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EXCAVATION NOTICES

RAPSLEY, EWHURST: ROMAN VILLA
(N.G.R.: TQ 328803)

By kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Grinling, excavation will take place on 11th/12th November, and possibly on 18th/19th November, from 10 a.m. until dusk. It is hoped to trace further the line of post holes found earlier this year and to re-examine the area containing building 2.

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

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

CANCELLED EXCAVATION

WOODLANDS PARK, LEATHERHEAD, ROMAN BUILDING
POSSIBLE TEMPLE
(N.G.R.: TQ 151587)

Due to the lateness of the harvest, not yet gathered, and the uncertainty of the availability of the site for excavation this season, the dig has had to be cancelled. Thanks are due to the many volunteers, and apologies for this disappointing outcome must be given.

To deal with the site adequately, excavation will have to wait until the field is again put down to grass.

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

Excavation on this site will continue throughout the Autumn on Sundays. Volunteers are urgently needed to help complete this work before the bulldozers move in. Extensive remains of 13th to 15th century structures are being uncovered.

All helpers are welcome. Please bring personal excavation tools. Directions: See *Bulletin* No. 34 (October).

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

NOTES

Redecoration of the Periodicals Room.

The Library Committee will be very grateful to hear from any members of the Society who would be willing and able to assist with the redecoration of the Periodicals Room (size about 10 ft. by 12 ft. with a low ceiling) and moving the book stock.

Please apply to the Museum Office at Castle Arch.

(Miss P. M. St. J. Brewer).

For Sale.

A member of the Society has a copy of Manning and Bray's *History of Surrey* for sale which may be seen on application to the office at the Guildford Museum. Offers of about £40 are invited.

(Miss P. M. St. J. Brewer).

Airfix Museum Models.

Airfix Ltd., the well known producers of plastic model construction kits, have recently introduced a new series, to be known as Museum Models. Each kit will contain the parts necessary to construct a model with all the essential working features of the full sized original. The first in the series (price 11/6) represents a typical early 19th century beam engine and incorporates a sliding valve and Watt's parallel motion. For those who wish to understand or demonstrate the general principles of a beam engine, this model may prove invaluable. Other items listed to be introduced later in the series include a horizontal mill engine and Trevethick's locomotive of 1804.

(*The Thames Basin Observer*).

Council of Social Service for Surrey.

The S.A.S. was represented at a meeting held on the 12th September by the Council of Social Service of Surrey at which the County Planning Officer explained the County Councils reasons for not setting up a Countryside Committee as recommended by the 'Countryside in 1970' conference in 1965. The Planning Officer agreed to recommend to his Council that meetings should be arranged from time to time between representatives of the planning authorities and of organisations interested in the Surrey countryside.

(R. McDowall).

Ewell : Destruction of Nuttalls. (TQ 220626).

Following the recent demolition of Pitt Place, Epsom, and The Turrets, Ewell, it is learnt that another important Ewell building, Nuttalls in Cheam Road, is to be demolished. Mr. Shearman, local secretary for Epsom and district, has put forward to the Council and the owners of the property a number of reasons why Nuttalls should be preserved, but without success.

It is one of the oldest buildings in the borough, the main part being a timber framed house, probably of the 16th century. Up to early October access had not been gained for the purposes of photographing, measuring and recording the building before demolition.

(Nonsuch and Ewell Antiquarian Society *Bulletin*).

Ewell : Excavations.

Excavations in the gardens behind the King William IVth and the Midland Bank, both in Ewell High Street, have been arranged by the Nonsuch and Ewell Antiquarian Society and digging on both sites is continuing at weekends.

Mr. Buckingham, the society's Fieldwork Secretary, is directing the excavation at the rear of the Midland Bank, where over 200 rims have been found, mostly of the 1st and 2nd centuries, together with other pottery fragments.

Mr. Caws is directing the Williams IVth site and amongst objects found so far are a unique iron framework with wires, a globular amphora, a tinned bronze spoon, and a coin of Claudius I or II.

(Nonsuch and Ewell Antiquarian Society *Bulletin*).

Putney : Excavations in Upper Richmond Road. (TQ 232753).

The Archaeological Section of the Wandsworth Historical Society has been carrying out an excavation in the garden of a private house in the Upper Richmond Road, not far from the Arab Boy public house. At a depth of 3 ft. 6 ins. a gravel surface has been found together with a ditch. The surface is well rammed, has a camber and contains two ruts whose centres are some 4 ft. 6 ins. apart. It seems possible for it to be a Roman road although wheel ruts worn into lintels at Roman fort gates have centres 4 ft. 7½ ins. apart. The gravel lies on the natural and the ditch on its northern side is 4 ft. wide and 1 ft. deep. The 'road' runs parallel to the Upper Richmond Road.

(Wandsworth Historical Society *News Sheet*).

Southwark : 1967 excavations.

Three excavations took place in Southwark under the auspices of the Southwark Archaeological Excavations Committee and the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society during the season just completed. Brief notes are only available at present but more detailed preliminary reports will be available later.

LONDON BRIDGE (TQ 328803). Since the previous note, which appeared in *Bulletin* No. 32 (August), was written, an extensive portion of the metalling of a north-south Roman road has been exposed and recorded in the centre of the site.

BROADWALL (TQ 31428027). This site was found to be greatly disturbed but remains of a clay bank dividing Southwark from Lambeth were discovered together with layers of post-medieval metalling astride the bank.

GUYS HOSPITAL (TQ 32868009). R-B and post-medieval features were found together with a large deposit of 16th century pottery, probably the largest group of this date to have been found in Southwark.

(Southwark and Lambeth Arch. Soc. *Newsheet*).

Friday, 8th. 2.30 - 5.30 p.m.

READING OLD DOCUMENTS. A crash course by Mrs. COTTRILL, Hampshire County Archivist. To be given to the FARNHAM MUSEUM SOCIETY at the temporary Council meeting hall, behind the Farnham Council Offices in South Street. Members of the S.A.S. welcome, but a fee of 2/6 will be charged to those who are not members of the Farnham Museum Society. Applications to Mrs. Manning, 18 Upper South View, Farnham (Farnham 4061).

Friday, 8th. 8.0 p.m.

SOME ASPECTS OF THE PREHISTORIC CELTS. A lecture by Dr. ANNE ROSS and Mr. R. W. FEACHEM to the HOLMESDALE NATURAL HISTORY CLUB at Reigate. Enquiries to Mrs. M. Trier, The Drift, Manor Road, Reigate (46475).

Wednesday, 20th. 5.0 p.m.

THE DUAL ORIGINS OF EUROPEAN FIBULAE. A lecture by Dr. J. A. ALEXANDER to the PREHISTORIC SOCIETY in the rooms of the Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House.

JANUARY - MARCH 1968

LOCAL HISTORY: THE BOROUGH OF GUILDFORD

A 12 week W.E.A. course arranged by the Guildford Branch and given by Mr. D. M. Sturley.

There will be a brief examination of the various factors (geographical, military, ecclesiastical, economic, etc.) that have lead to the growth of towns in general, and then these will be treated in more detail with respect to Guildford.

It is hoped to use as much original source material as possible, to indicate where and how this may be used, and to encourage those who wish to do so, to continue their own researches into whatever aspects of local history may interest them.

A large number of enquiries have already been made, and it would be most helpful if those wishing to attend the course would let the Branch Secretary know first in case it becomes necessary to form two groups (please do not send class fee yet) Fee: 30/-.

Commencing Monday, 15th, 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.

Branch Secretary: Mrs. Naish, 23 York Road, Guildford.

FUTURE MEETINGS

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, 1st to Thursday 30th

CARSHALTON LOCAL HISTORY EXHIBITION to be held at Carshalton Library, The Square, Carshalton. The exhibition, arranged by the library staff, will consist of books, photographs, and paintings relating to Carshalton.

Saturday, 11th. 2.30 p.m.

C.B.A. Group 11A : Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Group 11A of the C.B.A. will be held at **MAIDSTONE MUSEUM**. Sir John Dunlop, President of the Kent Archaeological Society will be in the chair. Following the A.G.M. Miss **JOAN HARDING** will give an illustrated lecture on **RECENT EXCAVATIONS AT WESTON WOOD**. There will be a special display in the museum for the benefit of those attending the meeting.

All members of the S.A.S. and other archaeological and local history societies in Kent and Surrey are invited.

Friday, 17th. 7.45 p.m.

ALRESFORD: AN INLAND PORT. A lecture by **JOHN ADAMS**, Hon. Sec. Alresford Local History Society, to the **FARNHAM MUSEUM SOCIETY**. To be given in the temporary building behind the Council Offices in South Street, Farnham. Members of S.A.S. welcome.

Saturday, 18th.

S.A.S. LECTURES AT GUILDFORD

11.00 a.m. **SPRAWL AND CRAWL**. An account of the spread of London into Surrey, by Mr. R. C. W. Cox.

2.30 p.m. **HERALDRY** by Mr. **FRANK KEYES** of the Heraldry Society. Lectures will be held at the Brew House, Guildford (behind the Central Library in North Street).

Tickets from Miss C. Smith, Eylots, Minster Road, Godalming. Members 3/-, Visitors 4/-.

Saturday, 18th. 3.0 p.m.

CONTINENTAL CONNECTIONS OF THE WESSEX CULTURE. A lecture by Miss G. GERLEFF to the **PREHISTORIC SOCIETY** at the University of London Institute of Archaeology.

Thursday, 23rd. 6.30 p.m.

THE BAYEUX TAPESTRY. A lecture by Mr. J. L. NEVINSON to the **LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY (ARCHAEOLOGICAL SECTION)** in the Childrens Theatre of the Holborn Central Library, Theobalds Road, W.C.1. Members of the S.A.S. welcome.

Saturday, 25th. 7.0 p.m.

THE LONDON BRIDGE EXCAVATIONS, 1967. A lecture by Mr. B. BEEBY, Lecturer in Archaeology, Nottingham University, to the **SOUTHWARK AND LAMBETH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY** at the Southwark Archaeological Depot, Upper Ground, S.E.1. Enquiries to Brian Bloice, 94 Hubert Grove, S.W.9.

Monday, 27th - Wednesday 29th.

THE IDENTIFICATION AND STUDY OF ANIMAL BONES. A residential Course directed by Mr. R. E. CHAPLIN. Fee £4. Apply to the Warden, Debden House, Debden Green, Loughton, Essex, enclosing deposit of £1 (not returnable).

Thursday, 30th. 8.0 p.m.

THE SURREY RECORD OFFICE AND THE LOCAL HISTORIAN. A lecture by Miss M. GOLLANZ, County Archivist, to the **OXTED AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY** at the County School, Blue House Lane, Oxted. Members of the S.A.S. welcome.

DECEMBER

Saturday, 2nd. 3.0 p.m.

MONUMENTAL BRASSES. A lecture by Dr. H. K. CAMERON to the **BEDDINGTON, CARSHALTON AND WALLINGTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY** at the Darby and Joan Club, Cooper Crescent, Nightingale Lane, Carshalton. Visitors Fee 1/-.

Monday, 4th. 8.0 p.m.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS AT WESTMINSTER. A lecture by Mr. MICHAEL GREEN to the **WANDSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY** at West Hill Library, Wandsworth.

Thursday, 7th. 7.45 p.m.

JOINT S.A.S. AND BOURNE SOCIETY MEETING

TREASURE TROVE

An Archaeological Entertainment will be held in the Children's Department, Purley Public Library, Banstead Road, Purley. This is 3 minutes walk from Purley Station, 1 minute from Purley Cross Roads and 3 minutes from the car park off Purley High Street. The audience is asked to challenge a panel of archaeologists with objects and slides and the panel will challenge the audience in return. Bring something old and curious (but not geological) to test the panel