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S.A.S. MEETING

Saturday, 15th March. Visit to Clapham.

Details of this meeting, and others, are given elsewhere
in this *Bulletin*.

NOTES

The Surrey Record Society.

The Society has recently published its volume 26, *Fitznells Cartulary: A Calendar of Bodleian Library MS. Rawlinson B 430*, edited with an introduction by C. A. F. Meekings and P. Shearman. This concerns the manor of Fitznells, in Ewell, and has a long introduction about the people and properties of Ewell and neighbouring parts of central Surrey. The price to members of the Surrey Record Society is £4 10s. 0d., to non-members £6.

The earlier volumes of the Society are now being reprinted by Messrs. William Dawson and Sons, whose new address is Cannon House, Folkestone, Kent. Volumes 7, *Surrey Pipe Rolls*; 15, *Surrey Manorial Accounts*; and 19, *Surrey Fines, 1509-1558*, are now available from them at £5 each. The Society has a large programme of publishing in hand and new members are urgently needed. Further details from the Honorary Secretary, Castle Arch, Guildford.

(Miss E. M. Dance).

Battersea Park : Excavations on the Thames Foreshore,

After some relatively unabraded Samian sherds had been found on the foreshore near Battersea Park, the Wandsworth Historical Society carried out a detailed examination and some trial trenching on an area of foreshore stretching westwards from Chelsea Bridge steps for approximately 700 ft. The trenches contained mainly dumped material of many periods but R-B sherds were more numerous on the surface than in the trenches. There were signs that there may have been a natural ground surface above river level a little further inland than the present river frontage.

The area examined seems likely to have been the western half of an island of naturally higher ground. There are signs, at one point, that

there could have been a ford across the Thames. The source of the unabraded Samian sherds has yet to be determined.

(Condensed from *News Sheet*, Wandsworth Hist. Soc., 1968/5).

Ewell : Nonsuch Park.

Protests from the Stoneleigh Residents Association, the Nonsuch and Ewell Antiquarian Society, and the S.A.S., have been sent to the Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee concerning their proposals to build a keeper's lodge on the site of the Privy Garden of Nonsuch Palace. Mr. P. Shearman, President of the N. and E.A.S. and local secretary of the S.A.S., has been very active in drawing attention to this problem as, apart from the desire to discover more about the lay-out of the Privy Garden and recover any relics for the local museum, a modern house on this site could completely destroy the beauty of this corner of the Park and detract from the visual amenity of this peaceful scene. It would appear to be desirable, if it were possible, for Nonsuch Park to be declared a Conversation Area in order to achieve some degree of security.

An account of what is known about the Privy Garden is given in *The Quest for Nonsuch* by John Dent.

(*Newsletter*, N. and E.A.S., October, 1968).

Guildford : Building Site in Friary Street (SU 995495)

Demolition and rebuilding on the site of *The Bear* public house and adjacent buildings in Friary Street has been in progress since early this year. The work has disclosed the lower part of four rubbish pits, dating from the medieval period to the 17th century, beneath more recent disturbance. Finds from the pits have been relatively poor, but include most of an off-white bowl probably of about 1300 or slightly earlier from a pit filled almost entirely with chalk debris from a demolished building. Another small pit produced a Bellarmine dated 1641 with other 17th century pottery. The finds are in Guildford Museum.

(F. W. Holling).

Wanborough : Roman Occupation (SU 918495)

Pottery and other material of Roman date was discovered in a field at this location by Mr. C. J. Sage of 3, Bushylees Cottages, Green Lane, Ash, who retains the finds. These were recently examined by Lady Hanworth and the writer, and the site was also visited. The finds include pottery of 1st to 4th century date, with a few sherds which may be Iron Age or early Romano-British; also fragments of Roman roof tile and brick, sandstone querns, and a melon bead. They were found a few years ago when the field (now under grass) was ploughed, the main concentration being in a restricted area. In the field corner nearby there is a small pond with its bank full of fragments of burnt clay and brick; this may have been a claypit for brickmaking, but there is no evidence as to its date. The quantity of material found suggests occupation of a fairly substantial building. The lane running past the field is also of some interest; it is a disused section of Green Lane, which is an ancient drove road and here forms part of the parish boundary between Wanborough and Ash.

(F. W. Holling).

Recent Publications.

The following are some of the recent publications which have come to our notice (further lists will appear subsequently). The success of the attempt to extend this feature into something approaching a running bibliography for the archaeology and local history of the County will depend on a steady flow of information for members. While the editors are indebted to those members who have sent information in the past, the flow needs to be greatly increased. Members will realise that the appearance of an entry in this feature will have to act as acknowledgement of information received.

Where there is a request, or where there is some other justification and the subject is available, short reviews or comments will be included. Items justifying longer reviews may be dealt with elsewhere in the *Bulletin* or, on occasion, in the Collections.

- ADAMS, W.Y. (1968) Invasion, Diffusion, Evolution? *Antiquity*, XLII/167, 194-215. (An important paper questioning the validity of what Adams calls 'the theory of successive populations' and urging more careful archaeological interpretation in the light of all available forms of evidence. The argument is illustrated by an analysis of the evidence from Nubia.)
- ANON (1968) Civic Amenities Act, 1967. (*Newsletter* Merton Historical Society, 12, 2. (The M.H.S. plans to recommend certain areas as Conservation Areas under the Act.)
- ANON. (1968) Stane Street. (*Newsletter* Merton Hist. Soc., 12, 2. (Discussion of two points possibly on the line of the Roman road, c.f. *Bulletin* No. 43.)
- ANON. (1968) Farthing Down Scrub Clearance. *Bulletin* Bourne Society, 51, 4.
- ANON. (1968) Going, going, almost gone: The Royal Oak, Surrey Street. *Bulletin* Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society, 4, 8.
- ANON. (1968) Monumental Inscriptions. *Bulletin* Bourne Soc., 53. (Note on indexes of monumental inscriptions at Caterham, Coulsdon, and Warlingham.)
- ANON. (1968) Old Houses in Coulsdon. *Bulletin* Bourne Soc., 51.
- ANON. (1968) Recent Acquisitions at the (Willmer House) Museum. *Newsletter* Farnham Museum Society, 1/11 2.
- ANON. (1968) Collectors' Notes. *Newsletter* Farnham Mus. Soc., 1/11 2-7. (Firearms.)
- ANON (1968) Farnham in 1840. *Newsletter* Farnham Mus. Soc., 1/11, 9.
- ANON. (1968) The Study of Pottery 2: Modern Manufacturing Techniques. *Newsletter* Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society, 13, 3.
- ANON. (1968) The Grand Surrey Canal. *Newsletter* Southwark and Lambeth A.S., 13, 4.
- ANON. (reprint 1968) *Index to V.C.H. Surrey*. 95/-.
- ANON. (1968) *Proposed (Civic) Conservation Areas*. Surrey Amenity Council.
- ASPINAL, A., and others (1968) Neutron Activation Analysis of Medieval Ceramics. *Nature*, 217, 388.
- ASTON, O. (1968) Industrial Archaeology: Historical and Scientific Links at Primary level. *Natural Science in Schools*, 6/2, 34-7.
- BIDDLE, M. (1968) Archaeology and the History of British Towns. *Antiquity*, XLII/166, 109-16.

Tuesday, 4th. 7.15 p.m.

PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS. A talk by MR. J. ASHDOWN to the SOUTHWARK AND LAMBETH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY at the Crossways Mission Hall, New Kent Road. Visitors welcome.

Wednesday, 12th. 5.0 p.m.

THE ROMAN CEMETERY AT BROUGHAM, WESTMORLAND. A lecture by MISS D. CHARLESWORTH to the R.A.I. at Burlington House.

Wednesday, 12th. 8.0 p.m.

The Archaeological Group of the WANDSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY will describe and illustrate their more recent work and the conclusions drawn from it. At West Hill Library, Wandsworth.

Saturday, 15th. 11.0 a.m.

S.A.S. VISIT TO CLAPHAM

Led by MR. E. E. SMITH of the CLAPHAM ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY.

- 11.00 a.m. Holy Trinity Church, Clapham Common. (A few minutes walk from Clapham Underground Station: Northern Line from Waterloo.)
- 11.45 a.m. Walk along Clapham Common North Side to *The Plough*.
- 12.30 p.m. Lunch. There are a number of pubs and restaurants in the neighbourhood.
- 2.00 p.m. St. Paul's Church and a walk through the Old Town.
- 3.15 p.m. The Hostel of God. XVIIIth century building and former home of Sir Charles Barry, architect of the Houses of Parliament.

Mr. Smith has asked that the number for the visit be limited to thirty and it may, therefore, be necessary to exclude visitors. Applications for tickets will be held until 7th February and tickets despatched on that date. Will any member who wishes to bring a visitor say whether a ticket will be required for himself in the event that his proposed visitor cannot be included.

Tickets (members 3/-, non-members 4/-) from Miss C. Smith, Elyots, Minster Road, Godalming.

Note: If the weather is very inclement, the visit will be switched to the Transport Museum.

Future S.A.S. Programme.

- March 22nd. Visit to Fishbourne and Chichester.
- March 29th. Symposium at Weybridge.
- April 26th. Visit to the Chipstead (Surrey) area.
- May 10th. Visit to Hoe Farm and Winkworth Farm, Hascombe, and Vann House, Hambledon.
- June 14th. Visit to Bramber and Steyning.
- July 23rd. Visit to St. Peter-upon-Cornhill and the House of the Pharmaceutical Society, W.C.1 (Wednesday meeting.)
- September. Visit to the Chertsey area.
- October 18th. Visit to Merton (Surrey).

- CAREY, MRS. D. B., (1968) *Details of the Oatlands Village Hat*. Walton and Weybridge Local History Society Moonograph. 2pp., illus.
- CLARK, K. W. (1968) George West of Stoke. *Newsletter Farnham Mus. Soc.*, 1/12, 14-5.
- CLARK, K. W. (1968) Watermills. *Newsletter Farnham Mus. Soc.*, 1/11, 14-5.
- CLEW, K. R. (1968) *Tadworth: An Illustrated History*. R. J. Chappell Ltd. (26 Crossroad, Tadworth). 36pp. 2/6 plus 6d. postage.
- COOK, A. (1968) Oatlands Palace. *Current Archaeology*, 10, 271-3. (A longer account of the first season's work than that published in *Bulletin* No. 47.)
- DAVIES, G. M. (1968) That Hare Stone. *Bulletin Bourne Soc.*, 51.
- DEDMAN, S. C. (1968) *Westbrook and the Oglethorpes*. Godalming Museum Publication No. 3. 8pp. illus.
- EDWARDS, A. (1968) Badshot Lea in the year 1900. *Newsletter Farnham Mus. Soc.*, 1/12, 10-1.
- FISHER, CANON J. L. (1968) *A Medieval Farming Glossary: of Latin and English Words*. National Council of Social Service (26 Bedford Square, W.C.1.). 52pp. 7/6.
- GREENWOOD, G. B. (1968) Elm Grove, Walton, and the last Czar of Russia. *Dialstone*, 24, 3.
- HARGRAVE, R. (1968) Three Hundred Years Ago in Walton. *Dialstone*, 24, 2-3.
- HARLEY, J. B. (1968) Maps for the Local Historian, 4: Maps of Communications. *Local Historian*, 8/2, 61-71 and pls.
- HAWKES, Prof. C. F. C. (1968) New Thoughts on the Belgae. *Antiquity*, XLII/165, 6-16.
- HENDERSON, J., and others (1968) *More Secret Tunnels in Surrey*. Chelsea Speleological Society Records, 5. 84pp. incl. plans and maps. 8/4 post free from 24 Sydney Road, Bexleyheath, Kent.
- LANSDSELL, MRS. A. (1968) D'Oyly Carte Island, Weybridge. *Dialstone*, 24, 3.
- MAGGS, K. R. A. (1968) *A Survey of Blechingley*. Croydon Field Studies 7.
- MANNING, ELFRIDA (1968) Local History Notes (Dogflud; the Waverley Monks at Long Sutton; the Abbot John Waverley in the 15th Century). *Newsletter Farnham Mus. Soc.*, 1/11, 10-4.
- MYNOTT, MISS E. (1968) Excavations at Warbank, Keston. *Kent Archaeological Review*, 10, 8.
- NICHOLS, DR. J. F., AND DEDMAN, S.C. (1968) *The Historical Background to the Godalming Borough Arms*. Godalming Museum Publication No. 2. 4pp. illus.
- PHILP, B. (1968) EXCAVATIONS AT FAVERSHAM, 1965. Kent Archaeological Research Groups Council. 40/- post free.
- RENFREW, C. (1968) Models in Prehistory. *Antiquity*, XLII/166. 132-4.
- SIMMONDS, F. W. (1968) *La Medmule: The Story of Weydon Mill*. Willmer House Museum (38 West Street, Farnham). 11pp. illus. 3/- plus 6d. postage. (Readably written by a descendant of the family which operated the mill in the 19th century, this generously produced booklet relates the known history of Weydon Mill, Farnham, from Domesday times until its demolition in 1919. It was prepared to accompany the model of the mill made by Mr. S. H. Reeves, the Museum's technical assistant, in 1967. The lack of anotation will detract from the booklet's usefulness to future students but not from its interest to the general reader.)

- SOWAN, P. W. (1968) The Regional Survey Index. *Bulletin Croydon N.H.S.S.*, 4, 4-5.
- THOM, PROF. A. (1968) Prehistorical Observatories. *New Scientist*, 38, 32-5.
- WARE, G. L. (1968) Built in Farnham. *Newsletter Farnham Mus. Soc.*, 1/11, 15-7. (Westminster Hall Roof.)
- WESTERN, MARGARET D. (1968) Outlands in Surrey. *Newsletter Farnham Mus. Soc.*, 1/12, 5-7.
- WOOD, E. S. (1968) *Collins Field Guide to Archaeology* 2nd Edn.
- WRIGHT, G. (1968) Southwark's Role in England's Coinage. *Newsletter Southwark and Lambeth A.S.*, 8, 5-8; 11, 3-8; and 14, 3-8.

MEETINGS

JANUARY

Tuesday, 7th. 7.0 p.m. (Starting).

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE CITY OF LONDON. Lecture course by N. Cook, P. Marsden, and R. Merryfield at the Goldsmiths College, Lewisham Way, London, S.E.14. Tuesdays, 7.0 p.m. Enrolment fee 17/6 plus 2/6 registration fee. Thirteen meetings. Apply to Department of Extramural Studies, 7 Ridgemoor St., W.C.1. (01-636 8000, ext. 274).

Thursday, 10th. 8.0 p.m.

POST-MEDIEVAL ARCHAEOLOGY. A talk by MR. N. NAIL to the NONSUCH AND EWELL ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY at Pit House, Cheam Road, Ewell. Visitors welcome.

Friday, 17th. 7.30 p.m.

FIELD-WORK AND EXCAVATION ON CROHAM HURST, 1968. A talk by MR. P. DREWETT to the CROYDON NATURAL HISTORY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY at Coombe Cliffe, Croydon. Visitors welcome.

Friday, 17. 7.45 p.m.

THE PILGRIMS' WAY. A talk by MR. A. WILLIS to the FARNHAM MUSEUM SOCIETY in the temporary meeting room behind the Council Offices, South Street, Farnham. Visitors welcome.

Saturday, 25th. 7.0 p.m.

THE FUNCTIONS OF MUSEUMS. A talk by MR. G. DAWSON to the SOUTHWARK AND LAMBETH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY at the Peckham Civic Centre, Old Kent Road. Visitors welcome.

Tuesday, 28th. 6.30 p.m.

THE CULT OF BURIAL IN PALAEOLITHIC TIMES. A talk by MR. J. CRESWELL to the LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY (ARCHAEOLOGICAL SECTION) at the Cuming Museum, Newington District Library, Walworth Road, S.E.17. Visitors welcome.

FEBRUARY

Saturday, 1st. 3.0 p.m.

THE BAYEUX TAPESTRY. A talk by MR. J. L. NEVINSON to the BEDDINGTON, CARSHALTON AND WALLINGTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY at the Darby and Joan Club, Cooper Crescent, Nightingale Road, Carshalton. Visitors fee 1/-.