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**HATCH FURLONG, EWELL** What we find in wet-sieving  
(see p.16)

## **MORE NEWS OF STALINGRAD HOSPITAL**

*Rosemary and Richard Christophers*

In *Bulletin* 393 Rosemary Christophers wrote about fund-raising during WW2 in Woking and some other parts of Surrey in aid of Stalingrad Hospital. Another volume of the Stalingrad Hospital Fund album has now been found in the British Library: this, like the first volume, is self-contained and differentiated by the first only by two small gold stars on the spine. This includes some further contributions from societies and firms in the historic and present counties of Surrey, particularly from Croydon. Those listed from Croydon are: Citizens of the Borough (one wing), Bryce and Co Ltd, Hackbridge (four beds in that wing), Industrial Insurance Collectors (three beds), Workers of Creed and Co (two beds), Croydon Electricity Department, International language Club, Croydon Municipal Officers' Association, Powers Accounting Machines, Kennards Ltd, Croydon Engineering Company, Licensed Victuallers of Croydon, South Suburban Co-operative Society, National Union of Railwaymen, no. 1 Branch (one bed each). There are further details of Croydon's efforts in W. C. Berwick Sayers *Croydon in the Second World War* (Croydon, 1949), showing that the total funds raised there were £9417.15.5. Elsewhere in the County there are beds and wards from 15 other bodies, namely: from Epsom and Ewell (10 beds for a ward) [Horton Emergency Hospital Epsom (4 beds), Wardens (District 4) Civil Defence Service (3 beds), Staff of First Aid Post, no. 3, Civil Defence Service (one bed), Local residents and organisations (2 beds)]; Borough of Camberwell Anglo-Soviet Aid Committee; Farnham (6 beds); Southwark Anglo-Soviet Committee (3 beds); Feltham Women's Anglo-Soviet Committee; Lambeth British-Soviet Committee (2 beds); Leatherhead and District Joint Committee for Soviet Aid (1 ward); Inhabitants of Staines and district; Staines County Hospital; workers at Lagonda Works, Staines; workers at Vickers-Armstrong Ltd, Torpedo Works, Staines; patrons and licensee of the Woodstock, Sutton (one bed each). The gift certificates all bear uplifting messages from the donors to Stalingrad in the somewhat progressive tones of Soviet propaganda.

Having reported this to the Museum at Volograd, we then had an enquiry as to whether we knew anything of Russian pilots being trained at the aerodromes at Waddon and Beddington (later Croydon Airport) during WW1. There is one post-war memorandum from the foreign pilots trained in the UK in the National Archives, but other archives seem silent on this matter and there is no mention of these pilots in Bob Learmonth and Joanna Nash's *The first Croydon Airport* (Sutton Libraries, 1977). So any information on both the local fundraising efforts for the hospital in WW2 and the pilots of WW1 would be most welcome, particularly in Volograd.

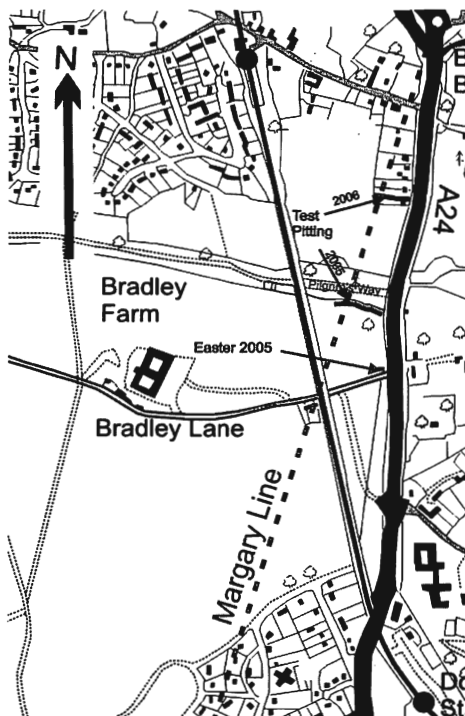
## **SEARCHING FOR STANE STREET**

*Alan Hall*

Over the summer of 2005, the Roads Research section of the Roman Studies Group continued their work of locating Stane Street in areas where its course is unclear. Two areas received attention: between Dorking and Burford Bridge and extension north east on the line recently established in Epsom. The results of work in Ewell have been published recently in *Bulletin* 393 and this note deals with the former area.

## **DENBIES WINE ESTATE**

During the summer of 2004, the Sutton and East Surrey Water Company laid a pipeline across the Denbies Wine Estate. This ran west to east down the main drive and Gabby Rapson and the writer were able to observe the trenching to the west of the railway. To the east, this was not possible but David Hartley had seen and photographed a rammed chalk and flint surface which lay some 50cm down just short of where the old driveway met the road. This was examined over the weekend of



Easter 2005 but was established as a post medieval surface (from a pipe bowl found beneath) and which may have been part of the old toll gate at 'Gyles Green'.

A resistivity survey undertaken by David and Audrey Graham revealed anomalies on the northern boundary of the estate, lying 55m west of the A24 and approximately on the line of route suggested by I. D. Margary (Margary, 1965, 70).

A 10m x 1.5m trench was opened across the target, 3m south of the fence bounding the 'Pilgrims Way'. The top 10cm of topsoil contained a thin scatter of water-washed pebbles but careful excavation down to natural chalk, showed no sign of unnatural build-up of soils, ditches or other constructional features.

A second trench of similar size was opened 5m further west and this showed a similar stratigraphy. As we had at our disposal a large team and plenty of time, we were able to complete a series of test pits, two to

the west of the existing trench at 5m intervals and 12, at 5m intervals as far eastwards as the A24 boundary. All pits revealed a scatter of water-washed pebbles within the topsoil but no cuts or other man-made features within the sub-soil.

### **MOLE FORD COTTAGES**

In April, 2006, we were able to check further on the Margary alignment by digging a series of 1m<sup>2</sup> test pits, spaced variously between 3m and 5m apart, for the length of the rear and front gardens at 2, Mole Ford Cottages, West Humble, which lies to the north of the Denbies Estate. In each pit, at a depth of 80cm below ground level, we encountered compacted natural sand and gravel alluvial deposits. This was overlaid by a looser matrix of the same and varying depths of topsoil according to the past levels of cultivation. Within the looser matrix was a sparse scatter of nodules of flint which had not been knapped and was quite insufficient in volume to suggest road metalling.

### **DISCUSSION**

It is clear that the line suggested by Margary is incorrect and the course of the road lies elsewhere. Assuming that the road would have had to cross the River Mole at Burford Bridge – and it cannot cross south of that point due to the intervention of the cliffs of Box Hill known as the Whites – then the extent of our excavations can be seen as delineating a corridor of possibilities. To the east the route may be limited to some extent as the land falls away to riverside meadows and is constrained by the meanderings of the River Mole. We are thus persuaded that the Stane Street adopted a line similar to that of the present A24. We know that the present road was preceded by an earlier toll-road but we presently have no information on historic predecessors.

Of course, if the road does follow this course it lends credence to the 1963 report in the Dorking Advertiser of a road crossing the Pippbrook to the west of Pippbrook Bridge but may call into question other possible observations in Horsham Road and the Town centre. The matter remains, for the time being, unresolved.

An archive including details of pit locations has been deposited in the Society's library at Castle Arch.

I am grateful, as ever, for the support of our enthusiastic group: Margaret Broomfield, Judie English, Stella Fagg, David Hartley, Alfie Hine, David Calow, Jill, Godfrey, Rose Hooker, Pauline Hulse, Jenny Newell, Frank Pemberton, Jeff Reading and Phil Stanley

Margary, I.D., 1965, *Roman Ways in the Weald*, J. M. Dent & Sons Ltd., London.

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## **COUNCIL NEWS**

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### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Surrey Archaeological Society will be held at 2.30 pm on Saturday 25th November 2006 at Reigate Priory School, Bell Street, Reigate, Surrey.

#### ***Agenda for the Annual General Meeting***

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To read and, if approved, sign as correct the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 26th November 2005.
3. To receive and consider the Annual Report, the Statement of Accounts, and the Auditors' Report for the year to 31st March 2006 and, if approved, to adopt them.
4. To elect the President for 2006-2007.
5. To elect Honorary Vice-Presidents for 2006-2007.
6. To elect Vice-Presidents for 2006-2007.
7. To elect Honorary Officers for 2006-2007.
8. To elect six Honorary Members of Council to retire in 2010 under Article 21a.
9. To appoint Auditors for 2006-2007 and to authorise Council to determine their remuneration.
10. Any other business.

**NOTE:** Nominations for elections should be sent to the Honorary Secretary not less than seven days before the meeting. Nominees for election to Council under Item 8 should be Ordinary Members of the Incorporated Society and their nominations must be accompanied by a signed statement by the nominee of his or her willingness to stand for election. All nominations require a Proposer and Seconder, who must be Members of the Incorporated Society. Institutional Members are not eligible for election to Council.

### **APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS**

The Society has funds available to make grants to groups or individuals to assist with the cost of projects in line with the Society's aims and objectives.

Applications for grants are considered at Council meetings four times a year, based on the recommendation of the Grants and Special Projects Committee. To meet this Committee's deadlines applications must be received by the Society's Hon Secretary by the following dates:

1st September  
1st December

late October  
late January

Application forms may be obtained from Castle Arch.

## NEW MEMBERS

*Susan Janaway*

A special welcome to the following new members. It is a pleasure to welcome so many of you. I have again included principal interests, where they have been given on the membership application form. I hope this will be useful for the Society's Local Secretaries and Committee Chairmen.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Principal Interests</b>
Mr B. Abbey	Semaphore House Telegraph Lane Claygate KT10 0DX	
Mr K. Andreae	10 Berry Walk Ashtead KT21 1BT	Roman
Mrs H. Baggott	3 Daphne Court Royal Avenue Worcester Park KT4 7JF	
Mr D. C. Combe	Cobham Lodge Cobham Park Road Cobham KT11 3NB	Roman and early English periods
Mr T. Cross	Bryony Hill Malthouse Lane Hambledon GU8 4HJ	
Mrs J. Gibbs	St Julian's House Ford Road Chobham GU24 8SS	
Mr R. Golicz	16 Marston Road Farnham GU9 7BN	Pre-history to medieval
Miss V. Guinness	3 Home Farm Road Godalming GU7 1TX	
Ms L. Hays	21 Wilmerhatch Lane Epsom KT18 7EQ	
Mr S. Howard	High Pines Eaton Park Road Cobham KT11 2JN	Saxon
Mr T. Hurley	Ashfield Lower Breache Road Ewhurst Cranleigh GU6 7SQ	Local History
Mrs C. Jesman	6 Rosebriars Esher KT10 9NN	Political History
Mr R. Jones	27 Central Way Oxted RH8 0LZ	
Miss A. Kritskaya	159 Farnham Road Guildford GU2 7RL	
Mrs J. Lilley	Lance's Cottage Parkgate Road Newdigate RH5 5DY	Parish History (Newdigate)
Mr M. Maunder	18 The Lorne Bookham KT23 4JZ	General Archaeology
Mr I. MacGillivray	47 Vale Road Sutton SM1 1QH	
Ms L. Smith	16 The Park Bookham Leatherhead KT23 3JL	

Mr J. Spencer	16 The Park Bookham Leatherhead KT23 3JL	Industrial Archaeology
Mrs L. Watson	95 Bankside Drive Thames Ditton KT7 0AL	
Mrs L. Welfare	Bide House Binsted Alton GU34 4PF	
Mr & Mrs J. Whitaker	Mulberry Cottage Sweet Lane Peaslake Guildford GU5 9SH	Local History
Mr K. White	41 Brighton Road Salfords Redhill RH1 5DA	Roman
Mr & Mrs C. Woodcock	87 Poyle Road Tongham Farnham GU10 1DX	General
Mrs C. Worsley	Greenridge Reigate Road Reigate RH2 9RE	Pre-1800 and East Surrey
Mr J. Young	60 Selwyn Avenue Richmond TW9 2HD	Landscape survey, excavations, general

## USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

### Castle Arch

<b>Librarian</b>	Sheila Ashcroft	<i>Normal working hours:</i>	
		Mondays & Wednesdays	9.30-4.30 pm
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Sue Janaway	Tuesdays (except that preceding first Saturday in the month)	9.30-1.30 pm
		first Saturday in month	9.30-1.30 pm
		Wednesday & Thursday mornings	10am-12.30
		Friday afternoon	1-4 pm
<b>Publication Sales &amp; Library Asst.</b>	Maureen Roberts	Tuesday	9.30-4 pm
		Thursday & Friday	9.30-12.30 pm

*NB: Hours may need to be changed due to illness or holiday. If you wish to see a particular member of staff, it would be wise to telephone in advance.*

### Honorary Officers

President:	Audrey Monk	01428-682258
Hon. Secretary	Peter Youngs	01483-503392
Hon. Treasurer	Alf Sargent	0208-868-5412
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### Groups

<b>AARG</b>	Margaret Broomfield	01932-788221
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<b>Plateau</b>	Peter Harp	01737-356039

<b>Roman Studies</b>	Alan Hall	01372-812538
<b>SIHG</b>	Alan Thomas	
<b>Prehistoric Group</b>	Peter Harp	01737-356039
<b>Village Studies</b>	Audrey Monk	01428-682258
<b>DBRG</b>	Hazel Jones	01483-283917
<b>Gunpowder Mills</b>	Andrew Norris	01483-531551

### **Committees**

<b>ARC</b>	Pauline Hulse	01483-282917
<b>CAC</b>	David Graham	01420-472761
<b>Events</b>	Edward Walker	01428-682258
<b>Historic Buildings</b>	Andrew Norris	01483-531551
<b>Publications</b>	Gerry Moss	01737765508
<b>Editors:</b>	Audrey Graham	01420-472761
	Stella Hill	01737-844905
<b>SHLC</b>	Alan Crocker	01483-565821

### **English Heritage (SE Region)**

Field Monument Warden:	Ann Clark	01372-851818
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### **Portable Antiquities Scheme**

Finds Liaison Officer:	David Williams	01737-247296
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### **Surrey County Council**

All emails to SCC use same principle as for Tony

#### **Archaeological**

<b>Planning Officers:</b>	Tony Howe	0208-541-9402
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<b>Buildings Officer:</b>	Martin Higgins	0208-541-9416

#### **Sites & Monuments**

<b>Officer:</b>	Emily Brants	0208-541-9083
<b>Heritage Managers:</b>	Maggie Vaughan-Lewis	01483-518754
	Pat Reynolds	07770-326270

<b>Countryside:</b>	Mike Dawson	0208-541-9404
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### **Council for British Archaeology (CBA)**

<b>Director:</b>	Mike Heyworth	01904-671417
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>		
<b>CBA-South-East:</b>	Tony Sowerbutts	01444 455152

### **Institute of Field Archaeologists**

<b>Chief Executive</b>	Peter Hinton	01183-786444
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## **SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH FRAMEWORK**

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*David Bird*

Preparation of the first draft of the Framework was somewhat delayed partly as a result of the unpleasant 'bug' that has been circulating recently, but by the time this Bulletin is received it should have been circulated for comment. If you have not been sent a copy (by email or post) and wish to see one please contact me, preferably by

email. I am hoping for responses by 16 July or preferably 10 July if people can manage that, as the deadline for preparation of the second draft is now very tight because it needs to be completed by mid August.

The programme for the Conference on Saturday 7th October, at the Letherhead Institute in Leatherhead, is nearing completion and details will be circulated soon, but please book the date now. David Miles has kindly agreed to set the ball rolling and this will be followed by a discussion session where it will be possible to ask questions about any aspect of the SARF process. A number of speakers will then talk about different research projects in the county, with the aim of illustrating the ways in which SARF might be implemented.

You can contact me by email: davidbird@surreycc.gov.uk; telephone: 020-8541 8991; or by writing to me at Environment & Regulatory Services, Countryside Division, Surrey County Council, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 2DY; or contact any other member of the Steering Group: Jon Cotton; Peter Harp; Audrey Monk; Richard Savage; Peter Youngs.

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## **STONE AGE SUMMER**

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To celebrate the importance of the recent excavations of Mesolithic hearths and flint-knapping floors at North Park Farm, Bletchingley, the Surrey County Archaeological Unit have teamed up with the Surrey History Service and Surrey Museums to create *Stone Age Summer*, a series of events that invite you to explore your Stone Age past.

### **WOLF BROTHER and SPIRIT WALKER**

**Surrey History Centre**

**Saturday 22nd July 10.30am-3.30pm**

To coincide with the end of National Archaeology Week, Michelle Paver, author of popular children's books *Wolf Brother* and *Spirit Walker* will be talking about how she created Torak's Mesolithic world, taking inspiration from the Inuit and scavenging for food in the forests of Finland. Artwork from *Wolf Brother* by artist Geoff Taylor will also be on display.

Other events on the day:

#### **FLINT-KNAPPING**

See how it was done. Allan Course will demonstrate how flint tools were made.

#### **LEATHER-WORKING**

Piers Chandler will demonstrate how to prepare and use animal skins

#### **STONE AGE FINDS AND RECONSTRUCTIONS**

See recently discovered finds from an excavation of temporary camps of some of the last hunter-gatherers in Surrey, before farming took over, and handle a replica Mesolithic Middle Stone Age flint tool kit, with adze, arrows and a wooden long bow.

#### **STONE AGE STORY COMPETITION**

Launch of our special competition, which will be judged by Michelle Paver and TV archaeologist Julian Richards, with great prizes to be won.

Tickets for the Michelle Paver talk: £2, booking essential. Forms available at the Surrey History Centre or [www.surreycc.gov.uk/surreyhistoryservice](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/surreyhistoryservice).

### **STONE AGE LIVING**

**Surrey History Centre**

**9th September 10.30am to 3.30pm**



TV Archaeologist Julian Richards will be hosting workshops, looking at Mesolithic living and how archaeology helps us build up a picture about Stone Age life.

There will be three sessions throughout the day, aimed at different age groups:

10.30am-11.30am	Children
12-1pm	Teenagers
2.30pm -3.30pm	Adults

Also on the day:

- Study real Mesolithic finds from SCAU excavations
- Handle the replica Mesolithic tool kit, with adze, arrows and long bow
- North Park Farm excavation displays.

## MESOLITHIC CONFERENCE

**30th September 2006**

(see Conferences, p16)

## DISPLAYS, EXHIBITS AND WORKSHOPS

**Surrey Museums**

Throughout July and August

Please see website for details of events in your local area:  
[www.surreymuseums.org.uk](http://www.surreymuseums.org.uk)

## STONE AGE SUMMER DRAWS TO A CLOSE

**Surrey History Centre**

**14th October**

Special event for The Big Draw campaign which will include cave painting workshops with local artist Angela Thames.

Further information about all of these events, with details on how to book at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/archaeology](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/archaeology) & [www.surreycc.gov.uk/surreyhistoryservice](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/surreyhistoryservice)

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## ROMAN STUDIES GROUP

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*David Bird*

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given that the Roman Studies Group AGM will be held on Tuesday 10th October 2006 at soon after 7.30pm at the Dorking Christian Centre. The meeting will receive and consider the Chairman's and Treasurer's reports and elect officers together with up to three committee members. Nominations may be made to the Secretary, Alan Hall, c/o Castle Arch. Those received at present are: David Bird, Chairman; David Graham, Vice-Chairman; Alan Hall, Secretary; David Calow, Treasurer; Audrey Graham, Rosemary Hunter and Frank Pemberton committee members.



The AGM will be followed by a talk to be given by Harvey Sheldon on **Roman Southwark**. Harvey has been leading archaeological work in Southwark for over 30 years (as well as being very active elsewhere in London and the surrounding area). He is well known for his part in such campaigns as the fight to save the Rose Theatre and is currently in the news as another important site in Southwark is threatened with inadequate archaeological work in advance of redevelopment. He has an unrivalled

knowledge of Southwark in the Roman period and has been responsible for many of the most important discoveries. Southwark was of course in Surrey until the 19th century and it is a key site for understanding the Roman period in our area.

The rest of the winter programme is being established, with the following dates booked: 5 December; 9 January; 6 February; 6 March. Doors open at 7.30pm and the talks will start at around 7.45pm. Please pencil in these dates; talks will be at the Dorking Christian Centre with the possible exception of the February talk. The usual November meeting is to be replaced by a visit to the London Archaeological Archive Centre for a day about Roman pottery (including handling sessions), on Saturday 18th November.

Further details of all these events will be provided in due course. It is also anticipated that there will also be at least one half-day meeting in April or May 2007.

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## LIBRARY COMMITTEE

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### RECENT ACCESSIONS TO THE SOCIETY'S LIBRARY

Excavations and evaluations carried out by units working within the County, which are reported periodically elsewhere in the *Bulletin*, are omitted here. Each entry includes the author, title, publisher and date of publication, followed by the four-digit accession number, and classification number indicating the shelf location of the book.

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- Herridge, D. M., *Surrey Probate Inventories 1558-1603*. Surrey Record Society, 2005. 2 copies. 9724 & 9725 O2
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- Morriss, Richard, *Roads: archaeology and architecture*. Tempus Publishing Ltd. 2005. 9717 V3
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- Sowan, Paul, *The Croydon, Merstham & Godstone Iron Railway: a short chapter in a long history*. Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society. 2005. 9732 V4
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Witts, Patricia, *Mosaics in Roman Britain: stories in stone*. Tempus Publishing Ltd. 2005 9723 X62

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Arnold, Phillip, *Woking Palace: Henry VIII's Royal Palace. The official guide to the Palace*. Phillip Arnold. 2006. 9752 P31 WOK

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Chart, Edwin (Transcribed by Eric Montague,) *Beating the bounds: perambulation of the boundary line of the Parish of Mitcham, County of Surrey, on Thursday 16th May 1833*. Merton Historical Society. 2005. 9773 P31 MIT

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- West Surrey Family History Society, *The Guildford Collection*. [Compact Disc]. WSyFHS. 9754 CD10
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## MISCELLANY

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### **CLOSURE OF BRITAIN'S OLDEST BREWERY IN WANDSWORTH**

It has been reported that the Ram Brewery in Wandsworth is to close and that Young's are to transfer production to Charles Wells brewery in Bedford: the company is now registered as Wells and Youngs Brewing Company Ltd. The Ram Brewery was reputedly Britain's oldest brewery, founded 425 years ago. It is anticipated that the site will be developed for offices, shops and flats.

(*Evening Standard* 24th May 2006).

### **GUILDFORD BOROUGH HERITAGE OPEN DAYS**

*Helen Davies*  
*Heritage Open Days Partnership*

Guildford's Heritage Open Days will take place this year on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th September. The Open Days are organised in partnership with Guildford Borough Council, the Guildford Society and the Guildford Town Guides, and we are delighted that our colourful programme handbook will once again be sponsored by AMR Artington Manor Restoration, a Guildford based company specialising in restoration of private and public sector buildings.

As well as the usual town properties, we have some new attractions in the programme. On Saturday 9th September these will include the Academy of Contemporary Music, Europe's leading school for rock and pop musicians, housed in the Rodboro Buildings; The Forge at Shere, reinstated as a forge in 2003, where blacksmiths make items in both traditional and contemporary styles and will be giving demonstrations throughout the day; the Tanyard Hall in Gomshall, originally a medieval hall house remaining in residential use until the 1930s, which will feature a special exhibition on the recent Hollywood filming that took place in Shere; the Vagrants' Casual Ward of the Guildford Union Workhouse ('The Spike'), currently being refurbished by the Charlotteville Jubilee Trust thanks to a Heritage Lottery Fund grant, to become a heritage and community centre. The extremely popular Foxenden Quarry Deep Shelter will once again be open on Saturday 9th September offering guided tours. Guildford Museum plans to publish an illustrated booklet this summer entitled *The Foxenden Quarry Deep Shelter. A purpose-built World War Two public air raid shelter in Guildford, Surrey*. Enquiries to Carol Brown on 01483 444750.

Village churches will be the feature of Sunday 10th September, while a new event will feature the Castle Green Bowling Club in the Castle Grounds where members will be ready and willing to demonstrate how the game is played. There will also be the usual wide choice of walks. In the historic hamlet of Wanborough, St Bartholomew's Church and the Great Barn will be open on both Saturday and Sunday with refreshments in the village hall, free parking and disabled access to Church and Barn.

The programme handbook will be available in August from the Tourist Information Centre, Guildford Museum and various other outlets. With so many properties and events the choice is indeed wide-ranging over both days. Visitors might choose a cluster of events on which to concentrate, for example the hamlet of Wanborough, or call in to the Vagrants' Casual Ward ('The Spike') in Warren Road before heading over to Shere and Gomshall. In the town centre there is a cluster of historic buildings in Quarry Street with St Mary's church, Olivo Restaurant, the Museum and Savills. Don't forget too the Hog's Back Brewery, Rydes Hill Preparatory School, the Watts Gallery and the extraordinary Watts Cemetery Chapel. So – collect a programme handbook and whatever you do – enjoy!

## **HATCH FURLONG, EWELL**

*The training excavation undertaken earlier this year was a huge success, and I hope an interim account will appear in the Bulletin before too long (strong hint). Meanwhile, here are a few photos of one of our open days.*



*Abby Guinness showing visitors the site*



*Harvey Sheldon showing the local MP a special piece of pot*



*Becky Lambert instructing her team*

*Bald bloke showing off some Roman pottery*

## **ELECTRIC LIGHT IN GODALMING**

Godalming, as is well known, was one of the first towns in England to be lit by electricity. 125 years ago the council decided not to renew the gas company's contract but to change to electric street lighting. Godalming Museum held an exhibition this summer (until 8th July) to celebrate this pioneering decision.

## **THE RUNNYMEDE ROOM AT CHERTSEY MUSEUM**

Chertsey Museum's new local history gallery, the Runnymede Room, opened to the public for the first time on Bank Holiday Monday, 1st May. The gallery gives a brief look back in time to the events and people who have made the Borough of Runnymede what it is today. There are over a hundred objects on display, including the museum's fine collection of Bronze Age and Iron Age items, shown together for the first time. Old favourites are also included, such as the Chertsey Abbey tiles and the Viking sword, which has been professionally cleaned to take pride of place in the new gallery. There are over 220 photographs of changing Runnymede from the 1860s to the present day, and an interactive element containing information on over a hundred places, people and events associated with the borough. Funding has come from the HLF, the borough council and Friends of Chertsey Museum.

## **BOURNE SOCIETY JUBILEE**

Congratulations to the Bourne Society, formed in 1956. To commemorate the occasion it has produced a special Jubilee edition of *Local History Records* and, from the beginning of 2006, that publication has been merged with *The Bourne Society Bulletin* to create one quarterly volume. The February issue contained more memories of life in the area in the 1950s which were requested to help celebrate their half-century.

## **NEWS FROM THE LOTTERY**

Recent 'Secular Grant' offers made by the HLF include £956,000 offered to Farnham Castle for 'repairs and improvements' and £4,155,500 offered to Reigate Priory Park for 'a programme of restoration'. The latter scheme includes the construction of a new pavilion (actually a small café containing an office etc) but it is not quite clear how such a large sum can be spent in the park or what proportion will actually be spent on restoration. The proposals do include the demolition of a World War 2 air-raid shelter to make way for extra parking places – the Priory itself is used as a County Council school whose pupils' history syllabus includes WW2.

A scheme for restoring Kew Palace, which received an earlier grant of £1.6M, has now been completed and the palace was reopened in April.

## **WANDLE MILLS**

Peter McGow of Croydon has for many years been researching the Wandle mills in a systematic way, in particular making extensive use of insurance policies and bankruptcy notices, which, as source material, have been under used in the past. He is always very generous with his information and has helped many local historians in the Wandle valley. Now he has deposited a copy of his unpublished *Notes on the Wandle Mills* with the Wandle Industrial Museum. He has also permitted the museum to scan the *Notes* and place them on their website – [www.wandle.org](http://www.wandle.org) – where they can be freely consulted. Copyright is shared between the author and the museum. Persons wishing to consult the printed copy of this informative dossier should contact the museum.

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## EVENTS AT GUILDFORD MUSEUM IN JULY AND AUGUST

### 15th-23rd July National Archaeology Week

Organised by Surrey County Archaeological Unit and Surrey Museums. Focus on the Mesolithic period.

### 22nd-August 31st Summer Exhibition

The life of children in Victorian Surrey, with an opportunity to visit Guildford Museum's re-created Victorian schoolroom.

Open 11am-4pm in Salters Gallery, 39 Castle Street, Guildford. Admission free.

### Saturday 29th August The Mad Hatters Tea Party

A family fun day with games and entertainments celebrating Guildford's links with Lewis Carroll. There will be prizes for the best costumes based on the 'Alice' stories. 11am-4pm Castle Cliffe Gardens. Admission free.

More information on all events and details of extra events can be found on the website at [www.guildfordmuseum.co.uk](http://www.guildfordmuseum.co.uk) or by telephone 01483 444750.

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## PUBLICATIONS

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### 'Sussex Stones – the story of Horsham stone and Sussex marble'

by Roger Birch. Available from major bookshops in West Sussex or from the author at [rdb@collyers.ac.uk](mailto:rdb@collyers.ac.uk)

In an area where good and attractive stone is at a premium, available sources are likely to be extensively and intensively exploited. It should therefore come as no surprise that these two stones were used in the Romano-British period, indeed it is perhaps surprising that the mysteriously marked Sussex marble does not seem to have been exploited earlier.

Roger Birch, who teaches geology and environmental sciences for Sussex University and for the Collyers College, Horsham, has provided a heavily illustrated book which encompasses the geological formation, occurrence and exploitation of both these stones and utilises a range of sources of material including historical documents and fieldwork. A useful glossary and list of places to visit complete a fascinating addition to a relatively sparse literature on local building stones. The book should be on the shelves of anyone in Surrey or Sussex, or, indeed, further afield, who is interested in resource exploitation or historical buildings.

*Judie English*

### 'Requiem: the Medieval Monastic Cemetery in Britain'

MoLAS, October 2005

This monograph by Roberta Gilchrist and Barney Sloane is the result of a substantial Arts and Humanities Research Board project examining 8000 graves from 70 mainly monastic cemeteries, most of them previously unpublished. The book is full of insights into medieval life and the ritual of burials. £29.95

### 'Coad Stone' by Hans von Lemmen

This is one of the latest titles to be added to the Shire series. It looks at the famous Coadstone factory in Lambeth, active between 1769 and 1840, and founded and managed by the formidable Mrs Eleanor Coade. £4.99

### 'The Bridges of Medieval England: Transport and Society 400-1800'

by Dr David Harrison

This would seem to be an important work (it comes recommended by the Secretary

of the Ancient Monuments Society) despite stretching 'medieval' well beyond breaking point. £45

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## CONFERENCES

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### THE LAST HUNTER-GATHERERS OF SURREY AND BEYOND

*Surrey History Centre*

**30th September 2006 10am-4.30pm**

The Surrey County Archaeological Unit will be hosting a conference to explore the discoveries from the recent North Park Farm excavations, and bring to the fore recent Mesolithic projects from around the country.

Confirmed speakers include:

**Placing the Mesolithic in a Regional and International Context**

Professor Steve Mithen (University of Reading)

**The Knapping Spreads and Hearths of North Park Farm, Bletchingley**

Phil Jones (SCAU)

**The Environmental Evidence from North Park Farm**

Dr Nick Branch (ArchaeoScape)

**The Horsham Culture on the Western Greensand**

Dr Roger Jacobi (British Museum)

There will be a practical demonstration of flint knapping and cordage by John and Val Lord, and opportunity to study the finds from North Park Farm. It is intended that the conference should appeal to local enthusiasts as well as those more professionally involved.

Tickets (to include tea/coffee): £5, £8 with lunch, available from the Surrey History Centre.

### OXFORD BEFORE THE UNIVERSITY

*Christ Church, Oxford*

**Saturday, 9th September 2006**

- 9.30am **Oxford's Flood Plain and Early Settlement**  
*Brian Durham FSA, Archaeologist, Oxford City Council*
- 10.15 Coffee
- 10.45 **St Frideswide and the Origins of Oxford**  
*Dr John Blair FSA, The Queen's College, Oxford*
- 12.15pm **The Economic Geography of Early Oxford**  
*Maureen Mellor FSA, Kellogg College, Oxford*
- 1 pm Lunch in Christ Church Great Hall
- 2.15 **Early Oxford – A Comparative Study**  
*Dr Anne Dodd FSA, Oxford Archaeology*
- 3.30 Tea
- 4.00 **The Norman Impact**  
*Julian Munby FSA, Oxford Archaeology*
- 5.30 End of Conference

Fee: £65 including lunch, coffee and tea; £52 without lunch. Cheques should be made payable to 'Academic Study and Travel'.

Further information from AST, 3 Whites Forge, Appleton, Oxford OX13 5LG. Email: [Trevor@academic-study.com](mailto:Trevor@academic-study.com)



## **BISHOPS AND THEIR PALACES**

### ***Bishop's Palace, Wells***

**11-12 September 2006**

As part of the octocentennial celebrations of the grant of land to Bishop Jocelin in 1206 to build a Bishop's Palace, the conference will examine the heritage and role of bishops and their palaces to promote wider knowledge of early medieval England.

There will be two days of lectures and discussions with lunches and a gala dinner. The programme will include talks by Jane Sayers, Tim Tatton-Brown, Prof Nicholas Vincent, Prof Diana Greenway, Dr Warwick Rodwell, Jerry Sampson, Dr Mark Horton, Ann Crawford and Dr William Smith. In addition a Celebrity Lecture by Dr David Starkey, which will be open to the general public. Also included will be tours of the Cathedral and Bishop's Palace and grounds and a viewing of the 'Painted Lady' fresco in the Virgin's Tower.

Fee: £120; undergraduates £60.

Details from Dr Lucy MacLaurin on 01761 221986 or visit [www.wells800.co.uk](http://www.wells800.co.uk)

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## **COURSES**

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### **PALAEOGRAPHY AND WAYS INTO HISTORY**

#### ***Methodist Church, Woodbridge Road, Guildford***

***Wednesdays 7.30 -9.30 p.m. 27th September - 29th November***

The Course is for newcomers and those wishing to 'brush up' their skills and provides the opportunity to learn to read English Handwriting from the 16th and 17th centuries.

We will be working from facsimiles of original documents of all types and, as a result, will be introduced to different styles of handwriting. The documents used will provide information and insights valuable to all those interested in local history as well as those participating in the Village Studies Group. Inventories for instance are a particularly valuable resource: they contain details of the number of rooms, barns and outhouses, and livestock, as well as items of furniture and apparel listed therein, giving a wealth of detail. Unfortunately they never give an address! But our other researches may enable us to pinpoint the site and so add to knowledge of our towns and villages.

***Tutor:*** Catherine Ferguson, MA PhD

***Cost:*** Approximately £75 per person. To be confirmed dependent on numbers and payable by 15th August.

Numbers strictly limited so email Audrey Monk or Castle Arch if you are interested. If over-subscribed, we will try to repeat the class in the Spring.

### **THE IRON INDUSTRY OF THE WEALD**

#### ***Thomas Bennett Community College, Crawley***

***Centre for Continuing Education***

***Thursdays 7-9 pm from 21st September 2006***

Iron was produced in the Weald from pre-Roman times until the early 19th century. The course examines the technology, history and economics of the industry, together with its landscape and personalities. We will look initially at the geology of the Weald, identifying the sources of ore and the methods of extraction. Similarly, we will look at charcoal and the role of woodland management in the iron industry. We will examine iron making methods in the Iron Age and Roman periods, together with the

organisation of the industry, contemporary locations and the evidence of archaeology. We will look at the scarce remains of the industry in Saxon times and at the revival of Wealden iron making from the 12th century onwards. We will examine the technology of the blast furnace and forge and the use of water power in the 16th century, together with the economics of the industry, the products and some of the personalities involved, like Ralph Hogge. The range of products, such as firebacks and bar iron will be discussed both in economic and social terms. The growth of gun founding, which led to the increased specialisation of the 17th century, will be examined from the point of view both of its products and the technology of production, with the particular examples of the Browne family's ironworks and the accounts of the Fuller family providing evidence of the industry. Throughout the course, the local industry will be set in the context of the economic life of the region and the industrial development of the nation.

A field trip will be substituted for one of the evening meetings, to view locations of the industry. Class members will be encouraged to undertake personal projects, and will be given a range of suggestions as well as every assistance.

This short course is open-entry and carries higher education credit (12 credits at level 1). The tutors are experienced in teaching adults and understand the concerns of people who may not have studied for some time. [www.sussex.ac.uk/cce/opencourses](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/cce/opencourses)

Tutor: **Jeremy Hodgkinson** was formerly Chairman of the Wealden Iron Research Group, and has written and lectured on the Wealden iron industry for more than twenty years.

Fee: £62 (£55.80/£31 concessions. £55.80 is the fee for learners aged 65 or over (10% reduction). £31 is the fee for learners in receipt of means-tested benefits (50% reduction).

For more information Tel: 01293 420505 or email [www.westsussex.gov.uk/adulteducation](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/adulteducation)

## **UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX**

### ***Centre for Continuing Education***

#### **MA IN LANDSCAPE HERITAGE MANAGEMENT**

This MA is a new programme developed to provide students with the practical knowledge and skills, underpinned by theory, that will enable them to make a positive contribution to the management of landscape and heritage sites. The course is open to anyone with a first degree (at least 2:1 or equivalent) in a discipline relevant to the course content and an interest, either as an amateur, volunteer or professional, in the management of heritage and landscape. Consideration also given to non-graduates with extensive and relevant experience.

The course can be taken through either a part-time or full-time route. The part-time route takes two years, studying in the first year:

- Landscape and heritage: threats and challenges
- Landscape and heritage: legal and management issues
- Landscape and heritage management in practice: placement

And in year two:

- Approaches to practice in landscape and heritage management
- Independent study: landscape heritage management

Those taking the full-time route in one year, take courses one and four in the autumn term, and courses two and three in parallel with the independent study in the spring and summer terms.

Application forms can be downloaded from: [www.sussex.ac.uk/central/postgraduate](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/central/postgraduate) or obtained from: Postgraduate Admissions (CCE), The Sussex Institute, Essex House, University of Sussex, Brighton, BN1 9QQ. Tel. 01237 877888; email [si-admissions@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:si-admissions@sussex.ac.uk)

## **CERTIFICATE IN PRACTICAL ARCHAEOLOGY**

***Chichester College***

***Thursday evenings, 7-9pm***

During the academic year 2006/7 the Centre for Continuing Education of the University of Sussex will be making available at Chichester College the two core courses of its Certificate in Practical Archaeology. Subject to sufficient demand it is hoped in future years to offer at Chichester some of the option courses within the Certificate programme (other option courses are offered elsewhere in Sussex). The Certificate is a two-year part-time programme of study. It provides a basic understanding of the principles and methods by which archaeological data is acquired, recorded, analysed and used to reconstruct the human past. Through practical work students acquire a range of basic fieldwork techniques which can be used on archaeological projects. For further details about the Certificate programme and an application form see either [www.sussex.ac.uk/cce](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/cce) or tel: 01273 678537 for a copy of the CCE prospectus.

The two courses to be held at Chichester College in 2006/7 will include several weekend field trips and dayschools:

### ***Archaeological Survey***

An introduction to the subject of archaeology, the threats to our archaeological heritage, and the non-excavation methods (eg aerial photography and field-walking) by which archaeologists locate and record sites.

### ***Archaeological Excavation and Post-Excavation***

Excavation methodology, post-excavation reports, dating techniques, archaeology by experiment, and the structure of archaeology in Britain.

Main tutor: Keith Robinson

10 weeks starting Thursday 11th January 2007

### **Credit transfers**

At the time of registration to the Certificate in Practical Archaeology students are able to apply for the credit transfer of up to 60 level 1 credits from relevant CCE Open Courses, including those which have been run in partnership with Chichester College.

## **DISCOVERING LONDON'S LOCAL HISTORY**

***Morley College, 61 Westminster Bridge Road***

***Wednesdays, 2-4pm, September 2006 to July 2007***

The first term will focus on the history of the river Thames, and its Surrey villages and the growth of metropolitan London. The year will generally cover the development of the City of London from the Roman period through to the modern day. The second term will look at the services of London including gas, electricity, the post and the telephone. The emergency services of the police and the fire brigade as well as the justice system of crime and punishment will also be covered. The third term will illustrate the evolution of London's transport from the horse to the aeroplane, the road network and the way London has been governed over the ages. Topical subjects will be included occasionally and the course is ideal for newcomers to the local history of Greater London.

Tutor: Brian Bloice.

For further information Tel: 020 7928 8501 or email [brianbloice@compuserve.com](mailto:brianbloice@compuserve.com)

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## **KENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL**

Courses and trips on practical archaeology for anyone interested in archaeology and related disciplines. Previous knowledge or experience are unnecessary, beginners are welcome. Courses are held at the Kent Archaeological Field School, located in a converted oast house and barn at Faversham.

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## **EXCAVATION**

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### **BAX FARM ROMAN VILLA near FAVERSHAM**

An important excavation opportunity on a recently discovered high-status Roman villa alongside Watling Street and near Faversham, Kent. Beginners welcome on Monday 21st August to Friday 25th, with an option to continue for further days. Experienced participants welcome at any time from 18 th August to the 31st.

Fee: £35 per day non-members.

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## **LECTURE MEETINGS**

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### **27th July**

'A History of the Licensed Trade: Pubs in Local History' by Nick Pollard to the Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society in the Main Hall, Literary Institute, Egham at 8pm. Visitors £1.

*You're on your own this summer, Nick.*

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