 reads 'digging about the bottom neere Sir Christopher Buckle's, neere Banstead, divers medails have been found, both copper and silver, with foundations of houses, urns &c. Heere indeede anciently stood a City of the Romans.' This reference has usually been thought to refer to 'Noviomagus' somewhere near Little Woodcote or Purley, but perhaps Evelyn was accurate in recording a Roman site near Great Burgh.

PUBLICATIONS

The Surrey Industrial History Group has recently published the latest in its series of District Guides. "**A Guide to the Industrial History of Reigate and Banstead Borough**" by Derek Salter is now available at local bookshops and libraries, price £5.00. Alternatively copies may be obtained, post free, from Peter Tarplee, "Donard", East Street, Bookham, Leatherhead, KT23 4QX. Cheques should be made payable to "SIHG".

CONFERENCES

WEALDEN BUILDINGS STUDY GROUP

Houses as History

The significance of buildings to a parish history

A day conference at the Victoria Hall, Balcombe, near Haywards Heath

Sunday, February 16th 1997

Members of the Wealden Buildings Study Group look forward to welcoming anyone interested in the significance of buildings to a parish history.

Programme

- 11.00 am Introduction Dr Annabelle Hughes, President, Wealden Buildings Study Group
- 11.10 am 'The relevance of parish history to standing buildings' David Martin RSA
- 12 noon Discussion
- 12.10 pm 'The influence of early settlement on the pattern of later buildings' Diana Chatwin
- 12.40 pm Discussion

- 12.45 pm Lunch and opportunity to look at displays of parish surveys
 2 pm 'East Grinstead: development through four centuries' Peter Gray, ARICS
 2.30 pm Discussion
 2.35 pm 'Near and far: evidence from Somerset parish studies' Clare Austin, Somerset Vernacular Building Research Group
 3.25 pm Discussion
 3.35 pm Houses and Documents? Dr Annabelle Hughes, D Phil
 4.00 pm Discussion

Tea

Admission £7.50 (WBSG members £5.00) including coffee on arrival and at lunch time and afternoon tea.

For tickets in advance please send sae to Mrs Jean Shelley, 4 Noewood Hill Road, Charlwood, Horley, Surrey RH6 0ED. Cheques should be made payable to Wealden Buildings Study Group.

The Victory Hall is in Stockcroft Road at the north end of Balcombe village just off the B2026. Please park in Stockcroft Road.

34th Annual Conference of London Archaeologists

Saturday 22nd March, 1997

Museum of London Lecture Theatre

Programme: Morning Session: Recent work

- 11.00 am Chairman's opening remarks & presentation of the Merrifield Award (Harvey Sheldon)
 11.10 am The Thames Archaeological Survey 1996: recent finds on the foreshore (Mike Webber, Thames Archaeological Survey Officer)
 11.30 am Excavation of a prehistoric and Roman landscape at Perry Oaks, Heathrow (MoLAS/British Airports Authority)
 11.55 am Roman road-rage at Lefevre Road and Parnell Road, Old Ford (Robin Taylor-Wilson, Pre-Construct Archaeology)
 12.15 pm The Grimes Cripplegate sites (John Shepherd/Gustav Milne, Grimes Archive & UCL)
 12.35 pm Excavations at the Royal Opera House Extension (Dave Bowsher/Bob Cowie/Gordon Malcolm, MoLAS)
 1.00 pm LUNCH

Afternoon Session: Full time archaeology in Southwark — the first 25 years

The afternoon programme has yet to be finalised, but speakers will include:

Harvey Sheldon on Archaeology Past, Present...and Future in Southwark. Paul Tyers on the significance of Southwark's Roman pottery, and Simon Blatherwick on The Rose theatre reviewed

There will be displays of recent work in the Museum's Interpretation Department

Cost (inclusive of afternoon tea) will be:

LAMAS Members.....£3.00 Non-Members.....£4.00

Affiliated societies may send two members at the reduced rate; others will be welcome at the non-members' rate.

Ticket applications & general enquiries should be addressed to: Jon Cotton, Early Department, Museum of London, 150 London Wall, EC2Y 5HN.

(Please make cheques/postal orders payable to LAMAS, and enclose a STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE)

Council for Kentish Archaeology

Some Recent Archaeological Discoveries and Research

**Saturday 5th April 1997
(11.30 am – 5.30 pm)**

**Crofton Halls, Orpington
(adj. BR Station)**

- 11.30 am Guided tour of Crofton Roman Villa
- 2.15 pm Illustrated Lectures with bookstalls and displays
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| Ightham Mote Archaeology | Peter Leach |
| Discoveries from the Jubilee Line | Mike Hutchinson (MoLAS) |
| Recent progress at Scadbury Manor, Chislehurst | Alan Hart (ODAS) |
| Roman and medieval sites on the Erith Spine Road | Brian Philp (KARU) |

TICKETS: All day: £3.80 Morning only: £0.80 Afternoon only: £3.00
FROM: 5 Harvest Bank Road, West Wickham, Kent, BR4 9DL (sae please).

DAY SCHOOLS

The following courses are organised by the Centre of Continuing Studies, University of Sussex, from whom further details may be obtained — Tel: 01273 606755:

- 22nd February** “Recent Discoveries in Human Evolution”. Tutor: Liz Somerville. To be held at Sussex University.
- 1st March** “British Gun Founding in the 16th-18th Centuries”. Tutor: Jeremy Hodgkinson. To be held at Hastings Museum.
- 8th March** “Understanding Historic Farm Buildings”. Tutor: Gwen Jones. To be held at Sussex University.
- 22nd March** “Timber-framed buildings of West Sussex”. Tutor: Annabelle Hughes. To be held at Fishbourne Roman Palace.
- 6th April** “An Introduction to Timber-Framed Buildings in East Sussex”. Tutor: David Martin. To be held at Michaelham Priory.
- 12th April** “Palaeopathology”. Tutor: Mark Spiegelman. To be held at Fishbourne Roman Palace.

From Bishops to Breweries: a brief history of Farnham

Illustrated talks on its history, buildings, industries and people, organised by the Museum of Farnham and the Farnham & District Museum Society.

Saturday 15th March 1997, 2 – 4.45 pm

Godwins Room, The Maltings, Bridge Square, Farnham

Lectures include “Medieval Origins” by David Graham, “Historic Buildings” by Michael Blower and “Industries and People” by Chris Hellier and Chris Shephard.

TICKETS £3.50 (to include tea) from the Museum of Farnham, 38 West Street, Farnham (Tel: 01252 715094) or at the Godwins Room door (space permitting).

EXHIBITIONS

Chertsey Museum: Exhibitions in February and March 1997

8th February-22nd March. A Century of Electricity in the Home. The invention of electricity had an enormous effect on all aspects of home life from heating, cooking, lighting and cleaning, to health and beauty, and communication. This exhibition explores the history and development of domestic appliances, using contemporary advertisements and illustrations. Exhibits include early radios, vacuum cleaners and hairdryers, which are displayed alongside their equivalents in a pre electric era. A touring exhibition from Hertford Museum.

Until April 1997. Chertsey Abbey Rediscovered. Founded by a prince in 666, Chertsey Abbey became the most important abbey in Surrey and lasted nearly 900 years, until its dissolution by Henry VIII in 1537. This exhibition brings to life the history of Chertsey Abbey using interactive exhibits, as well as original artefacts. At the push of a button, Gregorian Chant sung by the Choir and Monks of Farnborough Abbey accompanies the visitor, and a life size figure of a monk adds to the atmosphere.

Until April 1997. The Cedars: History of a House. Chertsey Museum occupies a former domestic property, *The Cedars*, built in the Regency period. This display traces the history of the house through surviving objects, documents and photographs, as well as through the records and memories of previous occupants. Using *The Cedars* as an example, the small exhibition shows how visitors can begin to discover the history of their own house and demonstrates the different types of evidence and approaches available.

Further details available from Amanda Devonshire, Curator, on tel: 01932 565764 fax: 01932 571118 E-mail: amandade@spectrum.tcns.co.uk

LECTURE MEETINGS

29th January

“The History of English Furniture” by Mr D S Embling; one of a series on Industrial Archaeology at the Lecture Theatre G of the University of Surrey at 7.30 pm. £5 admission.

1st February

“Tudor Surrey” by Peter Edwards to the Beddington, Carshalton and Wallington Archaeological Society at Milton Hall, Cooper Crescent, off Nightingale Road, Carshalton at 3.00 pm.

4th February

“A Personal View of Old Malden” by Barbara Webb to the Kingston upon Thames Archaeology Society at the Lower Hall, Friends Meeting House, Eden Street, Kingston upon Thames at 8.00 pm.

5th February

“Historic Gardens in Surrey” by Brenda Lewis of the Surrey Gardens Trust to the Holmesdale Natural History Club at The Museum, 14 Croydon Road, Reigate at 8.15 pm. Members may bring guests on payment of a donation of £2.

5th February

“A Survival of medieval worry: the banns of marriage” by Richard Hanford, Vicar of St Mary’s, Ewell to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society at St Mary’s Church Hall, London Road, Ewell at 7.45 pm for 8.00 pm.

6th February

“The Buckskin ¼ Barrow” by Barbara Applin to the Farnham and District Museum Society at the hall of the United Reformed Church, South Street, Farnham at 7.30 for 7.45 pm.

13th February

“Ancient Seafarers: the maritime archaeology of South-East England” by Dr Peter Marsden of the Shipwreck Heritage Centre, Sussex. One of Guildford Museum’s winter lecture series, at the Guildhall in Guildford High Street at 8.00 pm. See Bulletin 307 for details of how to obtain tickets (£5).

13th February

“Tree Diseases, old and new” by David Rose to the Farnham and District Museum Society at the hall of the United Reformed Church, South Street, Farnham at 7.30 for 7.45 pm.

19th February

“Underground Reigate” by Malcolm Tadd to the Holmesdale Natural History Club at The Museum, 14 Croydon Road, Reigate at 8.15 pm. Members may bring guests on payment of a donation of £2.

20th February

“Aspects of History” by Chris Hellier to the Farnham and District Museum Society at the hall of the United Reformed Church, South Street, Farnham at 7.30 for 7.45 pm.

20th February

“Greater London in the Roman Period” by Dr David Bird to the Barnes and Mortlake History Society at the Main Hill of the Sheen Lane Centre at 8.00 pm.

21st February

“Historic Stones” by Richard Butler to the Leatherhead & District LHS at the Dixon Hall of the Leatherhead Institute at 7.30 for 8.00 pm. Entrance 50p members; £1 non-members.

27th February

“Odiham and the Canal” by Ron Moffatt to the Farnham and District Museum Society at the hall of the United Reformed Church, South Street, Farnham at 7.30 for 7.45 pm.

28th February

“Working in a Wildlife Reserve in the USA” by Rachel Hughes to the Holmesdale Natural History Club at The Museum, 14 Croydon Road, Reigate at 8.15 pm. Members may bring guests on payment of a donation of £2.

1st March

AGM of the Beddington, Carshalton and Wallington Archaeology Society in Milton Hall, Cooper Crescent, off Nightingale Road, Carshalton at 3.00 pm. The meeting will be followed by slides of last summer's outings.

4th March

"A Possible 12th century Synagogue" by Mary Alexander to the Kingston upon Thames Archaeology Society at the Lower Hall, Friends Meeting House, Eden Street, Kingston upon Thames at 8.00 pm.

6th March

"The Hampshire Farm Buildings Survey" by Edwin Course to the Farnham and District Museum Society at the hall of the United Reformed Church, South Street, Farnham at 7.30 for 7.45 pm.

8th March

"Reminiscences of Esher" by Joan Harlow to the Walton & Weybridge LHS at the Library Lecture Hall, Church Street, Weybridge at 3.00 pm. Visitors £1.

12th March

"The Work of the Surrey History Service" by Jennifer Waugh to the Holmesdale Natural History Club at The Museum, 14 Croydon Road, Reigate at 8.15 pm. Members may bring guests on payment of a donation of £2.

18th March

"Wild Plants as Food and Medicine" by Frank Dobson to the Friends of Kingston Museum in the ante-chamber of the Market House, Market Place, Kingston at 8.00 pm. Voluntary donation of £1.50 is suggested.

20th March

"The Private World of Tudor Royal Palaces: the archaeological evidence" by Dr David Gaimster of the British Museum. One of Guildford Museum's winter series of lectures at the Guildhall in Guildford High Street at 8.00 pm. See Bulletin 307 for details of how to obtain tickets (£5).

20th March

"Kew Palace" by Sara Burn Edwards, follows the AGM of the Barnes and Mortlake History Society at the Main Hall of the Sheen Lane Centre at 8.00 pm.

20th March

"The Making of the Victoria Garden" by Susan Farrow to the Farnham and District Museum Society at the hall of the United Reformed Church, South Street, Farnham at 7.30 for 7.45 pm.

21st March

"The Burning Question: Fire Fighting through the Ages" by Ron Shettle to the Leatherhead and District LHS in the Dixon Hall of the Leatherhead Institute at 7.40 for 8.00 pm. Members 50p; non-members £1.

21st March

"From Prehistoric Ritual to Roman Farmstead: Excavations at Betchworth 1995-6" by David Williams to the Holmesdale Natural History Club at The Museum, 14 Croydon Road, Reigate at 8.15 pm. Members may bring guests on payment of £2.

27th March

"Railways around Farnham" by Peter Harrod to the Farnham and District Museum Society at the hall of the United Reformed Church, South Street, Farnham at 7.30 for 7.45 pm.

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